

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



UGG Edmonton and Area Society 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 settlers to Alberta due to no one else locally covering this region involving genealogy. 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.

Here is the current 2026 schedule for the “Ukraine Genealogy Group of Edmonton and Area”:

The UGG Edmonton board has decided that we will not be hosting guest speakers—either on Zoom or in person—this year. While we recognize the value these sessions have offered in the past, a number of factors led us to pause them for the time being. We will, however, continue to share our monthly newsletters with everyone on our distribution list so we can stay connected and keep you informed about our activities and other genealogy sessions and resources. Instead, we will focus more on the Research Club and building a website.



Watch for the February issue of the *Relatively Speaking* journal from the Alberta Genealogical Society as Elaine has submitted an article on family reunions. The theme for February is **Rekindling Family Connections**. Note that the theme for May is Connections to the Land, August is Family Heirlooms and Important Places and November is Sports. AGS is always looking for more volunteers to submit an article. <https://www.abgenealogy.ca/relatively-speaking-journal>

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 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 over 15,975 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.

Elaine will probably be at the 2026 (October) **Edmonton Family History Fair** at the Riverbend LDS Centre, organized by the Alberta Genealogical Society Edmonton and is in contact with Karen at the **Basilian Fathers Museum in Mundare**, Alberta about attending a late fall day of genealogy activities. Will post more information on these two events in the future UGG Edmonton newsletters. <https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/events> and <https://basilianmuseum.ca/>

Please note that Ukraine Genealogy Group – Edmonton and Area Society does not control the content of any of the websites listed to follow and above 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.

Local (Alberta) Events:



Alberta Budget 2026 Defunds Alberta Genealogical Society

Provincial Historical Designation Removed from Arts, Culture and Status of Women

For more information about us click [Alberta Genealogical Society Defunded](#)

If you would like to help us out: click [What You Can Do to Help](#)

<https://www.abgenealogy.ca/breaking-news-ags-losing-funding-urgent-click-here>

Visit the Alberta Provincial Archives, Wed, April 1, Westend Seniors Activity Centre. We are off-site visiting the Alberta Provincial Archives at 8555 Roper Rd. NW, Edmonton for an afternoon of research in their Research Library. Arrival is at 1:00 PM with access to closing at 4:30 PM. Pre-registration is required, please contact Paul at prose0849@gmail.com for details. Visitors are to provide their own transportation to the Archives.

https://weseniors.ca/whats_new/genealogy-drop-in-class/

Introduction to Genealogy course, Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton Branch, in person only, Sat. April 11, 9:30 am start. AGS members \$20, non-members \$30. Are You New to Family History? Don't know where to start or need a refresher? This beginner-level course is for you. An introduction to basic skills and practices to set you up for success. We will get you started gathering your family records, using standard forms, entering information into a database, printing a family tree, and creating a system to keep you and your records organized. Bring a laptop/tablet and a bag lunch. (There are 4 computers available) Invite your friends and family to join you for a day of discovery! For more info contact courses@edmontongenealogy.ca Register: <https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/introduction-to-genealogy>

Ukrainian Feast, Freson Bros., April 11 & 12, 4-8 pm in Edmonton, High Prairie and Barrhead. Enjoy a full spread of traditional favourites, featuring perogies, cabbage rolls, Ukrainian sausage, savoury buzhenina, the full salad bar and more - all for just \$25 per person! And of course, no meal is complete without a delicious slice of pie for dessert. Gather your family and friends and come celebrate with Freson Bros.! <https://www.facebook.com/FresonBrosAlberta>

Create a Comprehensive Image Description and Image Citation for Free, Using Any or All of Several AI Models with Art Taylor, April 16, Zoom, 7-9 pm, Technology for Genealogy Special Interest Group, Edmonton Branch, AGS.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/technology-for-genealogy-sig>

Ukrainian Film Festival. Join us in Calgary from April 10–12 and in Edmonton from April 17–19 for two weekends of contemporary film. Experience powerful stories from Ukraine on the big screen, from award-winning dramas to compelling documentaries. The Ukrainian Film Festival in Alberta brings together film lovers and community members to celebrate Ukrainian voices and storytelling. Locations, tickets and program: <https://www.ukrfilmfestival.com/>

Shumka: Back to Our Roots, April 23 @10 am, April 24 @ 8:30 pm, Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, 11455 – 87 Ave., Edmonton. A vibrant, high-energy performance that celebrates Ukrainian dance by returning to what matters most: movement, music, and regional tradition. Drawing from Shumka's rich performance history, the program features dances from across Ukraine that reveal how geography, history, and community shape rhythm, style, and physical expression, from grounded village steps to virtuosic ensemble work. Performances also in Calgary, and Medicine Hat.

<https://www.uccab.ca/event/shumka-back-to-our-roots/>

Ukrainian Music on the Prairies exhibit curated by Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn in Spring, 2026, Kubasonics will play two shows on Saturday April 25 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at ArtsHub Ortona on 9722 102 Street. Be the first to experience Larisa's new exhibit while enjoying Kubasonics' signature sound. ACUA Special Event

<https://acuarts.ca/whats-on/kubasonics-play-ukrainian-music-on-the-prairies/>

<https://acuarts.ca/whats-on/evening-kubasonics-play-ukrainian-music-on-the-prairies/>

<https://acuarts.ca/whats-on/ukrainian-music-on-the-prairies/>

Ukrainian Vintage Fair, Call for Ukrainian Vintage Items, an ACUA special event, starting on May 01 to 31. The vintage sale launches on Sat., June 27, Ukrainian embroidery, jewelry, pottery, ceramics, weaving, carving, artwork, music, religious items, pysanky, books, gifts, souvenirs, and more. <https://acuarts.ca/whats-on/ukrainian-vintage-fair-call/>

Googling for Grandma, Wed. May 6, 1 - 3 pm, \$3.00 drop-in fee, WSAC Boardroom, Westend Seniors Activity Centre, 9629 – 176 Street, Edmonton. Facilitated by Ashley Rother on the topic of “Googling for Grandma”. The presentation will look at the Power of Google when researching, places to find a woman’s maiden name, and understanding the cousin DNA relationship chart to discover one’s most recent common ancestors. https://weseniors.ca/whats_new/genealogy-drop-in-class/

DNA Cool Tools with Ellen Thompson-Jennings, Wed. May 20, 7-9 pm MST, DNA Special Interest Group, Edmonton Branch, AGS, Online (Zoom), <https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/dna-sig-3>

Tracing Your Family Tree Course, Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton Branch, in person only, Sat. May 23, June 6 & 13, 9:30 am start, AGS members \$50, non-member \$70 (all 3 days), An intermediate-level 3-day course provides an in-depth look at the common genealogy records to search after entering the information you have in a genealogy database. Bring a laptop/tablet and a bag lunch. Register: <https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/tracing-your-family-tree>

UFest returns to Borden Park, May 29-30, save the date. Free Entry, <https://ufest.ca/>

What To Do with My Family History? Wed., June 3, 1 - 3 pm, \$3.00 drop-in fee, WSAC Boardroom, Westend Seniors Activity Centre, 9629 – 176 Street, Edmonton. Jean-Yves Vanier-Verbeek will speak on the topic of “What To Do with My Family History?”. He will provide insight into the various options that we have to perpetuate the records and history of our family for future generations. This is a much-discussed issue for family historians and one that should offer some options and suggestions. https://weseniors.ca/whats_new/genealogy-drop-in-class/

Fifty Years of All of Baba’s Children: A Symposium, July 11, 8 am – 8 pm, MacEwan University, Celebrating Myrna Kostash, <https://www.facebook.com/MUURDC> and <https://sites.google.com/macewan.ca/aobcsymposium/home>

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:

Untangling Family Networks: Solving Paternity with DNA and Records with Yvonne Fenster, Legacy Family Tree Webinar, Wed., April 1, 9:30 am MDT, register for free but need a membership if there is a handout. This investigation utilizes Y-DNA and autosomal DNA evidence, combined with documentary research, to explore Glen Hugh Hopper's paternal origins in early 20th-century Tennessee. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/untangling-family-networks-solving-paternity-with-dna-and-records>

DNA Matches: Getting Answers from Unresponsive Cousins with Kate Penney Howard, Legacy Family Tree Webinar, Wed. April 1, 10:45 am MDT, register for free but need a membership if there is a handout. Near the top of your match list, you’ve got this mystery match that just might be the key to your research. The only problem is: they don’t have a visible tree and they didn’t respond to the message you sent two years ago. But that doesn’t mean that you should give up! This class will give users of every skill level more tools to crack that difficult case. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/dna-matches-getting-answers-from-unresponsive-cousins/>

PANEL: DNA Surprises and Family Identity: A Guide to Preparation, Processing, and Family Storytelling with Laura Hedgecock and Jenny Hawran, Legacy Family Tree Webinar, Wed. April 1, 12 pm MDT, register for free but need a membership if there is a handout. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/panel-dna-surprises-and-family-identity-a-guide-to-preparation-processing-and-family-storytelling>

How to Use Newspapers.com Hints, April 1, 11 am MDT, with Crista Cowan, Ancestry Academy, https://events.zoom.us/j/AlthLR3ZpWff4b252p17NaFCm7xHTvdaJidzsmHHUFM9XM-4xdp~ApjG7whkgf2f3MSQZ-9kChK_IUF2-9V2TpZChvwyqiYd7IIA11-17GBOPQ or at <https://www.ancestry.com/c/discover/education>

Cluster and Collateral Research with Lisa A. Alzo, April 6 – May 3, Family Tree University, 45 lessons. Looking for new ways to search for your ancestors and add to your family tree? Collateral research focuses on indirect and distant relatives and cluster research looks at those who don't share blood but may have lived nearby. <https://university.familytreemagazine.com/courses/cluster-and-collateral-research-april-2026>

Did Grandpa Live on a Freeway? Digitally Merging Old and New Maps, April 7, 2:30-3:30 pm ET, with Lisa Minogue and The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library. Do you wish you could find where your ancestor lived on a current map? Freeways, large buildings and city replanning can make it hard - Over time, neighborhoods change or disappear, roads get renamed or rerouted. Using case studies, we'll look at techniques to locate those old addresses on current maps - even when the old addresses no longer exist. <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/15983224>

Using Timelines to Focus Your Research, with Susan Ball, Wed., April 8, 10 – 11:30 am CDT, Tennessee Genealogical Society. Virtual via GoToWebinar. The most important tool you can use to research your ancestor is a timeline. Learn how to construct a timeline for your ancestor and use it to uncover previously overlooked avenues for research. To register: <https://tngs.org/event-6574818>

Family Tree Building 101 with Crista Cowan, Ancestry Academy, April 8, 11 am MDT, https://events.zoom.us/j/AmFrNIAUWYuHC4e3DFkgaezhbxlwpF0kH_mb0KndJZve_8LEQv4N~Alalfh60s3yzIEJ-UWwRzqwymLKkPMctd2RqOMf7d8vxL9Qwzd9DOI3Scdw or at <https://www.ancestry.com/c/discover/education>

Find Your Ancestors: Crossing the Pond - Successful Strategies for Researching Eastern European Ancestors with Lisa Alzo, April 11, 2-3:30 pm Central time, Appleton Public Library. A vast number of immigrants came to America from Eastern Europe in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Border changes, language differences, political considerations, and exotic-sounding surnames often complicate the search for Austrian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Rusyn, Slovak, Ukrainian, and other Eastern European ancestors. Traditional methods and online resources for tracking ancestors both in the U.S. and the old country will be discussed, as well as techniques for overcoming some of the most common obstacles and problems faced during the research process. <https://appleton-wi.whofi.com/calendar/event/1278384>

Unlock Hidden Family Records with FamilySearch's Cutting Edge Artificial Intelligence Technology with Todd Knowles, Sunday, April 12, 1 pm Pacific, Global Jewish Genealogy Society. Non-members pay \$5.00, Zoom link will be sent the week of the event. This NEW AI-Powered Full-Text Search is a genealogy game changer. Todd Knowles will dive into FamilySearch's powerful new AI Full-Text Search feature- and show you exactly how to use it to uncover records you never knew existed. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned family historian, this tool can help you break through brick walls by searching the entire contents of historical documents — not just the indexed parts but unindexed documents too. <https://globaljgs.org/upcoming-events/> and https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=7KCTCSMBDHKUA

5 Ways to Use AI to Find Family in Final Records at MyHeritage with Cathy Wallace, Legacy Family Tree Webinar, Tue. April 14, 12 pm MDT, register for free but need a membership if there is a handout. Discover 5 exciting ways to use AI assistants to get more out of the records you find in MyHeritage's "Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries" collection. 1) Understanding & Interpreting Records 2) Gravestone & Cemetery Insights 3) Obituaries as Family Stories 4) Cross-Referencing & Next Steps 5) Creative Ideas for Sharing Your Discoveries. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/5-ways-to-use-ai-to-find-family-in-final-records-at-myheritage>

Uncovering Your Ancestors through Newspapers: Starting - with Family Research and Making the Most of Your Discoveries with Chris K. Morton at the Anderson Archival, April 14, 2:30-3:30 pm ET. The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library. Have you ever wondered how to turn boxes of photos, letters, and family documents into a

before offering help to others trying to navigate the aftermath of discovering new genetic family, plus ways to support yourself, others, and the families involved through this unique journey. <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/15984459>

Beyond Vital Records: New Frontiers in Polish Genealogy with Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz, May 3, 1 pm Pacific, Global Jewish Genealogy Society, register and non-members pay \$5.00 US, Zoom link will be sent the week of the event. This session begins with a concise overview of Poland's shifting borders and how these geopolitical changes influenced the languages of historical record-keeping. After demonstrating how to use gazetteers to pin down precise administrative jurisdictions, Julie will dive into the digital landscape. She will highlight essential websites for accessing indexed records and digital images. Beyond vital records, attendees will discover where to find census data, court and notary files, historical maps, photographs, and more. The lecture concludes with practical resources for translation and an exploration of how AI-powered tools are revolutionizing the way we find and organize historical data. https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=KXMQHT3YQTKL4

Using AI to Research Documents & Letters presented by Mark Thompson. May 4, non-members have to pay a \$10 fee. Kelowna & District Genealogical Society. Do you have old family letters and documents waiting to be explored? In this beginner-friendly session, learn how artificial intelligence can assist you in analyzing and researching your family's personal archives. From summarizing key points to quickly identifying names and relationships, AI tools like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude can help you speed up your research. You'll also learn how to responsibly use some of the amazing, but riskier, aspects of AI like transcription and translation. Join Mark Thompson to learn how AI can lighten the load and help you reveal the rich history hidden in your family archive! <https://kdgs.ca/updates/events/> and <https://kdgs.ca/>

Google Earth for Genealogists with Lisa Louise Cooke, May 4 - 31, Family Tree University. Travel in your ancestors' footsteps with Google Earth. This tool for genealogists will help you pinpoint the starting location of your immigrant ancestors and experience faraway locations to bring depth and a new perspective to your family history. <https://university.familytreemagazine.com/courses/google-earth-for-genealogists-may-2026>

Have Questions? Get Answers, next zoom sessions are on May 5, Sept. 8 and Nov. 3. (6 pm Edmonton), Michelle Chubenko, she has transitioned to quarterly FREE Zoom sessions, are not recorded but can download the session chat. There will be more details in her monthly e-newsletters. You can sign-up for May at <https://genealogy.chubenko.us/>

Genealogy Jumpstart: Military Records - Pre-WWI, May 5, 2-3:30 pm local time, with Katie Stilp, Appleton Public Library, Zoom attendees must register in advance. <https://appleton-wi.whofi.com/calendar/event/1299438>

Breaking New Ground: How (US) Land Records Can Help in Family History Research, May 7, 3-4 pm ET, with Melanie McComb, American Ancestors. In this lecture, learn how you can locate, read, and apply the information contained in land records to your own family history. <https://www.americanancestors.org/events/breaking-new-ground-how-land-records-can-help-family-history-research>

Work, Craft, and Calling: Understanding Ancestral Occupations, Fri., May 15 to Sat. May 16, various speakers, online live event. New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. Bringing our ancestors to life means going beyond their names and dates for births, marriages, and deaths. What were their lives really like? Occupations are often included in census records, but how can we flesh out details about our ancestors' work lives? Please join the NYG&B for an online two-day seminar on ancestral occupations. Experts will lead sessions about professions ranging from apprenticeships to blacksmithing to the performing arts. Dive into eight different professional paths, and learn about available resources and how to locate and interpret key records. <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/events/work-craft-and-calling-understanding-ancestral-occupations>

Landscape of Dreams: Jewish Genealogy in Canada, Sunday, May 17, 2 – 4 pm (double check time zone), with Kaye Prince-Hollenberg. JGS of New York. Contact: program@jgsny.org for Zoom link. The landscape of Canada is extensive, and so are our genealogy resources! This session will look at accessing some of the most common Canadian genealogy documents available online including census, immigration, military, and vital records. We'll also explore the abundant

number of Canadian Jewish specific resources including archives and heritage organizations, newspapers, and digitized books.

<https://jgsny.org/programs-civilrepeat.detail/2026/05/17/158/-/landscape-of-dreams-jewish-genealogy-in-canada>

Common-Sense Principles for Establishing Genetic Relationships with Patti Lee Hobbs, Legacy Family Tree Webinar, Tue. May 19, 12 pm MDT, register for free but need a membership if there is a handout. DNA evidence is a powerful tool in genealogical research. While genealogy standards provide important guidance, they are not rigid formulas. This presentation explores the foundational common-sense reasoning that supports sound conclusions about genetic relationships. Learn how to think critically and contextually about DNA evidence in order to meet genealogical standards with confidence.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/common-sense-principles-for-establishing-genetic-relationships>

Genealogy Jumpstart: Military Records - WWI and Beyond, May 19, 2-3:30 pm local time, with Katie Stilp, Appleton Public Library, Zoom attendees must register in advance. <https://appleton-wi.whofi.com/calendar/event/1299439>

Finding your Family with Routes to Roots: Utilizing RTR Foundation Resources in your Research with Ellie Vance, June 14, 1 pm Pacific, Global Jewish Genealogy Society, register and non-Members pay \$5, US, Zoom link will be sent the week of the event. From maps to archival inventories, and to databases galore, the Routes to Roots Foundation website is a treasure trove of resources to help you find your Jewish ancestors! Come learn about how to use this important tool in your genealogical research. Jewish genealogists seeking family documents from Eastern Europe are now able to search this single online source for listings of their ancestral towns. The database includes the combined archival holdings in Belarus, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland and Ukraine (as well as selected archive holdings from archives in Russia, Latvia, Romania, Israel and Washington, DC). Also... https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=B6ZE9R7ZJ4BKG

Top 10 Canadian Collections at MyHeritage, with Kaye Prince-Hollenberg, Tue. June 23, 12 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinars, register for free but need a membership if there is a handout.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/top-10-canadian-collections-at-myheritage>

Genealogy Jumpstart: Planning a Research Trip, June 23, 2-3:30 pm local time, with Katie Stilp, Appleton Public Library, Zoom attendees must register in advance. <https://appleton-wi.whofi.com/calendar/event/1299442>

2026 FEEFTHS Conference, Foundation for East European Family History Studies has an in-person conference in Salt Lake City, Utah from August 4-7, <https://feefhs.org/>

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, \$25US, (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

April Live Webinars, DNA Month, Family Search.org

DNA Day	
Apr 2, 11:00 AM MDT	DNA and Family History: The Basics
Apr 9, 11:00 AM MDT	I've taken a DNA test, now what do I do?
Apr 16, 11:00 AM MDT	Identifying Ancestors through DNA (using DNA Matches)
Apr 23, 11:00 AM MDT	Online DNA Tools to Solve Family History Mysteries

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/events/dna-day>

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, etc.:

Easter Traditions: Connections with Family and God by Sarah Cobabe, FamilySearch Blog,

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/easter-traditions-family-god>

Surprise MyHeritage DNA match arrives from Ukrainian cousin who escaped the war by Vera Miller. My phone dinged from the MyHeritage app that a message arrived from another user before 4 a.m. on a Saturday. I drowsily looked at the message written in Russian about the woman's grandmother having the same last name as my grandfather...

<https://lostrussianfamily.wordpress.com/2026/03/28/surprise-myheritage-dna-match-arrives-from-ukrainian-cousin-who-escaped-the-war/>

Finding Female Ancestors: Common Brick Walls and How to Solve Them by Gena Philibert-Ortega, Family Tree Magazine. Maiden names, missing records, and “disappearing” ancestors—just some of the problems genealogists face. Learn how to scale those brick walls. <https://familytreemagazine.com/female-ancestors/brick-walls-women-genealogy/>

14 Unusual Records for Finding Female Ancestors, by Courtney Henderson, Family Tree Magazine. If discovering the women in your family tree is one of your genealogy goals, you’ll love these underused resources for finding female ancestors. <https://familytreemagazine.com/female-ancestors/unusual-records-female-ancestors/>

Genealogy Software Like a Pro: Expert Tips for Entering Data by Rick Crume, Family Tree Magazine. Get more from your software with these tips for loading names, dates and places into the most-popular programs: RootsMagic, Family Tree Maker and more. <https://familytreemagazine.com/resources/software/entering-data-tips/>

The FamilySearch Family Tree: How to Add and Edit Profiles by Sunny Jane Morton, Family Tree Magazine. Harvest the fruits of the web’s largest family tree—and preserve your own research for future generations—in these simple steps. <https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/familysearch/add-edit-familysearch-family-tree/>

Online Tree or Genealogy Software: Where to Keep Your Data by Rick Crume, Family Tree Magazine. Deciding where you want to store your family tree, whether online or via software, can be a tough choice. Here, we’ll provide you with the tools to determine which online tree or family history software is best for you! <https://familytreemagazine.com/resources/software/online-tree-vs-genealogy-software>

What to Do When You Find a Damaged Family Photo by Maureen A. Taylor, Family Tree Magazine. Time can take a toll on old photographs. From humidity to water damage, here are our tips on how to fix your damaged family photos. <https://familytreemagazine.com/preservation/what-to-do-when-you-find-a-damaged-family-photo/>

5 Steps for Starting Your Polish Research by Lisa A. Alzo, Family Tree Magazine. Leap over the hurdles of tracing your Polish roots—our five-step guide will get you started. <https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/polish/pole-vault/>

5 Genealogy Activities for March: Spring into Family History by Andrew Koch, Family Tree Magazine. Connect with your cultural heritage and spring-clean your genealogy research with these tasks. <https://familytreemagazine.com/projects/march-genealogy-activities/>

How to Use AncestryDNA Shared Matches by Shannon Combs-Bennett, Family Tree Magazine. Learn how to make the most of AncestryDNA matches with these tips. Plus, a bonus video demonstrating the website. <https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/ancestry-help/ancestry-dna-shared-matches-tutorial/>

DNA Q&A: What Exactly Is a Segment? By Diahn Southard, Family Tree Magazine. What is a segment, anyway? And what do they tell you about your relationships to your DNA matches? Our expert has the answers. <https://familytreemagazine.com/dna/dna-qa-what-exactly-is-a-segment/>

DNA Q&A: How to Understand Missing or Unexpected Matches by Diahn Southard, Family Tree Magazine. Wondering why you don’t share more DNA matches with your mother, or why you’re not seeing a surname you expect? We’ll explain a few of the possible reasons. <https://familytreemagazine.com/dna/unexpected-dna-matches/>

After Losing Two Daughters, I Gained a Sister Thanks to MyHeritage DNA by Cathy Leschard, MyHeritage Blog <https://blog.myheritage.com/2026/03/after-losing-two-daughters-i-gained-a-sister-thanks-to-myheritage-dna/>

7 Myths About DNA Testing: What’s True, What’s Not, and Why It Matters by Daniella, MyHeritage Blog. DNA testing has become a popular way to explore family history, connect with relatives, and learn more about personal heritage. Yet despite its growing popularity, many people hesitate to take a DNA test because of assumptions that simply aren’t true. <https://blog.myheritage.com/2026/03/7-myths-about-dna-testing-whats-true-whats-not-and-why-it-matters/>

The Right Way to Use AI in Genealogy Research by Will at Ancestral Findings blog, posted on March 30. Artificial intelligence is showing up almost everywhere now, and genealogy is no exception. It is being used for transcriptions, translations, document summaries, handwriting recognition, search tools, and even writing projects. That can be exciting, especially for those of us who have spent long hours trying to read a faded church record, sort through a stack of inherited family papers, or make sense of a file that looked promising but felt overwhelming.

<https://ancestralfindings.com/right-way-to-use-ai-in-genealogy/>

What MyHeritage Scribe AI Can Do for Your Genealogy Research by Will at Ancestral Findings blog, posted on March 30. Artificial intelligence is becoming an increasingly important part of genealogy, and one of the newest examples is MyHeritage's Scribe AI. This tool is designed to help researchers work through old family history items that can be difficult to read, understand, or use effectively. For anyone who has stared at a faded letter, a handwritten church record, a worn gravestone, or an old family photo with little identification, that gets your attention quickly.

<https://ancestralfindings.com/myheritage-scribe-ai-genealogy/>

Congratulations, Your Genealogy Skills Are Growing by Will at Ancestral Findings blog, posted on March 30. Most family historians spend a lot of time thinking about what they still have left to find. There is always another record to track down, another county to search, another family story to check, and another ancestor who refuses to come into focus. That is part of what keeps genealogy interesting. There is always one more question waiting. But in the middle of all that searching, many people miss something important. They miss how much they have learned.

<https://ancestralfindings.com/genealogy-skills-are-growing/>

Is Genealogy Worth It If Everyone Forgets You? by Will at Ancestral Findings blog, posted on March 30. Someone asked me a hard question once, and I think a lot of people have asked it in their own minds, even if they never say it out loud.

<https://ancestralfindings.com/is-genealogy-worth-it/>

World Backup Day: Why Genealogists Can't Afford to Skip This Annual Wake-Up Call by Thomas MacEntee, posted on March 31, Genealogy Bargains Blog, <https://genealogybargains.com/world-backup-day/>

5 Best AI Genealogy Research Prompts for Beginners: Finally, AI Genealogy Research That Doesn't Feel Overwhelming by Thomas MacEntee, posted on March 31, Genealogy Bargains Blog,

<https://genealogybargains.com/5-best-ai-genealogy-research-prompts/>

Transcribing and Analyzing Records Using MyHeritage's Scribe AI by Katharine Andrew, Family Tree Magazine. Have you ever stared at a faded document trying to decipher nearly illegible handwriting or posted an image to a genealogy forum and asked "Can anyone read this?" You're not alone. Interpreting historical documents, letters and photographs can be one of the most frustrating (and rewarding) parts of genealogy research.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/myheritage/transcribing-and-analyzing-records-using-myheritages-scribe-ai/>

On a side note:

March 20 was the **start of spring** but is often sluggish and variable. This period is sometimes referred as to "fool's spring", followed by stages like second winter, a spring of deception and mud season before true spring conditions settle in. Source: The Weather Network.

April in Alberta is a time of transition, offering a mix of outdoor activities, cultural events, and seasonal changes.

April Fools' Day on April 1 is a day where many of us unleash our most creative sides, all in a hilarious – sometimes over the top – attempt at bamboozling those around us. The origins of April Fools' Day are unclear, but it is believed to have originated in ancient Rome as a festival called *Hilaria*. April Fools Day is celebrated in Ukraine.

April 01 is also the **Pink Full Moon** which in Libra, bringing a gentle wave of renewal, balance, and emotional clarity as a new chapter begins. This harmonious energy invites you to release what disrupts your peace, realign with what feels true, reconnect with your inner calm, and move forward with intention and grace. So go outside, look up and find it.

April 1st -7th is the **Golden Rule Week** – to ponder, retell, and act on the saying that has been around thousands of years ago. The golden rule generally states that people should do unto others as they want others to do unto them.

Sunday, April 12, 2026, is/was the **Orthodox Easter Day** but the President of Ukraine has asked Ukrainians to use the New (revised) Julian calendar, to differ from the Russians. In the past Ukrainians used the Gregorian calendar for Christmas and Easter. Easter Sunday in the Julian calendar for 2026 will be celebrated on Sunday, April 5th.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/ukraine/easter-sunday>

Ukraine's largest Orthodox Church to adopt new calendar in widening gap with Russia

<https://euromaidanpress.com/2023/05/24/ukraines-largest-orthodox-church-to-adopt-new-calendar-in-widening-gap-with-russia/>

How Ukraine Celebrates Easter: Traditions and Customs, party.alibaba.com, posted on March 3, by Tomas Novak

<https://party.alibaba.com/easter/how-do-ukraine-celebrate-easter>

How Ukrainians prepare for Easter

Easter is one of the most anticipated holidays for Orthodox (and Catholic) Ukrainians. Preparation begins weeks in advance and includes spiritual traditions, family customs, and festive rituals. Before Easter comes Great Lent, a time for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. Then follows Holy Week — the most meaningful days leading to the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. During this period, Ukrainian families prepare traditional Easter foods and symbols:

- ✨ baking festive paska bread
- ✨ decorating beautiful pysanky and krashanky eggs
- ✨ preparing an Easter basket with traditional foods and an embroidered rushnyk

For more information: <https://ukrainian-recipes.com/how-to-prepare-for-ukrainian-easter.html>

Posted on March 6, 2026, at the Ukrainian recipes page on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/uarecipes>



Key genealogy books ...

- Finding Your Canadian Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide, Sherry Irvine and Dave Obee, 2007, <https://www.amazon.ca/Finding-Your-Canadian-Ancestors-Beginners/dp/1593313160>
- In Search of Your Canadian Roots: Tracing Your Family Tree in Canada, Angus Baxter, 1999, <https://archive.org/details/insearchofyourca0000unse>

- Sources for Researching Ukrainian Family History, John-Paul Himka and Frances A. Swyripa, 1984, https://archive.org/details/sourcesforresear06himk_0
- Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories, Miriam Weiner, 1999, <https://archive.org/details/jewishrootsinukr0000wein>
- Finding Your Ukrainian Ancestors, 4th Edition, Muryl Andrejciw Geary, 2003, <https://familyrootspublishing.net/products/finding-your-ukrainian-ancestors-4th-edition>
- Ukrainian Genealogy: A Beginner's Guide, John D. Pihach, 2007, <https://ualbertapress.ca/9781894865050/ukrainian-genealogy/> or <https://archive.org/details/ukrainiangenealo00piha>
- Ukrainian Genealogy Research: Genealogy at a Glance, Vera Ivanova Miller, 2021, <https://familyrootspublishing.net/products/genealogy-at-a-glance-ukrainian-genealogy-research>
- Workbook for Research in Galicia, Austria-Hungary, Michelle Tucker Chubenko, 2025, <https://genealogy.chubenko.us/workbook-archives-galicia>
- Archives and Manuscripts Repositories in the USSR: Ukraine and Moldavia, Book 1, General Bibliography and Institutional Directory, Patricia Kennedy Grimsted, 1988
- The Jews of Galicia: A Genealogy Handbook, Suzan Wynne, 2024 https://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/ybip/YBIP_Galicia.html
- Istorija Mist i Sil Ukrainskoi RSR (History of Towns and Villages in the Ukrainian SSR), 26 volumes, 1967-1974 (historical articles) <http://ukrskr.com.ua/>
- Genealogical Gazetteer of Galicia, Brian J. Lenius, 3rd ed., 1999 <http://lenius.ca/Gazetteer/Gazetteer.htm>
- Ukraine Gazetteers, Family Search https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ukraine_Gazetteers

Land Cadastral Surveys for Galicia:

Cadastral maps are detailed land maps that document the boundaries between land ownership. They were created for purposes of taxation. They list the house number.

- Josephine Cadaster (Kataster Józefiński), was conducted between 1785 and 1789, <https://www.geshergalicia.org/the-josephine-land-survey/>.
- Franciscan Cadastre (Kataster Franciszkański) – 1817 - 1861, <https://www.geshergalicia.org/the-franciscan-land-survey/>
- Stabile Cadastre (Kataster Stabile) - 1820s – 1850s with updates into early 20th century. In Galicia, maps were produced from the 1820s until World War I.

Using Cadastral Maps of Galicia

<https://fromshepherdsandshoemakers.com/2018/09/26/using-cadastral-maps-of-galicia/>

Land Cadastral Surveys for Bukovina:

Bukovina (a Habsburg crownland from 1775-1918) underwent several systematic land surveys for taxation, administration and military planning.

- Stable Cadastre (Stabile Kataster) initiated 1817-1820s onward. Produced large-scale maps (often 1:2880) with many details.
- Second Military Survey (Franzische Landesaufnahme) 1861-1864. A military mapping project covering the entire Habsburg Empire, including Galicia and Bukovina. Digitized versions exist. <https://maps.arcanum.com/en/map/secondsurvey-galicia/>
- Supplementary Cadastral Instructions & Map Standards, mid-19th century. <https://maps.geshergalicia.org/ref/>

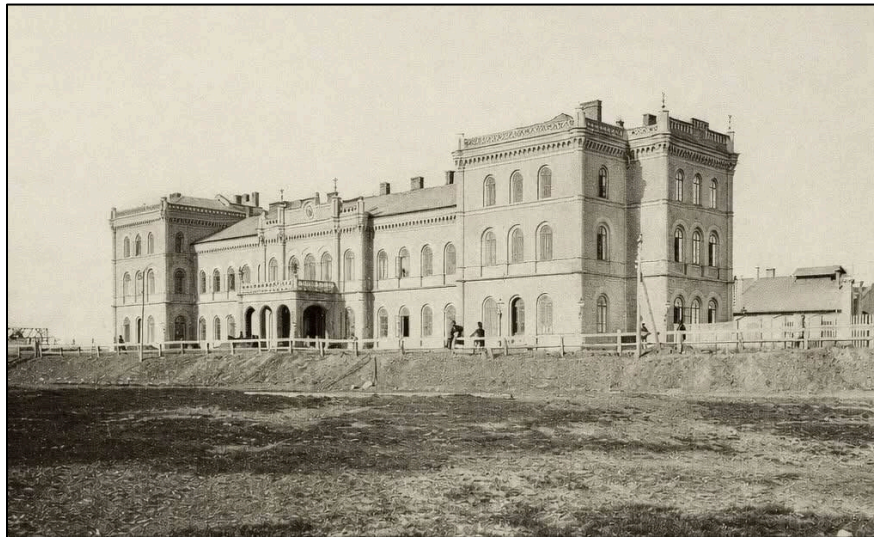
Language Resources:

- German Word List: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/German_Word_List
- Hungarian Word List: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Hungary_Genealogical_Word_List
- Latin Word List: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Latin_Genealogical_Word_List
- Polish Word List: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Polish_Word_List
- Russian Word List: <http://files.lib.byu.edu/family-history-library/research-outlines/Europe/Russia.pdf>

- Old Church Slavonic Online - Slavonic: Base Form Dictionary
- https://lrc.la.utexas.edu/eieol_base_form_dictionary/ocsol/13
- Reading Russian Documents: The Russian Alphabet
- <https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/reading-russian-documents-the-russian-alphabet>
- In Their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin and Russian Documents. Jonathan D. Shea and William F. Hoffman Connecticut: Language and Lineage Press. (various books on each language)

Online language translation sites (I suggest using a couple different apps to get the best results):

- Google- <http://translate.google.com>
- Yandex- <https://translate.yandex.com>
- Prompt- <http://www.online-translator.com>
- DeepL- <https://www.deepl.com/Translator>



Train station in Stanislaviv, (late 19th century, 1866), @Sergiy Nadvernyuk, posted on the Facebook group on March 9, 2026. Note that Stanislaviv is now called Ivano-Frankivsk.

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

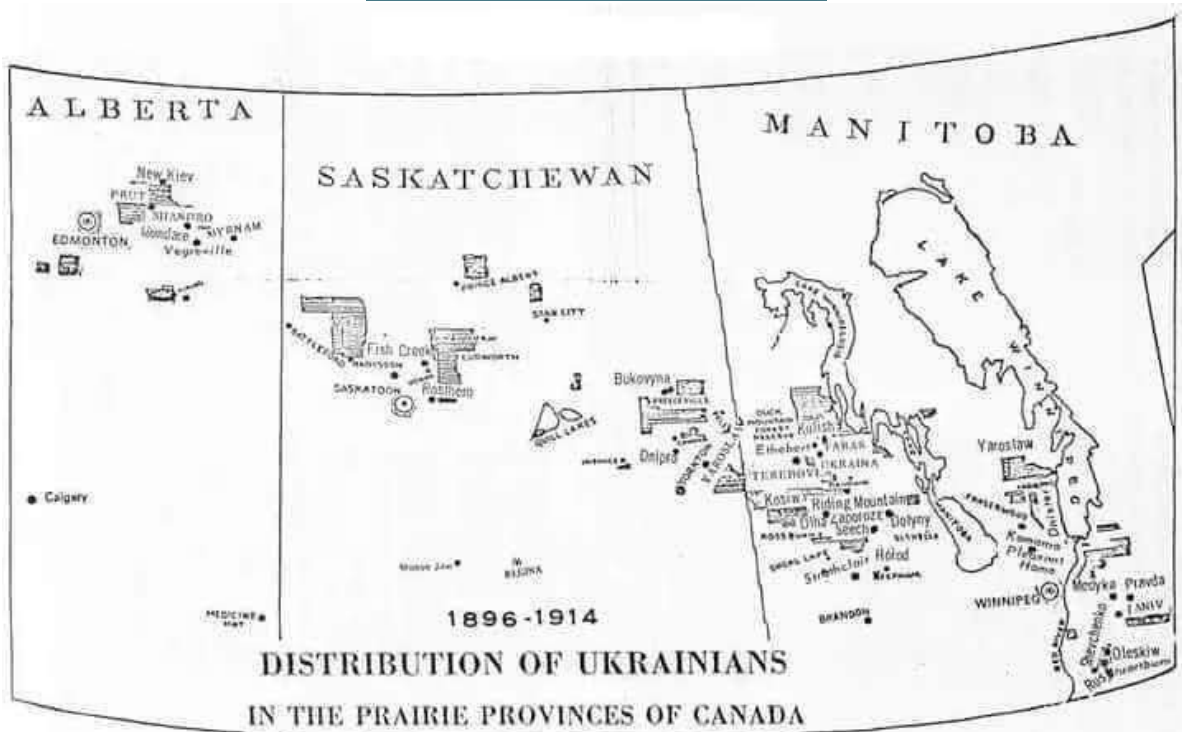


On the occasion of the Theater Day - a rare historical photo: Ukrainian theater troupe from Edmonton on tour in British Columbia, 1914. Photo from the book of Orest Subtna, "Ukrainians in North America: An Illustrated History", University of Toronto Press. Posted on Facebook by Diaspora.ua on March 26, 2026.



A 1913 map of Indigenous treaties across the prairies between 1850-1912, posted on March 9, 2026 at the Old Canda Series Facebook group.

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



Українські поселення в піонерській добі

Sorry but I forgot to list the source of this map. (if you know it, please email me, Elaine)