

Ukraine Genealogy Group (UGG) of Edmonton and Area Society, Alberta November 2026 Update



UGG Edmonton continues to provide information and suggestions to its members whose interests 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 to receive this monthly newsletter. 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 operates as a registered, 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! Two new board members have come forward recently, and they are offering new insights and suggestions for UGG Edmonton.

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/>

We have one volunteer who has come forward and is willing to help with **Polish translations**. We are still looking for one or more volunteers to help with **Ukrainian translations**. Contact Elaine: kalyna@outlook.com

If you need a **Romanian translation**, then there is the Romanian Genealogy Facebook private group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/romaniangenealogyhelp/> or contact Elaine for info on a local Romanian translator.

At our last Research Club meeting, a member brought to our attention to watch **links on public wikis sites which have been affected by hackers**. A huge thank you to Shelley P. for letting us know about this. I found the following articles.

Hundreds of thousands of links: Wikipedia bans Archive.today after cyberattack
<https://www.heise.de/en/news/Hundreds-of-thousands-of-links-Wikipedia-bans-Archive-today-after-cyberattack-11185344.html>

OpenAI "rogue" agent activities found on Wikimedia projects
<https://wikimediafoundation.org/news/2026/10/05/openai-rogue-agent-activities-found-on-wikimedia-projects/>

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

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.



Ukraine Genealogy Group – Research Club Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, 1 pm to 4 pm, with doors open at 12:30 pm, in-person only
Woodcroft (Westmount) Edmonton Public Library, 13420 – 114 Ave, 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.

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 23,650 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).

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>

Renew your AGS membership before November 30th, 2026, to earn a chance to win your 2027 membership! It takes seconds to renew your AGS Membership! And there’s a renewal contest. Visit the AGS website or call the office before November 30th and renew to be entered. <https://www.abgenealogy.ca/renew-your-membership>

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/>

Catalogues Find-A-Grave with Alison Glass, Nov. 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/

Book Launch: Memories of Alberta Ukrainian Orthodox Churches, Nov. 5, starting at 6:30 pm. Join us for the first book launch of Russell Sawchuk, Jars Balan and Sterling (Slavo) Demchinsky's beautiful new coffee table book. Includes photographs and histories of 66 Ukrainian Orthodox churches established in the twentieth century by Ukrainian pioneers in northeastern Alberta. <https://acuarts.ca/whats-on/book-launch-memories-of-alberta-ukrainian-orthodox-churches/>

How to use Repositories, Sources, and Citations with Les Campbell. Nov. 9, 7-9 pm, Mac Genealogy User SIG, Edmonton Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society. <https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/mac-genealogy-user-sig>

AI Apps for Analyzing Family Photos with Art Taylor, Nov. 19, 7 pm, Zoom online, Technology for Genealogy SIG, Edmonton Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society. <https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/technology-for-genealogy-sig>

Christmas Cultures and Traditions from our Ancestral Origins, open session, Dec. 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, Dec. 5, Unit 100, 10554 – 110 Street, Edmonton, details coming. <https://acuarts.ca/whats-on/acuas-christmas-market-2/>

Revisit old matches, organize findings, and develop a DNA research plan with Ellen Thompson-Jennings, Jan. 20, 7 pm, Zoom online, DNA SIG, Edmonton Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society. <https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/dna-sig-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/>

Ukrainian Family History in Alberta, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council. A digital archive of historical books and publications documenting Ukrainian communities, family histories, and heritage across Alberta. (More books are being added so check back.) <https://www.uccab.ca/alberta-ukrainian-history/>

Other Genealogy Sessions:

Getting Started with FamilySearch, Oct. 27, 2:30 – 3:30 pm (double check time zone), The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library. FamilySearch is one of the most valuable free resources available for family history research, but knowing where to begin can make all the difference. <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/17013231>

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>

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>

Skeletons in the Closet: Finding Your Family's Best-Kept Secrets with Crista Cowan, Oct. 28, 11 am MDT, Ancestry, Curiosity Center/Education, <https://www.ancestry.com/c/discover/education>

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>

The Salem Witchcraft Trials of 1692: History and Sources, Oct. 29, 6:30 – 7:30 pm (check time zone), The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library. The trials and executions of the men and women charged with witchcraft at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692 has become an iconic event in American history. <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/17012253>

DNA in Action 5 of 6: Ruling Out Competing Hypotheses with Karen Stanbary, Oct. 30, 12 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinars, free session. Using logic is essential for reaching a defensible conclusion. This session explores how to use logical frameworks to systematically rule out candidates as a source for the shared DNA with a cousin. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/dna-in-action-5-of-6-ruling-out-competing-hypotheses>

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>

Tracing Crime Through Time: Genealogy Methods for True Crime, Nov. 3, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (check time zone), The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library. In this engaging session, you will learn how genealogists use census records, newspapers, city directories, vital records, and other historical sources to uncover the people, places, and timelines behind notorious cases. Discover how to build a research plan, track individuals across records, and separate fact from speculation. Whether you are exploring a well known case or a local mystery, these tools will help you dig deeper and tell a more complete, evidence based story. <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/17652892>

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>

How did you find that?! Discovering the stories in your family research (a case study) with Sharon Hoyt, Nov. 4, 10:45 am, MST. Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Do you have any larger-than-life tales in your family history? You might be surprised what you find when you focus on the stories behind the records. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/how-did-you-find-that-discovering-the-stories-in-your-family-research-a-case-study>

The Didukh: Creating a successful harvest & preserving our ancestry through wheat. Nov. 7, 11 am to 1 pm (NJ time), Join Jonathan Hejnal to make a traditional didukh and learn how a didukh symbolizes the Ukrainian symbol of family protection, prosperity, and a bountiful harvest in the year ahead. This workshop is FREE to watch, but registration is required. Ukrainian History and Education Center in New Jersey, USA. <https://www.ukrhec.org/events/didukh-creating-successful-harvest-preserving-our-ancestry-through-wheat>

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>

Stories of the Final Chapter: What Death Records Reveal About Our Ancestors with Sara Allen, Nov. 10, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (check time zone), The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library. Stories of the Final Chapter explores how documents such as death certificates, obituaries, cemetery records, probate files, funeral home records, and newspapers reveal details about family relationships, community ties, health, and historical circumstances. <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/17653046>

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/>

Jewish Biopolitics: The Birth of Civil Records in Eastern Europe with Tomasz Jankowski, Nov. 15, 2 pm to 4 pm (check time zone), Jewish Genealogical Society of New York. The introduction of vital registration (the recording of births, deaths, and marriages) for Jews in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth was an essential state-building measure associated with Enlightenment reforms. Registration of these vital events was one of the first steps in transforming Jews from state subjects into citizens, providing them with an official identity and, thus, better legal protection. Following the partitions of Poland-Lithuania, the annexing states—Austria, Prussia, and Russia—applied various solutions, ranging from relatively quick emancipation in Prussia to the maintenance of inefficient regulations in Galicia and the Russian Empire, which forced Jews to defend their right to informational self-determination and underreport vital events—the latter much to the dismay of contemporary genealogists and family historians. Contact: program@jgsny.org <https://jgsny.org/programs-civi/icalrepeat.detail/2026/11/15/162/-/jewish-biopolitics-the-birth-of-civil-records-in-eastern-europe>

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 kstilp@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>

Let's Discuss It! By John Ware, Dec. 5, 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-6581096/Registration>

Social History and Material Culture: A Genealogist's Tool to Enhance Family Stories by Cynthia Guffey, Dec. 12, 10 am CST. Tennessee Genealogical Society. Family heirlooms, letters, diaries, photos, personal articles, and other family ephemera often hold stories that genealogists may have overlooked. Three vignettes will illustrate researching photos, articles, and items to add to the timeline and social history of an ancestor. Register for event: <https://tngs.org/event-6865559>

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>

Left Behind Dead or Alive: Finding Answers from Those Who Remained with Jan Joyce, Dec. 15, 6 pm MST, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. When our ancestors packed their bags and crossed an ocean or state line, someone always stayed behind—and those people may hold the keys to a family's story. It may be FAM Club members such as a sister who never left the old country, a grandfather buried in the hometown cemetery, or descendants of relatives still living in an ancestral community. Or it could be FAN Club members such as witnesses, sponsors, and neighbors. Those "left behind" create a rich paper trail of records, relationships, and perhaps even memories.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/left-behind-dead-or-alive-finding-answers-from-those-who-remained>

Advanced Topics in DNA 5 of 5: Advanced Ethnicity and Traits with Blaine Bettinger, Dec. 16, 12 pm MST, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Delve into how genetic testing reveals insights into our traits and predispositions beyond ancestry. This lecture will explore how specific genetic markers can indicate tendencies like athletic ability, caffeine metabolism, and risk-taking behavior. We will also dive into the science behind AncestryDNA's Genetic Communities (and groups at 23andMe and MyHeritage) and how they differ from traditional ethnicity analyses.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/advanced-topics-in-dna-5-of-5-advanced-ethnicity-and-traits>

Connecting with our Roots: How Family Stories Shape our Lives with Tara Shymanski, Jan. 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/>

Utilizing Ukrainian Genealogy Tools with Hailey Thompson and guest speaker Alex Krakovsky. Jan. 10, 1 pm Pacific time. Global Jewish Genealogy Society. Non-members pay \$5.00 Zoom link will be sent the week of the event. Members automatically receive a Zoom link. Ukrainian research can be complicated due to record loss, record access issues, language barriers, and more. This class will use a case study to show not only what resources to use, but how and when to apply them to your Ukrainian Jewish research. Attendees will be equipped with a deeper understanding of the research process, as well as specific tools and resources for finding documents and interpreting them. The class will include a focus on the collections provided by Alex Krakovsky. Study materials will be available a few weeks before the presentation. Alex Krakovsky shares the Ukrainian Archives Project Updates, recently scanned collections, towns, districts, and regions for which additional material has become available; the effect of the war on archives, preservation, and access; and priorities and plans for the next stages of the project.

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=6J3XWXDVFTUW6

DNA Evidence & Analysis with AI with Nicole Elder Dyer. Feb. 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/>

More Than Just Browsing: Best Practices In Using A Chromosome Browser with Dr. Adina Newman, Feb. 7, 1 pm Pacific, (Santa Cruz) Global Jewish Genealogy Society. Non-members pay \$5.00. Zoom link will be sent the week of the event. Topics will include the purpose of a chromosome browser, how to utilize it at the major commercial testing and third-party sites, when to use it, and best chromosome browser practices in your genealogical research.

<https://globaljgs.org/upcoming-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/>

RootsTech 2027. Registration is now open! Three days of inspiring speakers and engaging classes to grow your family history skills. March 4-6, 2027. Join online for free or attend in person in Salt Lake City.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/> and <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/registration>

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>

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.:

Ukraine's Archival Landscape: Remote Access and Research Opportunities, Webinar series, recorded sessions
<https://sites.google.com/view/ukraines-archival-landscape?pli=1&authuser=0>

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<https://archival.name/places/galicia-bukowina-gazetteers/> And Placenames: <https://archival.name/places/>

Astronaut Joshua Kutryk Takes Ukrainian Family Heirloom to Space. Canadian astronaut of Ukrainian descent Joshua Kutryk has set off for the International Space Station as part of NASA's SpaceX Crew-13 mission. It is his first journey into space. Kutryk brought a particularly meaningful item with him: a pocket watch that belonged to his great-grandfather and was brought from Ukraine to Canada more than a century ago. His story connects generations of Ukrainian heritage with a new chapter in space exploration – and comes as Ukraine continues to develop its own place in international space cooperation. From a family keepsake carried across the Atlantic more than a century ago to one now travelling beyond Earth – Ukrainian history continues to find its way into remarkable places. Ukraine.ua Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=1566672792158331&set=a.237166005109023>

Update: On October 29, Joshua Kutryk is scheduled to venture outside the International Space Station (ISS) for a historic walk! 🚀 Joshua will be only the fifth Canadian Space Agency astronaut to perform a spacewalk outside the ISS as he helps install new solar arrays. Please join me in wishing Josh the very best as he takes the monumental step. We are very proud of you! Thanks to Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk for posting this on Oct. 26, 2026, on Facebook.

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Did your European immigrant ancestors change their names? By Sean Daly on April 11, 2025. Geneanet. A well-established myth in the USA says that your European family members had their last name changed by a bumbling immigration official at Ellis Island. In reality, name changes occurred either before sailing, or after arrival. There is a long history of surnames changing over borders, in Europe and elsewhere — here is an overview! <https://en.geneanet.org/genealogyblog/post/2025/04/did-your-european-immigrant-ancestors-change-their-names>

Grandma's Medicine Cabinet Was Wilder Than You Think: The Shocking Home Remedies Hiding in Your Family History by Thomas MacEntee, posted Oct. 20, <https://genealogybargains.com/grandmothers-medicine-cabinet-home-remedies/>

Testing ChatGPT Deep Research for Genealogy: Can It Create a Professional Locality Guide? By Diane Henriks on Know Who Wears the Genes In Your Family blog. (Thanks to Kurt Paterson for this lead. Also watch her sessions on Legacy Family Tree Webinars.) <https://www.knowwhowearsthegenesinyourfamily.com/blog/testing-chatgpt-deep-research-for-genealogy-can-it-create-a-professional-locality-guide>

The Most Important Genealogy Habit You Can Develop: Record Every Clue by Diane Henriks on Know Who Wears the Genes In Your Family blog. <https://www.knowwhowearsthegenesinyourfamily.com/blog/the-most-important-genealogy-habit-you-can-develop-record-every-clue>

Review of Mastering Genealogical Proof, Second Edition by Thomas W. Jones, by Diana Elder on Family Locket blog. <https://familyloket.com/review-of-mastering-genealogical-proof-second-edition-by-thomas-w-jones/>

October: 4 weeks of Family History Month by Gena Philibert-Ortega on GenealogyBank Blog. Includes conduct a 4-generation audit, create a timeline, what am I missing and write a short narrative about one ancestor. <https://www.genealogybank.com/blog/october-4-weeks-of-family-history-month.html>

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FREE, Online Resource: FEEFHS Journals. The Foundation for East European Family History Studies digitized its entire catalog of journals (1992–2008) and you can easily access the PDF files. These older FEEFHS articles offer more than historical interest; they remain valuable learning tools for today's genealogist. <https://feefhs.org/journals> (A huge thank you to Michelle Chubenko for providing this information on her Facebook page.) <https://www.facebook.com/MichelleChubenkoGenealogist>

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for: names, dates, places or relationships. As a result, many family historians spend much of their time learning where records are kept, which collections have been digitized, and how to find substitutes for missing documents.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/strategies/a-close-reading-best-practices-for-analyzing-records/>

Genealogy without a Subscription by Marcia Crawford Philbrick on Heartland Genealogy blog. Genealogy can be an expensive hobby—or at least it can seem that way. When someone tells me they are interested in researching their family but don't have enough time to justify paying for a subscription to Ancestry or another genealogy site, I don't want them to think they can't do genealogy. They can. <https://www.heartlandgenealogy.org/2026/09/nosubscription.html>

5 Ways to Refresh Your Genealogy Research This Autumn by Chloe Brewer on Family Wise Ltd. Around late September, the world pauses in perfect balance. Day equals night, signaling a seasonal shift that communities have marked for centuries. Beyond astronomy, this turning point offers something special to family historians: a rhythmic invitation to step back, gather your findings, and give your research a purpose-driven fresh start.

<https://family-wise.co.uk/2026/10/07/5-ways-to-refresh-your-genealogy-research-this-autumn/>

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<https://familyloket.com/a-plain-english-guide-to-ancestrys-2026-ancestral-regions-update-part-1/>

How to Read an AncestryDNA Ethnicity Estimate by the writer of Genera Genealogical Services. Why Eastern European Results Shift Between Updates and What They Can Prove. On 8 October 2026 Ancestry updated the ethnicity estimate of everyone who has taken an AncestryDNA test. The number of regions a person can receive went from 146 to 302, and Ancestry warned customers that their percentages would change and that some small regions would disappear. For people with roots in Ukraine and the Baltic, the change can be large. In the example later in this article, a 36 percent "Northeastern Poland" result from 2025 disappeared in 2026, and a new region called "East-Central European Lowlands" appeared at 54 percent. <https://generaggs.substack.com/p/how-to-read-an-ancestrydna-ethnicity>

All About the Ancestry 2026 DNA Update by Mercedes Brons on Who Are You Made Of? Do you want to learn about the Ancestry 2026 DNA results update? In this post, find out why your results changed, and what new details you can expect to learn from your DNA. <https://whoareyoumadeof.com/blog/all-about-the-ancestry-2026-dna-update/>

Will Genealogy Survive AI? by James Tanner on Genealogy's Star blog.

<https://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2026/09/will-genealogy-survive-ai.html>

A Little Planning – A Better RootsTech by Natalie Webb on Family Tree Technology blog. RootsTech 2027 is scheduled for the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, the familiar home of its in-person conference. However, the Palace is closing for a full redesign in 2027 and will (hopefully) finish by January 2031. That leaves a big question for future RootsTech conferences: Where will the in-person event go while the Salt Palace is unavailable?

<https://familytreetech.com/2026/09/29/a-little-planning-a-better-rootstech/>

Animating Charts, Advent of Agents, and Death of Chatbots by Steve Little on Vibe Genealogy blog. How I animated a pedigree chart with Meta's Muse, and why the age of the chatbot is drawing to a close.

<https://vibegenealogy.ai/p/animating-charts-advent-of-agents-death-of-chatbots>

New features in Genealogy Assistant | October 2026 by Dan Maloney on Genealogy Assistant blog.

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How to Find Living Cousins Using Descendancy Research (And Why You're Surrounded by Family) by Crista Cowan on Crista Cowan, the Barefoot Genealogist blog. <https://www.cristacowan.com/blog/how-to-find-living-cousins-using-descendancy-research-and-why-you-re-surrounded-by-family>

A Secret to Breaking Through Genealogy Brick Walls by Crista Cowan on Crista Cowan, the Barefoot Genealogist blog. Have you ever hit a wall in your family tree research, stared at your DNA match list for hours, and felt like you were completely out of ideas? I've been doing family history for decades, and I'm going to share a secret that might sound a little counter-intuitive at first. The fastest way to break through your own genealogy brick walls is:... <https://www.cristacowan.com/blog/a-secret-to-breaking-through-genealogy-brick-walls>

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Seven Solutions for DNA Matches with Absent or Shrunk Trees by Roberta Estes on DNAExplained - Genetic Genealogy blog. DNA matches without trees, or bare-bones shrunk trees, can be a significant roadblock whether you're looking at autosomal, Y-DNA, or mitochondrial DNA matches. To help resolve that issue, I've listed seven ways you can create or expand those trees. Not every methodology works every time, but none will work if you don't invest the effort to try them. <https://dna-explained.com/2026/10/02/focus-step-1-seven-solutions-for-dna-matches-with-absent-or-shrunk-trees/>

Bad Behavior in the Genealogy Space by Maureen Taylor on The Photo Detective News blog. Several years ago, I discovered that a distant cousin violated Ancestry's Living People in Family Trees policy by declaring us all dead as of 2012. Yes, dead. Genealogy websites restrict information about living people for privacy reasons. I get the desire to show off your tree, but what the heck! <https://photodetective.substack.com/p/bad-behavior-in-the-genealogy-space>

5 Places to Improve Your Genealogy Skills Online by Margaret M. McMahon on A Week of Genealogy blog. When you want to learn more about genealogy but getting to in-person classes is difficult, online courses may be just what you need. NOTE: Keep in mind that access to learning platforms with a library card can change over time. Course offerings can change. <https://aweekofgenealogy.com/5-places-to-improve-your-genealogy-skills-online/>

Check Your Sides: Why Ancestry ThruLines Need Verification by Marie Cooke Beckman on MarieB's Genealogy Blog - Southeastern USA. I've mentioned this before to several of my genealogy friends but wanted to blog about it to remind folks that ThruLines are HINTS. Hints are suggestions which you can verify or prove wrong....or even totally ignore--that's your choice. <https://mariegen.blogspot.com/2026/10/check-your-sides-why-ancestry-thru-lines.html>

Many Reasons to Read the Newspapers! by Linda Stufflebean on Empty Branches on the Family Tree. Although newspapers are quite a well-known resource for genealogists, I still hear people say, "Oh, my family didn't do anything newsworthy" or "The place where my family lived was really small and it didn't have a newspaper." <https://emptybranchesonthefamilytree.com/2026/10/a-dozen-reasons-to-read-the-newspapers/>

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<https://www.heartlandgenealogy.org/2026/10/audio.html>

4 New GEDCOM Analyzers for Free, and More by DiAnn Iamarino Ohama on Fortify Your Family Tree. Stick me on the fridge because I've become a magnet. My inbox is attracting the creators of new genealogy tools like mad. I've tried out so many in the past two or three weeks that it's high time I shared them with you. Keep in mind that these are new products, so they are evolving. If you contribute your feedback, the programmer may choose to update the tool. <https://family-tree-advice.blogspot.com/2026/10/gedcom.html>

What Genealogy Teaches Us Beyond Names and Dates by Doris Kenney on A Tree With No Name. It's not merely about facts—it's about people. Our people. Exploring our family trees changes how we view ourselves, our family, our community and perhaps even our country. Undoubtedly, it also influences how we perceive our future. But there's more! Beyond the basic concepts we use as we research, there are other areas we may touch on as well.

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Winnie the Pooh and Childhood Memories: Reconstruct an Ancestor's Childhood with Historical Records, Family Photos, and AI by Thomas MacEntee on Genealogy Bargains. USA based. Start with the 1930 census, go looking in yearbooks and newspapers, bring the family photos back to life, and let AI draft, then check its homework.

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How to Organize Your Family Keepsakes and Collections by Denise May Levenick, Family Tree Magazine. Create and organize a family archive of heirlooms and old photos that future generations will cherish.

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5 Steps for Working with Other Genealogists by Sunny Jane Morton & Lisa Louise Cooke, Family Tree Magazine. Use these genealogy tools, apps and strategies to collaborate with other researchers.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/strategies/team-genealogy/>

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.

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<https://familytreemagazine.com/general-genealogy/saving-genealogy-societies-how-to-overcome-7-challenges/>

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<https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/best-social-media-for-genealogy/>

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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/>

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<https://familytreemagazine.com/podcasts/preserving-diplomas-and-school-memories/>

Translating Old Genealogy Records: 20 Top Tools by Rick Crume, Family Tree Magazine. One of the biggest challenges genealogists face is translating foreign-language records, especially if the handwriting is hard to read. Fortunately, many online tools can help you. <https://familytreemagazine.com/resources/genealogy-translation-tools/>

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How to Find Your Ancestor’s Parents Without Birth or Marriage Certificates by David A. Fryxell, Family Tree Magazine. Here’s how you can find your ancestor’s parents without birth or marriage certificates.

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How to Self-Publish Your Family History Book by Maureen A. Taylor, Family Tree Magazine. Itching to write your family history? Learn the pros and cons of the various methods for publishing your genealogy here.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/storytelling/writing/publishing-your-family-history/>

5 Storytelling Tips for Telling Your Ancestor's Tale by Vanessa Wieland, Family Tree Magazine. If you've ever had the thought, "This would make a great story!" when it comes to your family history, we have some great storytelling tips for you. <https://familytreemagazine.com/storytelling/ancestors-storytelling-tips/>

A Complete Guide to Building Your Family Tree with Templates by Editors of Family Tree Magazine. If you're curious about building your family tree but unsure how to do it, this guide can help you.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/strategies/a-complete-guide-to-building-your-family-tree-with-templates/>

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How to Write a Must-Read Memoir for Your Family by Richard Campbell, Family Tree Magazine. Preserve your legacy and your family's stories with a guided autobiography. Richard Campbell shares three easy steps, plus 10 themes for your memoir. <https://familytreemagazine.com/storytelling/writing/write-memoir/>

Writing a New Narrative: Turning Genealogical Details into Family Stories by Aryn S. Youngless, Family Tree Magazine. Turn details from genealogy records into vivid, memorable family stories with these strategies.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/storytelling/writing/writing-a-new-narrative-turning-genealogical-details-into-family-stories/>

5 Ideas for Displaying Your Ancestor's Signature by Anna Rose Johnson, Family Tree Magazine. Add some personality to your family history displays with these easy craft ideas for signatures.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/projects/displaying-ancestor-signatures/>

The Do's and Don'ts of Find a Grave by Daniel Loftus, Family Tree Magazine. Find a Grave is an excellent tool for genealogists. This article offers some tips of what to do and what to avoid as you use it.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/cemeteries/the-dos-and-donts-of-find-a-grave/>

5 Questions to Determine Your Ancestor's Correct Birth Date by Lindsey Harner, Family Tree Magazine. When records list different birth dates for your ancestor, how can you determine which is correct? Here are five questions that can guide you to the right answer.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/records/vital/5-questions-to-determine-your-ancestors-correct-birthdate/>

The magical world of Ukrainian mythology by Daryna Zorka. Learn about the Ukrainian mythical creatures: dark, dangerous, and fascinating. <https://daryazorka.substack.com/p/the-magical-world-of-ukrainian-mythology>

Is a Clearer Picture Still an Accurate One? by Natalie Webb on Family Tree Technology. I always get an "Aha!" moment when I run a faded photograph through an AI program and it suddenly becomes clear. Scratches disappear, faces emerge,

and suddenly someone who seemed shadowy feels a little more familiar. I can make out details that I didn't see before... But is it accurate? <https://familytreetech.com/2026/10/20/is-a-clearer-picture-still-an-accurate-one/>

What happens when family history makes us uncomfortable? by Jen Baldwin on Jen Baldwin. On Cable Street, uncomfortable ancestors, and the responsibility to tell the truth about the past. <https://jenbaldwin1.substack.com/p/what-happens-when-family-history>

AI Models and Methods — Part 1: Meet the Models by Carole McCulloch on Essential Genealogy. Claude, ChatGPT, Gemini and Perplexity: What's the difference, and why should family historians care? <https://nextgengenealogy.substack.com/p/ai-models-and-methods-part-1-meet>

RootsMagic 12's AI Prompt Builder by Marcia Crawford Philbrick on Heartland Genealogy. Have you experimented with artificial intelligence (AI) in your genealogy research? Have you wondered how AI might work with the information you've already entered into your genealogy software? With the release of RootsMagic 12, users have an improved feature to explore: the AI Prompt Builder. <https://www.heartlandgenealogy.org/2026/10/prompt-builder.html>

Options for using other family trees rather than using the FamilySearch.org Family Tree as a primary family tree by James Tanner on Genealogy's Star. The genealogical landscape is populated by a great number of different genealogical resources and genealogical programs. It is extremely difficult to even begin to estimate the total number of active genealogical tree programs. <https://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2026/10/options-for-using-other-family-trees.html>

Revisiting My Roots: The GPS by Cari Taplin on Genealogy Pants. Those of us who have studied the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS), have taken classes, read articles, and such, know that any new evidence uncovered should only support your work if your previous work met the GPS. <https://genealogypants.com/2026/10/23/revisiting-my-roots-the-gps/>

Tracking DNA When the Trail Isn't Clear by Jacqi Stevens on A Family Tapestry. Using DNA to point us in the right direction beyond the ancestral line we already know seems to be a logical step...until we hit a brick wall. When I work on my father's Polish ancestors, I already know I'll have that challenge. <https://afamilytapestry.blogspot.com/2026/10/tracking-dna-when-trail-isnt-clear.html>

When the Past Reaches Into the Present by Lori Samuelson on GenealogyAtHeart.com. Genealogists often speak of connections. We search for them in records, reconstruct them through evidence, and celebrate them when we discover how families intersect across time and place. Occasionally, however, those connections seem to take on a life of their own. <https://www.genealogyatheart.com/?p=3894>

Our Fathers Were Brothers: How a DNA Match Brought Us Together by Claire Austin on MyHeritage Blog. In 2021, a MyHeritage DNA match led me to a remarkable discovery: a first cousin, Penny, whom I never knew existed. Curious about how we could possibly be related, especially as I believed I knew all my cousins, I reached out to her to learn more. <https://blog.myheritage.com/2026/10/our-fathers-were-brothers-how-a-dna-match-brought-us-together/>

Turn Your MyStories Book Into an Audiobook by Daniella Levy, MyHeritage Blog. Creating a MyStories book about your life story lets the people you love experience your memories in your own words. Now, we're excited to introduce a new way to do so: you can turn your book into a complete audiobook in a matter of minutes using AI narration. <https://blog.myheritage.com/2026/10/new-turn-your-mystories-book-into-an-audiobook/>

Confirm Known Relationships with DNA Matches on MyHeritage by Daniella Levy, MyHeritage Blog. We're pleased to introduce a highly requested new feature on MyHeritage: you can now confirm your known relationships with DNA Matches. <https://blog.myheritage.com/2026/10/new-confirm-known-relationships-with-dna-matches-on-myheritage/>

The history of exercise. Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine. Discover the origins of exercise and fitness, from 'muscular Christianity' to Second World War Britain.

A special thank you to **Randall J. Seaver at Genea-Musings blog** with his weekly (on Sundays) “Best of the Genea-Blogs”. I have looked at his last three weekly summaries and added articles here. You might want to look at back issues of this weekly update if you have the time and interest. <https://www.geneamusings.com/search/label/BestofGeneaBlogs>

On a side note:

November is Family Stories Month, Library and Information Services Month, and National Life Writing Month. And November 11 is Remembrance Day.

October 31st is Halloween.

The Origins of TRICK OR TREAT
A Canadian connection with global roots

Pre-1900s
Europe (Britain & Ireland)
Halloween traditions such as souling and guising involved visiting homes, often performing songs, tricks or verses in exchange for food.

1917
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
One of the earliest recorded versions appeared in a newspaper. Children called out “tricks or treats” while going door to door on Halloween.

1922–1924
The Canadian Prairies (Edmonton, Alberta)
Newspaper reports in Edmonton and elsewhere in the region recorded variations such as “treat or tricks” and “treat up or tricks.” The phrase was still evolving.

1927
Lethbridge, Alberta (Blackie, Alberta)
On November 4, 1927, the Lethbridge Herald reported children demanding “trick or treat” on Halloween in Blackie, Alberta (near Lethbridge). This is one of the earliest documented uses of the exact modern phrase.

1930s–1950s
United States
The custom spread through the United States and became a widespread Halloween tradition after the Second World War, when candy became more readily available.

The Sault Star
October 31, 1917
The little folks were out in force last night and many a householder was greeted with the words “tricks or treats.”

The Lethbridge Herald
November 4, 1927
The youngsters were out in costumes last night going from house to house demanding “trick or treat.”

European traditions influenced later customs in North America.

1917
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

1922–1924
Edmonton, Alberta

1927
Lethbridge, Alberta (Blackie)

1930s–1950s
United States (widespread)

What does it mean?
“Trick or treat” is a playful bargain: If you give us a treat (candy, food or a small gift), we won’t play a trick (a harmless prank). Halloween pranks were common in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and giving treats became a way to encourage safe and friendly celebrations.

Key Takeaways

- The phrase has roots in older European Halloween traditions.
- One of the earliest print records was in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario (1917).
- The phrase evolved in the Canadian Prairies (Edmonton, 1922–1924).
- Lethbridge/Blackie, Alberta (1927) recorded one of the earliest uses of the exact phrase “trick or treat.”
- It later spread across the United States and became a widespread tradition.

A Canadian Connection!
While earlier examples exist, Alberta — including Lethbridge and nearby Blackie — has a special place in the history of “trick or treat.”

Lethbridge Historical Society, <https://www.facebook.com/LethbridgeHistoricalSociety>

Updates on the **additional FamilySearch records from the archives in Ukraine**. See Dmitry Kremenetsky’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008001369241>

Many Polish and Polish-Jewish families came to Canada in the 20th century. If a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent was a Polish citizen, **citizenship may have passed down to you** — even if no one in the family ever applied. 4 questions, 60 seconds, and an honest answer about your family line. Did your family come from Poland? Check your line. Check your eligibility by descent and securely submit the full assessment at:

<https://www.polish-citizenship-portal.com/citizenship-test.html>

Digitization for Remembrance. Arolsen Archives. To mark the 85th anniversary of the end of the Battle of Kyiv, the Arolsen Archives, in cooperation with the Max Weber Network Eastern Europe, are making around 31,000 documents on Soviet prisoners of war available on the #everynamecounts crowdsourcing platform.

<https://arolsen-archives.org/en/news/digitization-for-remembrance/>

ARE YOUR FAMILY ROOTS IN EASTERN EUROPE? 🌳

Discover the stories, places and people behind your family history!

Our October 2026 Eastern Europe Special Interest Group newsletter is here, and it is packed with fascinating articles, research ideas and resources for anyone exploring their Eastern European ancestry.

📖 Inside this issue:

📖 Historical Map of the Quarter: Belarus Explore the changing borders that can make tracing our ancestors so challenging.

👩 Women in Eastern Europe Discover stories from the past.

📖 Book Review Another opportunity to explore Eastern European history through literature.

💻 Tech Corner: Map Fun with AI Copilot Explore technology as a tool for genealogical research.

HR Croatia: Archives Discover resources for tracing Croatian ancestors.

🔍 Shadows at the Border Explore another aspect of our Eastern European heritage.

🌳 Diversity in Our Family Trees A reminder that our ancestry is often more complex than we imagine.

Why join us?

The Eastern Europe Special Interest Group is part of Ontario Ancestors (Ontario Genealogical Society). We bring together family historians who share an interest in Eastern European genealogy, whether they are just beginning their research or have been searching for decades.

Our newsletter is just one of the ways we share knowledge, research resources and discoveries.

If your ancestors came from Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Czechia, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia or elsewhere in Eastern Europe, we would love to welcome you.

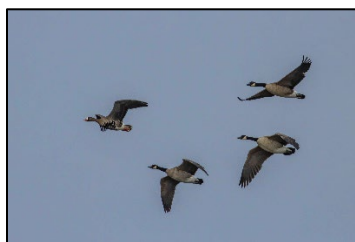
🌍 Your ancestors crossed borders. Their stories deserve to be discovered.

👉 Consider joining Ontario Ancestors and our Eastern Europe SIG to become part of a community that shares your passion for family history.

👁️ Ontario Ancestors: <https://ogs.on.ca/>

🇪🇺 Eastern Europe SIG: easterneuropesig@ogs.on.ca

Wherever your ancestors came from, every family has a story worth telling.



First photo: A lone Greater White-fronted Goose was leading one of the vees of Canada Geese coming in for a landing at Henners Lake in Lacombe, 10/25, per Facebook. Second photo: The world of painting. Ivan Dryapachenko (Ukraine). From Ukraine With Art per Facebook. Third photo: Black Capped Chickadee. Oct 24, St Albert per Facebook.



TUGG Invites YOU to a Meeting

We hope you were able to enjoy the Ukrainian Independence Day on August 22 and the Bloor West Ukrainian Festival September 18-20.

At our first meeting of the year on September 22, guest speaker Roman Waschuk, President of the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre, showed us an eye-opening history of his priestly Kalinski family as they navigated the political and religious turmoil in the Borderlands of Poland and Russian Ukraine for generations.

We now Invite you to our next meeting:

When: Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 7:00-9:00 pm

Where: St. Volodymyr Institute, 620 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

Ukrainian Genealogy 101 - learn how to access metryky books online from Mormons or from Polish and Ukrainian Archives to find baptisms, marriages and deaths of your ancestors. Bring your questions and laptops (fully charged).

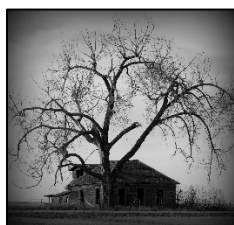
TUGG, founded in 1999, and now in our 3rd year of reconvening after the pandemic, aims to help those with an interest in their family history in Ukraine and diaspora find themselves in the materials available. We hold monthly meetings, with presentations from members and knowledgeable guests, that can help those at any stage of their research, and an opportunity to discuss your progress and roadblocks in a supportive environment. You may be able to track your family back to the 1700s, or find and contact new family members with modern genetic tools.

All are welcome to attend TUGG meetings. We really hope you'll find us interesting enough to want an Annual Membership. But for first-timers, or to try us out, we ask for a contribution of \$5 towards meeting costs (payable to the Treasurer in person at the meetings).

Sonia Tkachuk van Heerden – sonia280cdn@yahoo.com

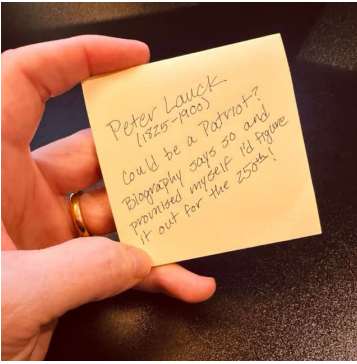
President, TUGG

Eva Kujawa posted this on Facebook on Oct. 10th. (if you live in the Toronto area, maybe you want to join TUGG)
<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10164725481471638&set=gm.39091802633796630&idortv=668787419858298>



Photos from the Saskatchewan Nature Photographers, Facebook public group;
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1636959169862966>

One step towards finishing (thanks to Denyse Allen at Chronicle Makers blog)



Name your one.

Write down the name of the one ancestor you would finish first if you could only finish one this year. Then write one sentence on why it's them.

Writing down a plan quiets the nagging. Unfinished tasks stick in your head (the Zeigarnik effect). E.J. Masicampo and Roy Baumeister found that just writing a concrete plan for an unfinished goal makes those intrusive thoughts stop, even before you've done any of the work.

Most of us (me!) have been researching everyone at once for years, and everyone at once never gets finished. One name is where finishing starts. Here's mine (now stuck on my monitor):

Also this week: if you use Gemini for AI, it changed on Thursday. Google's free plan now runs only its smallest model, Flash-Lite. The stronger models moved to the paid plans. If you find it acting differently than it used to, that's probably why.

The Forms of Family History Writing by Denyse Allen. Posted on Oct. 5. Try the Five Forms exercise to see which style of family history writing you drift towards. The chronicle is the sixth form and a new one for family historians.

<https://chroniclemakers.com/forms-of-family-history-writing/>

Why Most Family History Projects Never Get Finished by Denyse Allen. Posted on May 22, 2026. An estimated 98% of genealogists who want to write never finish. The problem is not discipline or time. It is three specific patterns you can fix.

<https://chroniclemakers.com/why-family-history-projects-never-finished/>



Borshchiv in Ternopil region. Girls in folk clothing.



/Old Hudson Bay post near the Edmonton Legislature Building
Borshchiv folk embroidered shirt. Early 20th century. /circa 1913

<https://www.facebook.com/karpatystories> posted on Oct. 4, 2026 /Historic Edmonton Facebook group, Oct. 14/26

How You Can Help Your Genealogy Society

Every member has something valuable to offer. Sharing your time, interests, and skills helps your society support researchers and preserve local family history.

Share Your Research Interests

Complete the Member Research Interests form and add your surnames and places to the Surname & Location Register. These forms can help members discover shared research interests.

Offer Your Skills

Use the Volunteer Skills & Interests form to tell the society how you can help. Research, transcription, scanning, writing, organizing, and computer skills are all useful.

Help with Society Activities

Welcome new members, assist at meetings, help organize programs, or volunteer for a small project. Choose tasks that fit your interests and availability.

Preserve Local History

Help index records, scan photographs, record family stories, or document cemeteries with permission. Label materials carefully and record where information came from.

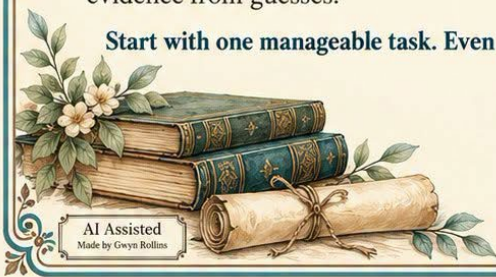
Support Fellow Researchers

Share useful resources and research methods. Use the Research Help Request form to explain a question, summarize known facts, and list sources already checked.

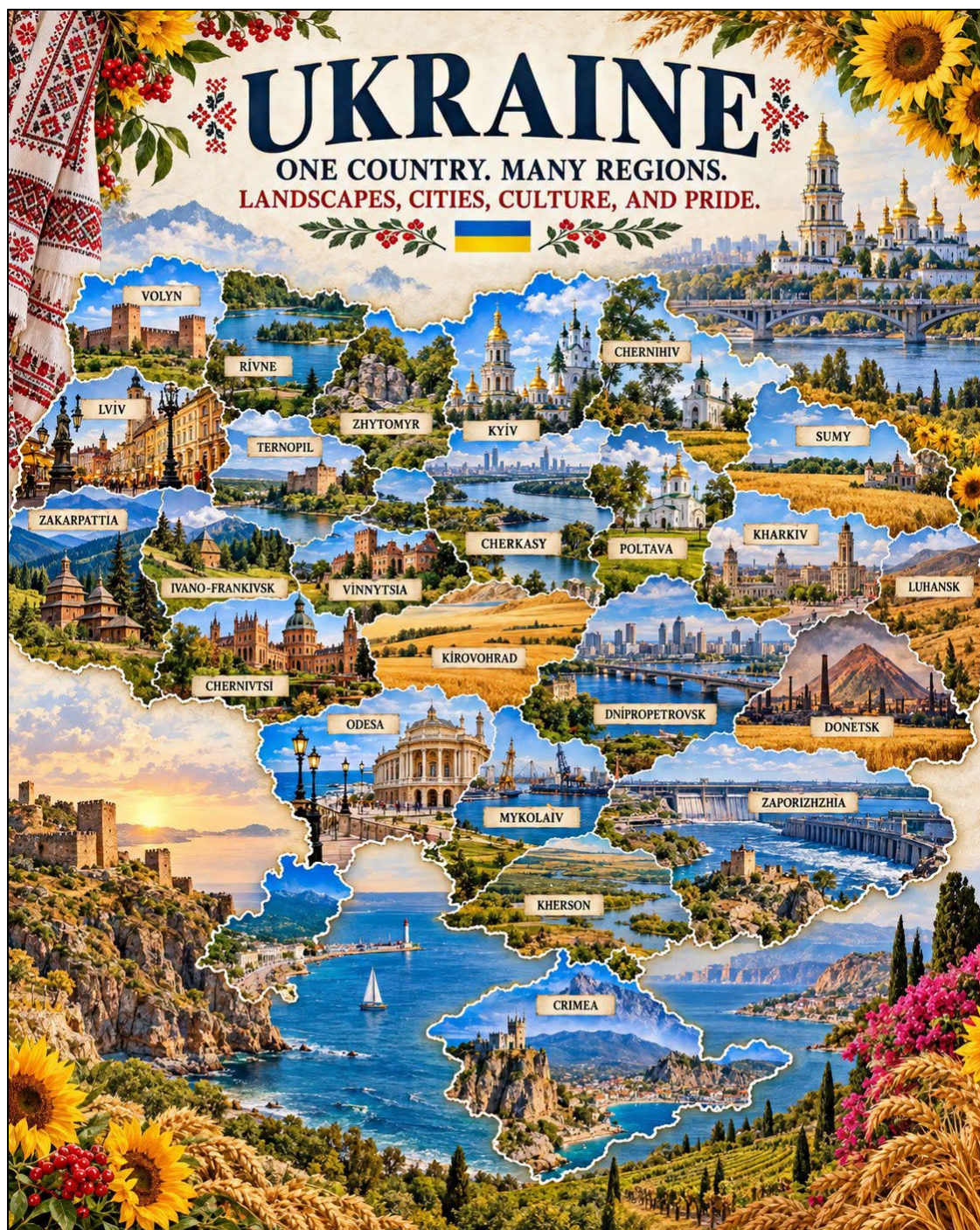
Share Responsibly

Ask permission before sharing member contact details, personal stories, or photographs. Protect information about living people and clearly separate evidence from guesses.

Start with one manageable task. Even a small contribution can make a lasting difference.



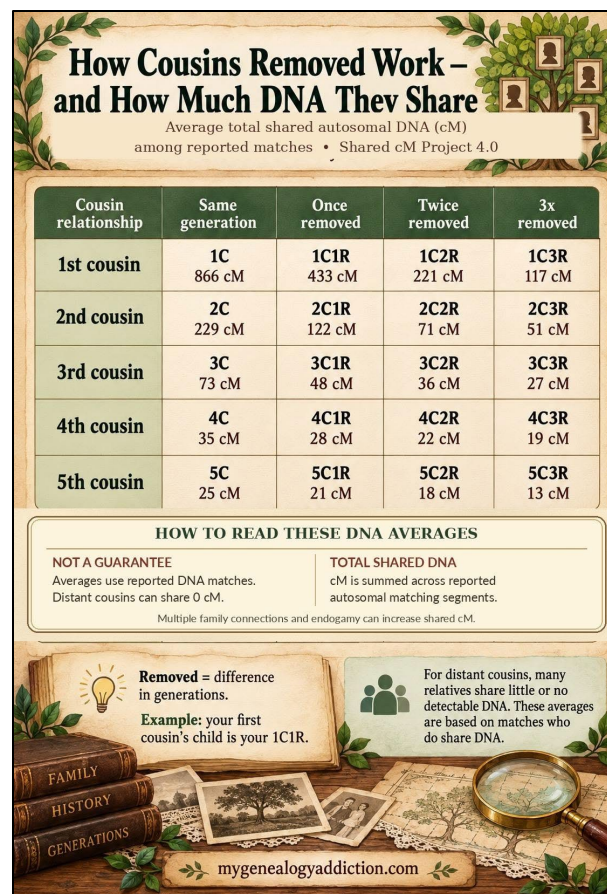
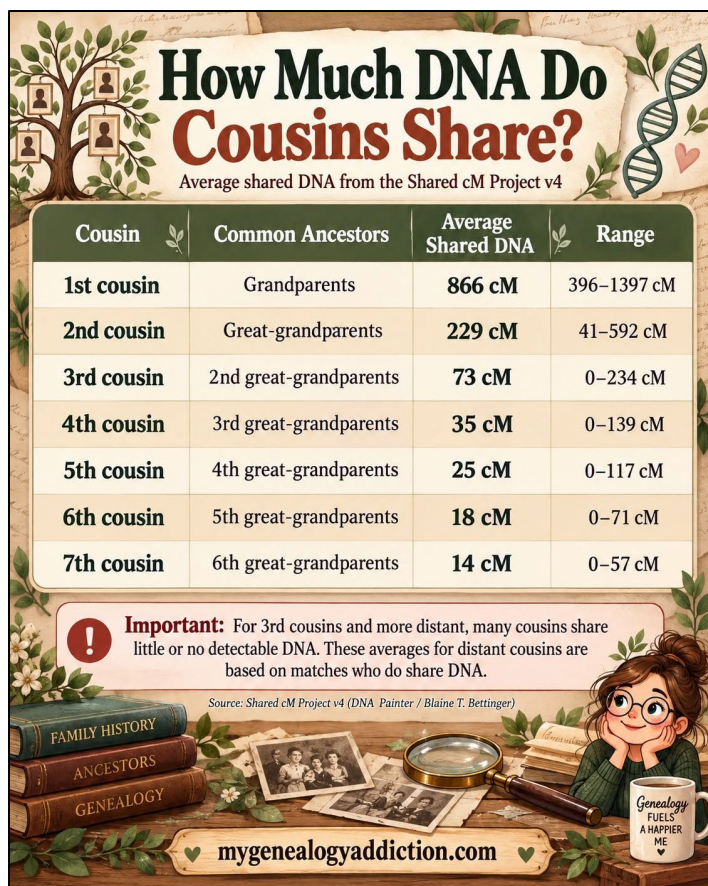
Genealogy Notebook Covers, October 13 posted on Facebook at
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Ukraine Art & Architecture, Facebook, Oct. 15, 2026

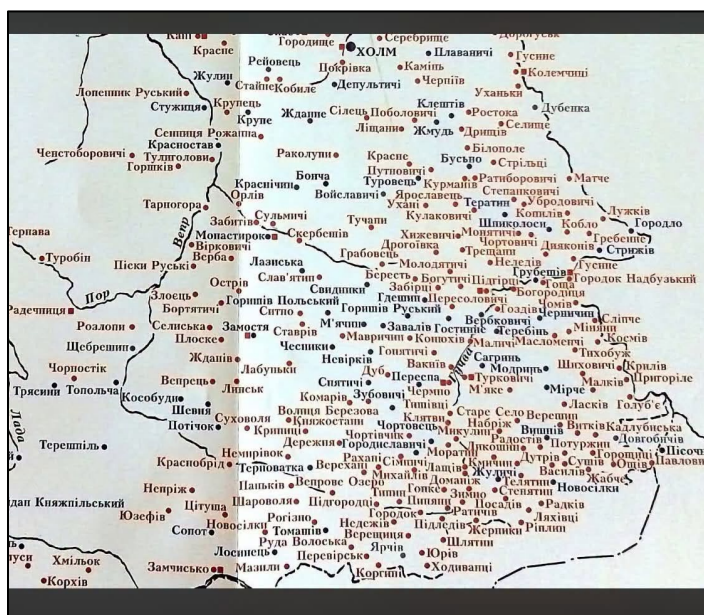
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Please note that Ukraine Genealogy Group – Edmonton and Area Society does not control the content of any of the websites listed above or below, and has no commercial ties to them, except for Trace Your Roots – Ukrainian Canadian Genealogy®, blog, our affiliate partner. If you choose to visit or interact with these external sites, you do so at your own discretion.



Genealogy Addict, Facebook, Oct. 17, 2026

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The red marks indicate Ukrainian villages destroyed by Poles in the 1940s. These are villages only in Western Volhynia, only a piece of Ukrainian ethnic lands on the western side of the modern Ukrainian-Polish border.

Thanks to Navrotsky, the gentleman is doing a good job helping to restore historical memory...

(translation from Ukrainian to English on Facebook), Джон Сміт (John Smith), Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=4141767169453670&set=a.1427035317593549>