



“Our Heritage Program”



The Forgotten Exiles

Polish Museum and Archives in Australia in partnership with Kresy Siberia Foundation invite you to participate in a workshop on historical and family research.



On Saturday 2 February 2013 from 10 am to 4 pm

At Dom Polski “Millenium”, 296 Nicholson Street, Footscray

Cost—\$ 15 (light lunch included)

Registrations necessary—lucynaartymiuk@bigpond.com or (03) 9706-7720

TOPICS COVERED:

SOVIET DEPORTATIONS TO WORK OR DIE (1940 - 1941)

- Deportation
- History of Russian instrument of repression against Polish Citizen, the annihilation of the enemies of the system, cattle cars, frost, hunger and the course of the four major waves of deportation
- Survivor testimonies

SURVIVING WARTIME USSR (1941-1945)

- the struggle for survival, maintenance of national identity and return to the homeland
- Places of exile of the Polish population in the Soviet Union , living conditions, work
- Soviet gulags and POW-camps in the USSR
- Relationships with the local population
- Polish graves in the East

AMNESTY” FOR THE INNOCENT (1941)

- “Amnesty” for Polish citizens
- the different fate of deported Poles

GATHERING THE ARMY AND EVACUATING TO PERSIA (1941 - 1942)

- The release of the deportees and the beginning of the creation of the Polish Army in the East
- Assembly points, food shortages and health problems of former deportees and evacuation to Iran

CIVILIANS EXILED IN THE MIDDLE EAST, INDIA AND AFRICA (1942-50)

- Survivor’s path to Refugee camps
- Life in exile
- The fate of survivors

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

FAMILY TESTIMONIES – WHAT QUESTIONS TO ASK?

AM I ON THE RIGHT RESEARCH PATH?

WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION? WHO CAN HELP ME?