Finding Your Czech/Slovak Roots

Saturday, March 31, 2012

9:00am—3:00pm

Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106
Ph: (216) 721-5722 http://www.wrhs.org

Door Prizes!

Including two free, 1-year memberships to the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International. Other CGSI membership offers will also be available.

Schedule:

8:30—9:00 – Registration (coffee/refreshments)

9:00 – 10:00 - A brief history of the Czech and Slovak communities in the Cleveland area , providing historical context for research.

10:00– 10:15– break

10:15 – 11:15 - Research methods in Cleveland resources utilized by Mr. Sabol to find his roots, which are both Czech and Slovak.

11:15 – 1:00 – lunch (Not provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch, and afterwards explore the WRHS Research Center's resources)

1:00 – 3:00 – Roundtable discussion groups.

Cost: $25

Join the WRHS Genealogical Committee in welcoming:

Mr. John T. Sabol

Mr. Sabol is a Cleveland native, writer, and historian who has written three books plus several church histories and genealogical articles. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International.

Morning Presentations

The morning session will consist of two presentations stressing the ultimate goal of finding the locations in the Czech and Slovak Republics where your ancestors came from. Since research in these countries is village-based it is of central importance to know your ancestral village. Once this is known, it opens doors to a number of research possibilities, including making contact with possible relatives today.

Afternoon Roundtable Discussion Groups

The afternoon session consists of roundtable discussions about finding your ancestral village. Participants will be able to share their successes and failures in hopes of learning from each other. Roundtable participants are urged to bring documentation or clues regarding their ancestral origins in the Czech and Slovak Republics. Each discussion group will be moderated by a volunteer from the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI).

Questions? Please contact Chris Staats: chris@staatsofohio.com, c:216-337-4083

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To register, please print this page, complete the registration form and return it with payment ($25.00)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: Day ( ) _____ Evening ( ) _____

Email Address: _____

In order to facilitate roundtable planning, please answer the following:

☐ Czech ancestry

☐ Slovak ancestry

☐ Both

Name of village(s) (if known):

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Make Check Payable to: WRHS Gen. Comm. Mail this form and your check to:

WRHS Genealogical Committee, Czech/Slovak Seminar, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH, 44106

General Information

Genealogical Committee an auxiliary of
WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, 216.721.5722 www.wrhs.org

Space Availability

Space is limited. Reservations are required.

Walk-In Registration

Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. Potential walk-ins are encouraged to call Chris Staats to confirm availability.

Registration

Currently, registration is by mail or walk-in only.

Refunds

No refunds will be issued. Handouts will be mailed to anyone who has paid for the seminar and is unable to attend.

Lunch

Lunch is NOT provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch and afterwards explore the resources of the WRHS Research Center. Ample time is scheduled for those that prefer to go out for lunch.

Seminar Location

Western Reserve Historical Society
History Center in University Circle
Norton Gallery
10825 East Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Note: due to construction, please follow the yellow signs in the parking lot to enter the History Center through the Museum Store.

Parking

Parking available in the WRHS Lot—$5 flat fee. Additional on-street parking available (metered).

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Research Center Hours:
Sunday - Wednesday: Closed
Thursday - Saturday: Open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
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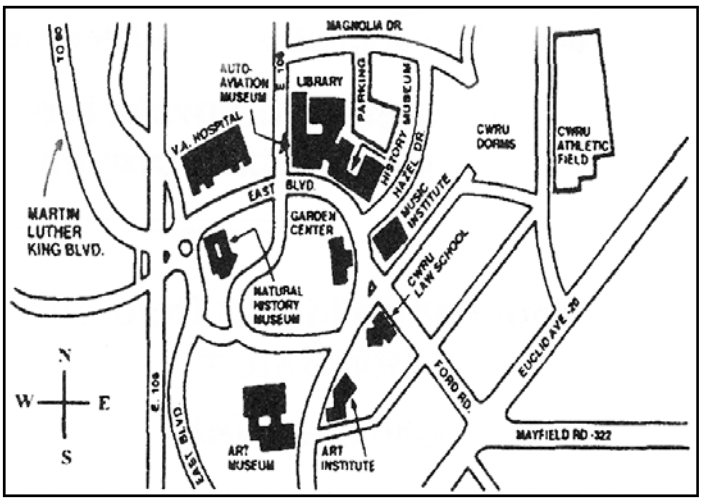
Directions



FROM THE WEST SIDE OF CLEVELAND

Take the Shoreway (I-90) east to Martin Luther King Boulevard exit. Go south on Martin Luther King Blvd.for about 3 miles until the traffic circle. Go half-way around the traffic circle and proceed straight up the hill onto East Boulevard. The first street after the Veterans Hospital is East 108th Street. Turn left on E. 108th and go one block to Magnolia Drive, turn right and look for the Society parking lot entrance on your right (just after the Library).

FROM EUCLID , OR FAR EASTERN SUBURBS

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