

Inhabitants of the Village of Strubowiska Who Were Evicted to Ternopil

After years of searching and wondering who remained in the village of Strubowiska to be evicted after World War II, I discovered the remarkable publication of Dr. Yaroslava Galyk who has documented the evictions of Lemkos. Below is a brief description of her work published in an article by Michael Buryk and Justin Houser¹.

As the Soviet regime took over southeastern Poland and western Ukraine in 1944, it implemented a plan to ethnically homogenize these regions and to eradicate widespread Ukrainian patriotic sentiment. They drew a border based on the World War I-era Curzon Line, dividing the new Polish People's Republic from the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. All Ukrainians and Poles living on the "wrong" side of the line were slated for deportation to the other side. Despite glowing propaganda about life in the Soviet Union, initially few Ukrainians relocated. The authorities then implemented increasingly violent tactics to coerce resettlement (Operation Rzeszow). Nearly 500,000 Ukrainians were thus resettled from Poland to the Soviet Union in 1944-1946, including tens of thousands of Lemkos. When the Soviet Union refused to take more, the remaining 150,000 Ukrainians were resettled to the northern and western territories of Poland in Akcja Wisla in 1947.

"The Memory Books of Lemkivshchyna 1944-1946" (Knyha Pamiati Lemkivshchyny 1944-1946), authored by Dr. Yaroslava Galyk and published with the support of the Lemko Research Foundation in the U.S.A. (LRF) and LRF's president, Andriy Khomyk, contain the names of those Lemkos who were deported to Ukraine between 1944 and 1946. They are listed according to their original villages of residence. The records contain their full names (with patronyms), year of birth, family relationships within households, and the Ukrainian oblast to which they were resettled. Dr. Galyk obtained these important lists from the original resettlement documents presently located in the State Archives of the Lviv Oblast.

On June 14, 2018, Vladyslav Serdiuk, a member of the Lemko Ancestry & DNA Facebook group, posted that "I have books (3 big volumes) of those Rusins (both Lemkos and Bojkos) who were sent to USSR from 1944 till 1946. If anyone looks for the relatives in Ukraine I can find them if they are in the list." Vlad posted a file containing an index of the villages and I learned that the following villages of Gmina Cisna were represented in the list: Buk, Berehy-Yavorets', Betlina, Habkivtsi, Dovzhytsya, Zubrače/Žubračė, Krive, Kal'nytsya, Lug, Lishnya/Lisna, Lopinka/Lupenka, Prysliip, Smerekovets', Strubovys'ka, Tisna, and Yavorets'.

I contacted Vlad and he provided the scanned pages for the villages of Strubowiska. The documents were in Ukrainian and I used Google Translate to translate the documents.

The list for Strubowiska contained 60 families and a total of 265 individuals whose resettlement destination was Ternopil. The 30 surnames of the families evicted included: Andrejko, Beta, Bilas, Bunga, Cygan, Grendey, Halushka, Kaniuk, Kolinchak, Kowal, Kutsiev, Lashynsky, Lazoryshyn, Lucyszka, Maruschak, Moskal, Myhovchuk, Oszczep, Petsa, Podolyak, Pohlyad, Popovich, Rusinkevich,

¹ <http://www.ukrweekly.com/uw/wp/memory-books-of-lemkivshchyna-1944-1946-the-back-story/>

Rusyn, Salamashchak, Stakhursky, Swistak, Terletsky, Verkholyak, and Wowk. The ages of the individuals ranged from 80 (two individuals born in 1866) to less than one year (four individuals born in 1946).

Family #23 includes Anastasia Rusyn, daughter of Dmetro Warcholak (my grandfather's brother), and her two sons - Matthew and Yaroslav. In 2000 I visited these relatives in Rozniatow, Ukraine.

The 18 Verkholyak (Warcholak) individuals evicted are in the table below. The four Verkholak daughters of family #42 were listed as children of Basil (b. 1907) and Mary Kaniuk (b. 1908). I have not yet been able to determine how these individuals may be connected to my family.

These evictions preceded the Akcja Wisła deportations of Strubowiska inhabitants. The Akcja Wisła deportations, documented by Evhen Misilo, occurred April 28 -May 10, 1947, resulting in eviction of 30 Strubowiska residents.² It is believed that the destination of these deportations were in the vicinity of Gryfice, Mrzeżyno and Trzebiatów, Poland.

Evictions from Strubowiska to Ternopil, 1944-46

Family	Person	Surname	First Name	Father's First Name	Family Relationship	Year Born
1	1	Lazoryshyn (Skazarenych)	Yuri	Matveyovich	Head	1897
1	2	Lazoryshyn (Skazarenych)	Catherine	Semen	Wife	1912
1	3	Lazoryshyn (Skazarenych)	Mary	Yuri	Daughter	1924
1	4	Lazoryshyn (Skazarenych)	Anna	Yuri	Daughter	1928
1	5	Lazoryshyn (Skazarenych)	Catherine	Yuri	Daughter	1936
1	6	Lazoryshyn (Skazarenych)	Galina	Yuri	Daughter	1936
2	7	Rusyn	Ivan	Ivanovich	Head	1912
2	8	Rusyn	Anastasia	Joseph	Wife	1913
2	9	Rusyn	Galina	Bartholomew	Mother	1897
2	10	Rusyn	Basil	Ivanovich	Son	1937
2	11	Rusyn	Mary	Ivanivna	Daughter	1940
2	12	Rusyn	Yaroslav	Ivanovich	Daughter	1942
3	13	Wowk	Anastasia	Semenivna	Head	1909
3	14	Wowk	Basil	Gregory	Son	1930
3	15	Wowk	Anastasia	Gregory	Daughter	1936
3	16	Wowk	Lyubov	Gregory	Daughter	1941

² Source: <http://www.lipowiec.org/trains.php>

4	17	Rusyn	Elijah Fedor		Head	1866
5	18	Lucyszka (Lutsyshyn)	(Orest)	Dmeter	Head	1909
5	19	Lucyszka	Eve	Mikhailovna	Wife	1909
5	20	Lucyszka	Mykhailo	Fedorovich	Son	1929
5	21	Lucyszka	Galina	Fedorovna	Daughter	1934
6	22	Rusyn	Fedor	Dmytrovich	Head	1914
6	23	Rusyn	Mary	Dmytrovna	Wife	1914
6	24	Rusyn	Mary	Fedorovna	Daughter	1936
6	25	Rusyn	Dmitro	Fedorovich	Son	1939
6	26	Rusyn	Anna	Dmytrovna	Sister	1926
6	27	Rusyn	Yaroslav		Son	1946
7	28	Rusyn	Basil	Alekseevich	Head	1882
7	29	Rusyn	Catherine	Mykhaylivna	Wife	1889(4)
7	30	Rusyn	Anna	Vasylivna	Daughter	1928
7	31	Rusyn	Ivan	Vasylovych	Son	1929
8	32	Cygan	Mykhailo	Stepanovich	Head	1894
8	33	Cygan	Mary	Grigoryevna	Wife	1894
8	34	Cygan	Basil	Mikhailovich	Son	1926
8	35	Cygan	Elena	Mykhaylivna	Daughter	1936
8	36	Cygan	Galina	Mykhaylivna	Daughter	1940
8	37	Cygan	Anna	Mykhaylivna	Daughter	1944
9	38	Cygan	Anastasia	Feodorovna	Head	1913
9	39	Cygan	Eve	Ivanivna	Daughter	1939
9	40	Cygan	Nicholas	Ivanovich	Son	1940
10	41	Kaniuk	Anna	Mykhaylivna	Head	1883
10	42	Kaniuk	Eve	Stanislavivna	Daughter	1914
10	43	Kaniuk	Mary	Stanislavivna	Daughter	1926
11	44	Rusyn	Alexey	Vasiliev	Head	1896
11	45	Rusyn	Eve	Andriivna	Wife	1904
11	46	Rusyn	Theodore	Alexeyevu	Son	1930
11	47	Rusyn	Elena	Alekseevna	Daughter	1933
11	48	Rusyn	Yuri	Alexeyevu	Son	1940
12	49	Rusyn	Yuri	Timofeevich	Head	1914
12	50	Rusyn	Catherine	Vasylivna	Wife	1919
12	51	Rusyn	Yaroslav	Yuriyovych	Son	1942
12	52	Rusyn	Miroslav	Yuriyovych	Son	1944
13	53	Kutsiev	Eve	Mykhaylivna	Head	1895
13	54	Kutsiev	Mary	Mykhaylivna	Daughter	1924
13	55	Pohlyad	Mykhailo	Dmitrovich	Relative	1926
14	56	Andrejko	Matthew		Head	1899
14	57	Andrejko	Catherine	Ilyinskaya	Wife	1908
14	58	Andrejko	Rosalia	Matviyevna	Daughter	1927

14	59	Andrejko	Eve	Matviyevna	Daughter	1932
14	60	Andrejko	Anna	Matviyevna	Daughter	1941
14	61	Andrejko	Basil	Matveyevich	Son	1928
14	62	Andrejko	Ivan	Matveyevich	Son	1930
14	63	Andrejko	Bohdan	Matveyevich	Son	1934
15	64	Cygan	Anna	Fedorovna	Head	1894
16	65	Oszczep	Basil	Ilyich	Head	1905
16	66	Oszczep	Mary	Dmeter	Wife	1907
16	67	Oszczep	Mary	Vasylivna	Daughter	1927
16	68	Oszczep	Eve	Vasylivna	Daughter	1931
16	69	Oszczep	Basil	Vasylivna	Son	1940
16	70	Oszczep	Anastasia	Mykolayivna	Mother	1886
17	71	Rusinkevich	Mykhailo	Ilkovich	Head	1895
17	72	Rusinkevich	Anna	Dmytrovna	Wife	1902
17	73	Rusinkevich	Eve	Mykhaylivna	Daughter	1933
17	74	Rusinkevich	Mykhailo	Mikhailovich	Son	1936
17	75	Rusinkevich	Galina	Mykhaylivna	Daughter	1941
18	76	Myhovchik	Mary	Mykhaylivna	Head	1921
18	77	Myhovchik	Elena	Vasylivna	Daughter	1944
19	78	Petsa	Basil	Mikhailovich	Head	1908
19	79	Petsa	Catherine	Dmytrovna	Wife	1909
19	80	Petsa	Ivan	Vasylovych	Son	1933
20	81	Podolyak	Basil	Semenovich	Head	1898
20	82	Podolyak	Magdalen	Grigoryevna	Wife	1898
20	83	Podolyak	Stanislavna	Vasylovych	Son	1927
20	84	Podolyak	Anna	Vasilyevna	Daughter	1933
20	85	Podolyak	Ivan	Vasylovych	Son	1939
21	86	Rusyn	Galina	Ivanivna	Head	1907
21	87	Rusyn	Eve	Ivanivna	Daughter	1927
21	88	Rusyn	Mykhailo	Ivanivich	Son	1934
21	89	Rusyn	Ivan	Ivanivich	Son	1945
22	90	Moskal	Eve	Grigoryevna	Head	1883
22	91	Moskal	Stanislaw	Grigorievich (Dmitrov)	Son	1909
22	92	Moskal	Galina	Dmytrovna	Daughter	1923
23	93	Rusyn	Basil	Mikhailovich	Head	1906
23	94	Rusyn	Anastasia	Dmytrovna	Wife	1924
23	95	Rusyn	Yaroslav	Vasylovych	Son	1944
23	96	Rusyn	Matthew	Vasylovych	Son	1939
23	97	Rusyn	Mykhailo	Ivanovich	Father	1866
23	98	Rusyn	Galina	Matviyevna	Mother	1887
23	99	Rusyn	Mary	Mykhaylivna	Sister	1907
24	100	Rusyn	Mykhailo	Dmitrovich	Head	1887
24	101	Rusyn	Eve	Mykhaylivna	Wife	1906

24	102	Rusyn	Mykhailo	Mikhailovich	Son	1936
24	103	Rusyn	Basil	Mikhailovich	Son	1939
24	104	Rusyn	Mary	Mykhaylivna	Daughter	1941
24	105	Rusyn	Anna	Mykhaylivna	Daughter	1944
25	106	Rusyn	Gregory	Dmitrovich	Head	1902
25	107	Rusyn	Galina	Feodorovna	Wife	1912
25	108	Rusyn	Ivan	Grigorovich	Son	1941
26	109	Beta	Stanislaw	Mykolayovych	Head	1910
26	110	Beta	Eve	Stanislavivna	Wife	1908
26	111	Beta	Mary	Feodorovna	Daughter	1931
26	112	Popovich	Theodore	Fedorovich	Son	1934
26	113	Popovich	Danilo	Fedorovich	Son	1937
27	114	Popovich	Stanislaw	Fedorovich	Head	1926
27	115	Popovich	Ivan	Fedorovich	Brother	1927
27	116	Popovich	Galina	Fedorovna	Sister	1929
28	117	Cygan	Basil	Stepanovich	Head	1907
28	118	Cygan	Eve	Dmytrovna	Wife	1922
28	119	Cygan	Mary	Vasylivna	Daughter	1939
28	120	Cygan	Yuri	Vasylovych	Son	1946
29	121	Grendey	Ivan	Fedorovich	Head	1907
29	122	Grendey	Mary	Dmytrovna	Wife	1907
29	123	Grendey	Ivan	Ivanivich	Son	1941
30	124	Swistak	Dmitro	Dmitrovich	Head	1904
30	125	Swistak	Anastasia	Vasylivna	Wife	1905
30	126	Swistak	Galina	Dmytrovna	Daughter	1927
30	127	Swistak	Basil	Dmitrovich	Son	1941
30	128	Swistak	Anna	Dmytrovna	Daughter	1943
30	129	Swistak	Dmitro	Lukovich	Father	1881
31	130	Verkholyak	Gregory	Mikhailovich	Head	1908
31	131	Verkholyak	Catherine	Mykolayivna	Wife	1903
31	132	Verkholyak	Basil	Grigorovich	Son	1929
31	133	Verkholyak	Mary	Grigoryevna	Daughter	1929
31	134	Verkholyak	Anastasia	Grigoryevna	Daughter	1936
31	135	Verkholyak	Galina	Grigoryevna	Daughter	1941
32	136	Rusyn	Theodore	Vasylovych	Head	1925
32	137	Rusyn	Mykhailo	Vasylovych	Brother	1927
32	138	Rusyn	Mary	Vasylivna	Sister	1930
33	139	Bunga	Joseph	Mikhailovich	Head	1916
33	140	Bunga	Christina	Ivanivna	Wife	1908
33	141	Bunga	Basil	Josephovich	Son	1940
33	142	Bunga	Anastasia	Josephovia	Daughter	1931
34	143	Lazoryshyn	Nicholas	Konstantinovich	Head	1904
34	144	Lazoryshyn	Justin	Ivanivna	Wife	1900

34	145	Lazoryshyn	Nicholas	Mykolayovych	Son	1930
34	146	Lazoryshyn	Anastasia	Mykolayivna	Daughter	1928
34	147	Lazoryshyn	Anna	Mykolayivna	Daughter	1938
34	148	Verkholyak	Ivan	Ivanovich	Schwager	1913
35	149	Oszczep	Basil	Vasylovych	Head	1908
35	150	Oszczep	Catherine	Nikolayevna	Wife	1906
35	151	Oszczep	Catherine	Vasylivna	Daughter	1936
35	152	Oszczep	Anna	Vasylivna	Daughter	1934
35	153	Oszczep	Basil	Vasylovych	Son	1946
36	154	Terletsky	Ivan	Fedorovich	Head	1906
36	155	Terletsky	Eve	Vasylivna	Wife	1928
36	156	Terletsky	Elena	Ivanivna	Daughter	1938
36	157	Terletsky	Ivan	Ivanovich	Son	1940
36	158	Terletsky	Mary	Ivanivna	Daughter	1942
37	159	Rusyn	Nicholas	Vasylovych	Head	1907
37	160	Rusyn	Eve	Feodorovna	Wife	1914(07)
37	161	Rusyn	Basil	Nikolayevich	Son	1942
37	162	Rusyn	Basil	Mikhailovich	Son	1934
37	163	Rusyn	Galina	Mykhaylivna	Daughter	1937
38	164	Kowal	Anna	Feodorovna	Head	1926
38	165	Kowal	Magdalen	Feodorovna	Sister	1930
38	166	Kowal	Elena	Feodorovna	Sister	1936
39	167	Rusyn	Stanislaw	Dmitrovich	Head	1909
39	168	Rusyn	Mary	Dmytrovna	Wife	1908
39	169	Rusyn	Anna	Dmytrovna	Daughter	1930
39	170	Rusyn	Galina	Dmytrovna	Daughter	1938
39	171	Rusyn	Basil	Dmitrovich	Son	1940
40	172	Swistak	Mykhailo	Vasylovych	Head	1898
40	173	Swistak	Ivan	Vasylovych	Son	1928
40	174	Swistak	Mary	Vasylivna	Daughter	1929
40	175	Swistak	Mykhailo	Vasylovych	Son	1938
41	176	Verkholyak	Basil	Mykolayovych	Head	1912
41	177	Verkholyak	Anastasia	Vasylivna	Wife	1904
41	178	Verkholyak	Anna	Yuriyivna	Daughter	1923
41	179	Verkholyak	Basil	Yuriyovych	Son	1921
41	180	Verkholyak	Gregory	Yuriyovych	Son	1926
41	181	Verkholyak	Mykhailo	Yuriyovych	Son	1934
41	182	Verkholyak	Mary	Yuriyivna	Daughter	1941
41	183	Cygan	Anna	Ivanivna	Mother	1880
42	184	Kaniuk	Basil	Yuriyovych	Head	1907
42	185	Kaniuk	Mary	Vasylivna	Wife	1908
42	186	Verkholyak	Anna	Mikhailovna	Daughter	1928
42	187	Verkholyak	Anastasia	Mikhailovna	Daughter	1929

42	188	Verkholyak	Eve	Mikhailovna	Daughter	1935
42	189	Verkholyak	Mary	Mikhailovna	Daughter	1937
43	190	Cygan	Eve	Andriyivna	Head	1914
43	191	Cygan	Basil	Vasylovych	Son	1931
43	192	Cygan	Catherine	Vasylivna	Daughter	1942
43	193	Cygan	Basil	Grigorovich	Male	1902
44	194	Kaniuk	Nicholas	Yuriyovych	Head	1887
44	195	Kaniuk	Anna	Yuriyivna	Wife	1901
44	196	Kaniuk	Mary	Mykolayivna	Daughter	1938
44	197	Kaniuk	Mykhailo	Mykolayovych	Son	1927
44	198	Kaniuk	Anna	Mykolayivna	Daughter	1924
45	199	Kaniuk	Mary	Yuriyivna	Head	1901
45	200	Kaniuk	Basil	Yuriyovych	Son	1933
45	201	Kaniuk	Christina	Yuriyivna	Daughter	1945
46	202	Salamashchak	Theodore	Ivanovich	Head	1926
46	203	Salamashchak	Anastasia		Wife	1928
47	204	Myhavchyk	Ivan	Vasylovych	Head	1915
47	205	Myhavchyk	Mary	Mykolayivna	Wife	1919
47	206	Rusyn	Mary		Grandmother	1882
47	207	Rusyn	Stanislaw		Uncle	1908
48	208	Rusyn	Yuri	Mikhailovich Mykolayivna	Head	1911
48	209	Rusyn	Magdalen	(Andriivna)	Wife	1910
48	210	Rusyn	Galina	Yuriyivna	Daughter	1934
48	211	Rusyn	Theodore	Yuriyovych	Son	1938
48	212	Rusyn	Anastasia	Yuriyivna	Daughter	1940
48	213	Rusyn	Mary	Yuriyivna	Daughter	1942
48	214	Rusyn	Mykhailo	Mikhailovich	Father	1877
49	215	Kowal	Basil	Stanislavovich	Head	1904
49	216	Kowal	Eve	Feodorovna	Wife	1908
49	217	Kowal	Anastasia	Vasylivna	Daughter	1923
49	218	Kowal	Mary	Vasylivna	Daughter	1935
49	219	Kowal	Catherine	Vasylivna	Daughter	1935
49	220	Kowal	Basil	Vasylovych	Son	1937
50	221	Stakhurska	Galina	Mykolayivna	Head	1912
50	222	Stakhurska	Eve	Stanislavivna	Daughter	1929
50	223	Stakhurska	Catherine	Stanislavivna	Daughter	1935
50	224	Stakhursky	Nicholas	Stanislavovich	Son	1934
50	225	Stakhursky	Ivan	Stanislavovich	Son	1940
50	226	Stakhurska	Anna	Stanislavivna	Daughter	1945
50	227	Bilas	Anna	Timofeevna	Grandmother	1880
51	228	Moskal	Nicholas	Dmitrovich	Head	1910
51	229	Moskal	Catherine	Vasylivna	Wife	1911

51	230	Moskal	Basil	Mikhailovich	Son	1941
51	231	Moskal	Ivan	Mikhailovich	Son	1944
52	232	Maruschak	Ivan	Mikhailovich	Head	1886
52	233	Maruschak	Mary	Andriivna	Wife	1906
52	234	Maruschak	Anna	Ivanivna	Daughter	1932
52	235	Maruschak	Mykhailo	Ivanovich	Son	1931
52	236	Maruschak	Ivan	Ivanovich	Son	1933
52	237	Maruschak	Mary	Ivanivna	Daughter	1936
52	238	Maruschak	Ivana	Ivanivna	Daughter	1939
53	239	Salamashchak	Yuri	Mikhailovich	Head	1909
53	240	Salamashchak	Catherine	Vasylivna	Wife	1910
53	241	Salamashchak	Stanislaw	Yuriyovych	Son	1932
53	242	Salamashchak	Anastasia	Yuriyivna	Daughter	1940
53	243	Salamashchak	Elena	Yuriyivna	Daughter	1946
54	244	Grendey	Anna	Ivanivna	Head	1907
54	245	Grendey	Maxim	Yuriyovych	Son	1936
54	246	Grendey	Catherine	Yuriyivna	Daughter	1941
55	247	Kolinchak	Catherine	Hnativna	Head	1914
55	248	Kolinchak	Mykhailo	Mikhailovich	Son	1940
55	249	Kolinchak	Mary	Mikhailivna	Daughter	1944
56	250	Halushka	Eve	Ivanivna	Head	1921
56	251	Halushka	Elena	Ivanivna	Daughter	1941
57	252	Lashynska	Eve	Petrovna	Head	1914
57	253	Lashynska	Catherine	Antonovna	Daughter	1934
57	254	Lashinsky	Mykhailo	Ivanovich	Nephew	1936
57	255	Lashinsky	Basil	Ivanovich	Nephew	1938
57	256	Lashinsky	Mary	Ivanivna	Niece	1942
58	257	Lashinsky	Anastasia	Petrovna	Head	1908
59	258	Moskal	Ivan	Stanislavovich	Head	1905
59	259	Moskal	Anna	Dmytrovna	Wife	1910
59	260	Moskal	Anna	Ivanivna	Daughter	1933
59	261	Moskal	Ivan	Ivanovich	Son	1941
59	262	Moskal	Stanislaw	Ivanovich	Son	1943
60	263	Kowal	Theodore	Fedorovich	Head	1920
60	264	Kowal	Mary	Sergeevna	Wife	1924
60	265	Kowal	Mary	Fedorovna	Daughter	1945

Source: "Knyha Pamiati Lemkivshchyny 1944-1946" ("Memory Book of Lemkivshchyna 1944-1946") by Yaroslava Halyk, published in Lviv in 2015-2016 in three volumes.