

Ukrainian Genealogical Resources In Toronto Area (Part Two)

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ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Archives of Ontario. This is a place we are all taken by our teacher when we take a beginning genealogy course. It is of greater interest to those researching in Ontario and perhaps in the British Isles, but its use to us with ancestors who arrived perhaps in the early 1900s from Europe or 1950s from Western Canada are negligible. I did however find a will and deeds of a great-uncle and aunt who arrived in Ontario in the 1930s. Many of the Ontario land records from Registry Offices have been microfilmed and are available here.. and if a will has to be filed on title to a property because of land being passed down.. this would be of help to you trying to flesh out your family.

The Ontario Archives have old documents from organizations deposited by the Ontario Multicultural Centre. There were also some translations on tape of interviews with pioneers to the province.

THE MORMONS

We have two libraries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons) in the Toronto area, Etobicoke Branch, and the new Don Mills Branch. They are stocked with the usual microfiche and microfilm readers and the most recent fiche and with one computer, each which can be booked for 1 hour by telephone. They usually are booked one month in advance.

No eastern European fiche or film is usually available in the Library when you first visit but you can order your specific films and prepay the mailing costs of \$5.50, and they should be available at your library within a few weeks. The hours of opening are irregular, especially during the summer season, so call ahead.

LDS films on Przymshl births, marriages & deaths are either in Latin & German or Ukrainian or Polish. Polish certificates are difficult to read. Look at Poland or Austria titles for Galicia and Volyn & Bukovina. We are still waiting for more microfilming especially the Greek Catholic Churches. We hope for continued peace in Ukraine until microfilming is done. Try to search at the LDS Library under Austria (army) Poland, Ukraine (church records.)

Ontario Jewish Archive is the Archives for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. It houses manuscripts and printed material, audio visual material and artifacts of organization and individuals. It is open Monday to Thursday 9 to 4:45 p.m. and Friday 9 to 2 p.m. Call for an appointment.

BELARUS

I noticed there is a Belarusan Orthodox Church in Toronto. You may be able to phone there and check on a library

CZECH REPUBLIC

Czechoslovak Association of Canada, 740 Spadina Ave., Toronto, 925-2241, have advised to contact their Consulate in Montreal for more information 1-514-849-4495, or contact Open Air for a map of Czech Republic 416-363-0119.

HUNGARY

There is a Hungarian Canadian Cultural Centre at 840 St. Clair Avenue West, 654-4926.

ROMANIA

The Romanian General Consulate, 111 Peter Street, Toronto, 416-585-5802, advised that they had no library or facilities for genealogical research.

SLOVAKIA

The Slovak Cultural Centre, 12 Birch Avenue, Toronto, ON, M4V 1C8, 416-925-0008, e-mail info-scic@slovak.com or omichal@slovak.com web page <http://www.slovak.com> re: genealogical research and maps in the Toronto area. They have a modern library with an English Encyclopedia *of* Slovakia- 5 years old. There are Slovak-English dictionaries, no reference books, and some copies *of* Matika Slovenska - quarterly magazine on Slovakian research written in Slovakian. Call for an appointment to see their library. There are maps available in Slovakia drawn up by the Slovak Army which are very good.

CHURCHES & ORGANIZATIONS

The Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral is located at 3338 Lakeshore Road, Toronto, ON, 416-225-7506. I phoned but there was to reply to my query about old records.

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy is at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, ON, 416-603-6877. I was advised that all records are held by the parishes.

The Russian Orthodox Cathedral 102 Follis Avenue, Toronto, ON, 416-534-1763 is the oldest Ukrainian language church in Toronto. The original parishioners were Rusyns-Lemkos, and the Archivist, Herman Kurms, indicated they had records from 1915. They were willing to have persons come in for genealogical research.

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The Association *of* United Ukrainian Canadians, at 1614 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON, 416-535-1063, have advised me that their Archives are now at the National Archives *of* Canada in Ottawa, and their Canadian administration office is in Edmonton.

INFOUKES

The Infoukes website is located in Toronto and there are a number of interesting articles, which one could read on the Internet in the genealogy section. You can also access the Lemko website from this site with further genealogical articles.

MENNONITES

For those with interest in the Mennonites, a trip to the University of Waterloo in Kitchener/Waterloo would be suggested, as their Library has a selection of material on the Mennonites. Your background would probably be Germans from Russia or Ukraine if your ancestor were Mennonite. Most of the above sites in Toronto can be reached by public transportation. Some of them are open because of volunteer help, so a telephone call first to ascertain that your chosen resource is open is recommended.

ADDRESSES OF TORONTO RESOURCES

Toronto Reference Library, Genealogy Dept., 189 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON, M4W 2G8, 416-395-5577 open Mon-Thurs. 10-8; Fri & Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1:30-5

North York Central Library, Canadiana Room, 6th Floor, 5120 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON, M2N 5N9, 416-395-5623 open Mon. 12:30-8:30; Tues-Thurs. 9-8:30; Fri. 9-5:30; Sat. 9-5; Sun 1:30-5

York University Scott Library, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, ON, M3J 2R2, 416-136-5150

University of Toronto Robarts Library, 130 St. George Street, Toronto, ON, M5S 2T4, 416-918-8450
-Petro Jacyk Central & East European Resource Centre, 8th Floor, Attention: Sophie Skoric, 416-978-1288, pjrc@library.utoronto.ca

Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Toronto, 21 Sussex Avenue, Toronto, ON, M5S 1A1, 416-978-4595 cius@chas.utoronto.ca

Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, P. O. Box 446, Station A, Toronto, ON, M2N 5T1, (publishes "Shem Tov" quarterly) -Library in North York Public Library Canadiana Room <http://www.jgstoronto.ca>

Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 102, Toronto, ON, M5R 1B9, 416-489-0734; fax 416-489-9803, (has 30

branches, publishes "Families" and "Newsleaf" quarterly). OGS Library at North York Central Library Canadiana Room. webpage <http://www.ogs.on.ca>

Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, Box 518, Station K, Toronto, ON, M4P 2G9, (publishes "Toronto Tree"), meetings 4th Monday of each month at North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON, 1:30 PM.

Multicultural History Society of Ontario, 43 The Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, ON, M5S 2C3, 416-919-2913

Donau-Schwaben Club, 1686 Ellesmere Avenue, Toronto, ON, M1H 2V5, 416- 290-6186
11 St. Clair O'Connor Mennonite Centre, 2101 St. Clair Ave. East, Toronto, ON, M4B 3M3, 416-151-815-1

Polish Association of Toronto, 2182 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Etobicoke, ON, M8V 1A6, 416-252-4198

Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 83 Christie Street, Toronto, ON, M6G 3B1, 416-531-3610

Ukrainian Museum of Canada, St. Vladimir Institute, 620 Spadina Ave., Toronto, ON, M5S 2H4, 416-923-3318

Ukrainian National Federation Community Centre, 145 Evans Avenue, Toronto, ON, Attention: Ms. Nell Nakonewzny, 416-151-7562
16 Macedonian Place, 850 O'Connor Drive East York ON M4B 3L6 416-155- 9231

Archives of Ontario 17 Grenville Street, Toronto ON M1A 2R9, 416- 311-1600

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Genealogical Library, 95 Melbert Road, Etobicoke, ON, M9C 3P9, 416-621-4601
-Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Genealogical Library, 24 Ferrand Drive, North York, ON, M3C 3E5 416-422-5480 (Don Mills and Eglinton)

Ontario Jewish Archives, 4600 Bathurst Street, North York, ON, M2R 3V2 416-635-2883 Ext. 170

Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 3338 Lakeshore Road, Toronto, ON, 416- 225-1506.

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, ON, 416-603- 6871.
Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 102 Follis Avenue, Toronto, ON, 416-534-1763

Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, 1614 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON, 416-515-1063.

Infoukes Inc., Suite 185, 3044 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON, M8X 2H8, 416-236-4865, fax 416-166-5104 <http://www.infoukes.com>