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May UGG-NCR Webinar

The May presentation of the UGG webinar was a video entitled, *Mamornitz, A century of faith and tradition*. This video was produced in 2010 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Pioneer Church at Mamornitz near Kenora, Saskatchewan. Dr. Jennie Dutchak produced the video that was narrated by her son Mark Zayachkowski. It was directed and edited by Orest Nahacziwec.



Dr. Jennie Dutchak & Mark Zayachkowski

The video is a ground-breaking study of the pioneer church built a hundred years ago in Mamornitz and the historical events until the anniversary in 2010.

The historical documentary covers all of the important aspects of a rural pioneer church built by the first wave of immigration. The topics include: history of the church building, bell tower, names of pioneer members, parish cemetery, names priests and cantors, war effort, weddings, baptisms, funerals, Christmas

carolling, Easter traditions, names of church executives and councillors, church membership.

This project is an excellent example of using video to preserve and disseminate the story of our early Ukrainian communities. For researchers in Ukrainian family history, the video is a model to follow and a guide to research. There are many similar stories of churches, communities and schools in Ukrainian communities across Canada and this video ensures that the story of this church will be preserved for many years for all those who can trace their roots to this locality.

The video concludes with Dr. Dutchak explaining her many years of dedication, research and writing on Mamornitz including newspaper articles, books and this DVD.

George Fedak (1940-2025)

We were saddened to hear that longtime UGG member George Fedak passed away in June. George and his wife Rosaleen were frequent UGG meeting attendees over the years, and George even made a presentation to our group in March 2013 entitled: *Visiting from Odessa to Verkhovyna and points in between*.

George was a proud Ukrainian-Canadian from Saskatchewan who had a distinguished career as a research scientist who specialized in molecular genetics and disease resistance genes of crops. His [obituary](#) highlights many of his accomplishments throughout his lifetime.

Our condolences go out to Rosaleen and family. Vichnaya Pamyat! Eternal Memory!

Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography

The East European Genealogical Society (EEGS) announced the reprinting of the first and third volumes of Vladimir J. Kaye's indispensable *Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography*.

Volume 1, covering 941 settlers who arrived in Manitoba by 1900, was originally published in 1975 and has long been out-of-print. Volume 3, covering 295 settlers who arrived in Saskatchewan-Assiniboia by 1904, was left unpublished at Kaye's death, and with the consent of his literary estate was first published by the EEGS in 2018.

The volumes are available for order through the EEGS website at <https://eegsociety.org/dictionary-of-ukrainian-canadian-biography>. Both volumes are available for purchase as PDF and softcover, and the Manitoba volume is also available in hardcover format.

Research Resources

Below are some resources which may be of interest to our UGG members in their research:

Holy Trinity Bukowinian Orthodox Sobor

An early history of the Holy Trinity Bukowinian Orthodox Sobor 1918-2003 (now known as "Christ the Saviour Orthodox Sobor" on 721 Somerset St. in Ottawa) can be found online at this [link](#). There is also a published book at the Ottawa Public Library in the Ottawa History Collection (Main Branch).

Joint-Stock Company Russo-Canadian-American Passenger Agency

This collection can be found [online](#) and relates to thousands of families emigrating from the Soviet Union in 1926-1930. It includes personal files of emigrants (Jews, Ukrainians, Germans, Poles, Russians), questionnaires, medical certificates, business correspondence with customers, receipts for

payment of services, personal letters and telegrams filled out and submitted in order to exit the USSR and enter the USA and Canada, and other important documentation related to personal information of family members, as the age, marital status, health, level of literacy, and finances.

Kule Centre Finding Guide

The Bohdan Medwidsky Ukrainian Folklore Archives (BMUFA) contains a wealth of research material on various family histories. Most of these histories are contained either within primary documents as well as published books.

This finding aid will provide researchers and families with potential starting points into the stories of those families that crossed the Atlantic and settled in Canada. The research material can be broken down into two categories: primary sources and published histories. These histories can be found [here](#).

Danyliw Research Seminar (Sep 25-27)

The "*Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine*" will be back on 25-27 September 2025. The Seminar is hosted by the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa with the support of the Danyliw Foundation in Toronto.

Since 2005, the Danyliw Seminar has provided an annual platform for the presentation of some of the most influential academic research on Ukraine — from scholars, including doctoral students, based in Ukraine, the rest of Europe, the United States, Canada, or anywhere in the world.

More information about this seminar can be found at this [link](#).