**Just What is “Genealogy”?**

Genealogy (from Greek: γενεά genea, “generation”; and λόγος logos, “knowledge”), is the study of families and the tracing of their lineages and history. In many ways, it is a form of detective work! Genealogists use oral interviews, historical records, genetic analysis, and other records to obtain information about a family and to demonstrate kinship and pedigrees of its members. The results are often displayed in charts or written as narratives.

“Genealogy” can be defined as:

- One’s line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor: combing through the birth records and genealogies.
- The study and tracing of lines of descent or development.
- The study of family history, including the study of who were the ancestors of a particular person. Or;
- A particular person’s line of ancestors; a diagram that illustrates the lineage.

**...and what about “Family History”?**

“Family History” is more than ‘genealogy’. Family Historians want to know about the places their ancestors lived in; their occupations and interests; what they ate and wore; why and how they travelled, and many more aspects of their lives. The records (which throw light on these things, when you know where to find them and how to use them) are rich in information about all these aspects of your ancestors’ lives. With this material, the past - your past - our country’s past - will begin to come to life!

**Don’t know where to start your research?**

Here are some key sources of information:

- Vital records
  - Birth & Death records
  - Marriage and divorce records
- Adoption records
- Biographies and biographical profiles
- Census records
- Religious records
  - Baptism or christening
  - Baby naming certificates
  - Confirmation
  - Bar or bat mitzvah
  - Marriage; Funeral, or death
  - Membership
- City directories and telephone directories
- Coroner’s reports
- Court records
  - Criminal records
  - Civil records
- Diaries, personal letters and family Bibles
- Emigration, immigration and naturalization records
- Hereditary & lineage organization records
- Land and property records, deeds
- Medical records
- Military and conscription records
- Newspaper articles; Obituaries
- Occupational records
- Oral histories
- Passports
- Photographs
- Poorhouse, workhouse, almshouse, and asylum records
- School and alumni association records
- Ship passenger lists
- Social Security and pension records
- Tax records
- Tombstones, cemetery records, and funeral home records
- Voter registration records
- Wills and probate records
- “DNA” analysis services [Only use if you thoroughly understand the risks associated with having your highly personal information in others hands without any iron-clad privacy assurances!]

**The Ukrainian Genealogy Group!**
Why join the Ukrainian Genealogy Group - National Capital Region?

Membership in the UGG-NCR is open to all who are interested in genealogy and family history. The UGG-NCR caters to all professional and hobbyist genealogists who are particularly focused on Ukrainian research, including related areas of Eastern Europe and elsewhere.

Once you start collecting material from your family and searching for more information to fill the gaps, you’ll quickly realize that there are many other people from all walks of life and of all ages who have the same or similar interests to your own. One of the reasons why Ukrainian Genealogical Group exists is to help such people get together in order to share their experiences and help each other with their problems.

Documenting your findings is strongly supported by the UGG-NCR!

Benefits of Joining the UGG-NCR!

- Free use of the Group's Library / Resource Centre
- Library borrowing privileges with liberal return dates and no fees
- Monthly newsletter which provides a synopsis of the previous meeting’s topics as well as general information on upcoming local events.
- A comprehensive Annual Report
- The UGG-NCR is a ‘self-help’ organisation; however, guidance with personal research is available through one of the Group's organisational core members
- Eight meetings annually, each with guest speakers who are subject matter experts in varying aspects of Ukrainian genealogy and/or family history research
- Sharing knowledge and experiences!

How do I join the UGG-NCR?

Quite simply come to our next meeting and provide your name and email address! Our calendar year starts in September of each year and with the exception of December, meetings are held monthly. The year ends with the final meeting held in May.

Is there a cost to join?

Each September, members are asked to make a nominal contribution of $20 (whether it be for a single member or a family) to help cover the costs of running the Group for the year. This is a voluntary contribution and no one is turned away if they choose not to pay. There are no per-meeting fees.

Conditions of membership

The Ukrainian Genealogy Group - National Capital Region conducts all its business with its members by means of email. As such, a condition of your membership in the Group is that you agree to having your name and email address being held on a computer database.

This is essential for administrative purposes and will be used solely by the UGG-NCR for these purposes. Member information is NOT made available to any other person or group for any reason.

History of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group - National Capital Region

The UGG-NCR was founded in September, 2000. Its aims include promoting the study of genealogy and history, and encouraging the preservation and transcription of relevant documents and records.

We are very grateful to Fr. Cyril Mykytiuk for the use of St John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine's Church Hall for our meetings.

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