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From the Editor

David Farmer #2277



The poet Robbie Burns probably said it best in his poem "*To a Mouse*": "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft agley". (with the last line translated as 'Often go awry'). Such would seem to be the case with our proposed new format for *Generations*.

But is spite of our best efforts, we do not have a new format for this issue. I apologize for any inconvenience, but we are still working on it and have set our sights on the June issue.

This issue has another fine article from Anne Letain, showing that genealogy does not always have a happy ending. (*The Canadian Expeditionary Force – Two Tales*, p.17). But we can still use lots of articles, so send in those stories.

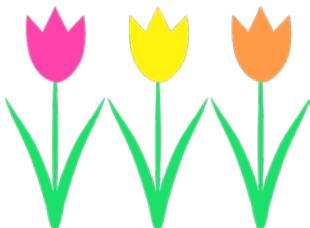
We have a contest for you in this issue. Please take part, as the prizes could be pretty spectacular. (Ready for a Contest? P. 16).

The MGS Annual General Meeting is coming up and there are proposed changes to the Constitution for you to look over, consider and be prepared to vote. (Proposal for MGS Constitution and Bylaws Revisions, p. 4).

And of course, Kathy Stokes' articles are here as well. Our Library items feature new books and resource material available to all and The Last Laugh has some Springtime humour.

Spring is just around the corner, so time to get the seed catalogues out.

Enjoy the issue.



From the President

Jayne Paradis #0045



With Christmas behind us, we can now look forward to Spring and hopefully, it will be here sooner than later.

I was going through some previous issues of *Generations* and it seems there are the same common threads. We could use more volunteers, we can always use donations and it would be nice if more patrons used the library.

It does take money, time and people for MGS to run our library. We have a great core of volunteers who keep MGS running. It takes the revenue from our membership to help keep it running.

Our library is open for our members and the general public to use. Yet, I'm not sure we're as busy in the library as we used to be. There are a lot of benefits to coming to the library, examples are: the library edition subscription to Ancestry; and the local history books from Manitoba. I also find that being around other people, whether it's other volunteers or patrons, can be very helpful in learning about genealogy.

Please consider coming down and using our library.



The Front Cover

Over the past many issues, the Front Cover has changed a great deal. From highlighting local people, local events or significant historical milestones, the more recent covers have tried to convey a 'good feeling', something to bring a smile or something related to the season. The cover of the March issue hopefully brings a smile, while at the same time conveys some information: a reminder that, with this issue, *Generations* is now delivered to everyone via electronic means.

Messages to Members



Generations has Gone Electronic!

Much of this item is simply a repeat of the item that was in the December issue, just for your reminder and for any new members who have recently joined. However there are some updates sprinkled throughout, so take a moment to read through it all.

At the MGS Council meeting held in June of last year, the decision was made that effective January 1, 2018, *Generations* will only be provided in an electronic format. This switch has been coming for some time. It has been a difficult decision and much discussion has been held related to the many aspects of this decision.

The primary rationale for this decision has been financial. MGS no longer has (and hasn't for some time) the resources to print 4 issues of *Generations* per calendar year. Other expenses are rising, (rent, utilities, technology, etc.) making it difficult to finance *Generations* in a cost-effective manner.

Other options considered were: to reduce the number of issues to 2, possibly 3 per year; reduce the length of each issue (fewer pages equal less cost); reduce the quality of the journal (move from printing to photocopying). In order to maintain the quality, the frequency and the content, the decision was made to produce only an electronic version.

Why is this good for you, our members? There is still no additional cost for *Generations*! You will continue to receive 4 issues per year, filled with stories, information, and tips to help you be effective genealogists. And yes, we will keep the Last Laugh page, as we all need a good laugh now and then.

With the electronic version, you will get full colour, and working links to other sites to expand the information presented. The goal is to also change the format to make it easier to read on-line. These changes are planned to be implemented in the March 2018 issue. We are

no longer limited to any particular length, so we can publish more and longer articles, stories, more pictures, more of what you want.

So in spite of our best intentions, the March issue still retains the same old format. We apologize for that, but changing the format to something more readable on a computer screen, while at the same time making the experience visually more pleasing, has been a harder job than we originally thought. Given that we do not have a graphics department, or a staff of many with much experience in this, we just could not get it done for March. However that does not mean we are giving up, by any means! We will continue to work on it, find some more resources and set our target for the June issue. Our apologies for any inconvenience and please be patient with us.

So what is the down side of this decision? Well, some of us really prefer to read our 'magazines' in paper format, along with our tea or coffee or beer, or in my case, with breakfast. It will take a bit to get used to and that is why, for 2017, everyone who received a printed issue also received an electronic copy to compare.

There will be some glitches. We need your patience, at least for the March issue as we make changes. Also we need you to do two things: first, we need you to remain members of MGS. Your membership is important and valued. If you have real concerns, then please let us know by e-mail: (contact@mbgenealogy.com), phone or letter. Second, we need to make sure that each of you has an e-mail address on file here at MGS, for without that, we cannot send your copy of *Generations*.



Generations is also available on the MGS web site.

Thank you for your indulgence and do not hesitate to offer suggestions. We will work hard to ensure the quality of *Generations* remains

high and the value to you even higher. Thank you for your support.



A Reminder - Call for Changes to the MGS Constitution

The next Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. is scheduled for June 2, 2018. As per the following process, 90 days prior to this AGM is March 2, 2018, while 30 days prior to the meeting is May 2, 2018.

The Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. (MGS) Constitution is the document that outlines how MGS will operate. From time to time it is necessary to make some changes to the document. As per the constitutional requirements, here is the process for making these changes:

Section 15.2 A call for Notices of Motion to amend the Society Constitution shall be published in the Society journal at least 90 days prior to the AGM.

1. The Executive shall review all Notices of Motion received to ensure that wording is appropriate, but shall not change the intent of any motion.
2. All Notices of Motion received shall be distributed by electronic or paper means to the membership not fewer than 30 days prior to the AGM.
3. All Notices of Motion shall be considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

If you wish to suggest an amendment to the constitution, please send your revision to the Vice President Administration, Virginia Braid, at vbraid@mymts.net no later than April 2, 2018, to allow time for review and distribution.

If you would like to look at the present wording of the MGS Constitution (dated June 6, 2015), it can be found on the website at <http://mbgenealogy.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/MGS-Constitution-June-6-2015.pdf>

Proposal for MGS Constitution and Bylaws Revisions

as of January 27, 2018

PREAMBLE and SUMMARY

Although the present title of the MGS governing document is “Constitution and Bylaws”, there are actually no *Bylaws* included in the present document. The main revision proposed is to have a section on *Bylaws*. One article (Article 9) would be removed from the present Constitution and placed in the *Bylaws* section as Articles 1 and 2. Other Articles would be added to the *Bylaws*.

The main rationale for having a *Bylaws* section is that it would have a different method for making revisions. Revisions could be made by the MGS Council, rather than at an Annual General Meeting (AGM), and thus could more quickly and easily reflect changes in Society needs.

The *Bylaws* would consist of the following topics:

- A list of the Committees of the Society
- Brief Job Descriptions for Executive positions (in an Addendum at end of *Bylaws*)
- Brief Job Descriptions for Chairs of Standing Committees (in an Addendum at end of *Bylaws*)

When reading the proposed revisions, it would be helpful to refer to the current Constitution and Bylaws which can be found on the MGS Facebook page (Menu – About Us, Governance) at the following link: <http://mbgenealogy.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/MGS-Constitution-June-6-2015.pdf>

A. MOTIONS RE ADDING BYLAWS

Motion 1.

That a section be added to the MGS Constitution called "Bylaws".

Rationale: The MGS Constitution does not presently have a Bylaws section.

Motion 2.

That ARTICLE 9: COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY be removed from the Constitution section and placed in the Bylaws section.

Rationale: Bylaws would have a different revision process than the Constitution making them easier to revise.

Motion 3.

That the following Articles 1, 2 and 3 be included in the Bylaws:

ARTICLE 1: STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY (moved from Article 9 of Constitution)

1.1 The Standing Committees of the Society, organized by Department, shall include but not be limited to:

- 1.1.1 Administration Department
 - Library
 - Membership Services
 - Office Coordination
 - Research
 - Special Projects

- 1.1.2 Communication Department
 - Education and Outreach
 - Journal
 - Publicity

***Website/Facebook**

- 1.1.3 Finance Department
 - Fundraising
 - Grants and Applications

- 1.1.4 Information Technology Department
 - Computers
 - *MANI**

Note: * denotes an addition from present Constitution.

1.2 The Chairs of Standing Committees must be members of the Society and shall be appointed annually by the Executive in consultation with the respective Vice-

President at the first Executive Meeting after the Annual General Meeting, or as vacancies arise.

- 1.3 The Chairs of Standing Committees shall be members of the MGS Council with all the rights and responsibilities outlined in the Constitution.

Rationale: The functions of MGS have changed over time and new committees are necessary to fulfill these functions. The Communications Department has increased the presence of MGS through its web site and Facebook page and requires a separate Chair and committee. MANI is a recent venture of the Information Technology Department and requires a separate Chair and committee.

ARTICLE 2: ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY (moved from Article 9 of Constitution)

- 2.1 The Advisory Committees of the Society shall include, but not be limited to:

- 2.1.1 Awards
- 2.1.2 *Constitution and Bylaw Revisions (name change)
- 2.1.3 Financial Review
- 2.1.4 Nominations
- 2.1.5 Seminar Planning (biannual)
- 2.1.6 *Succession Planning and Volunteer Recruitment (name change)

Note: * denotes a change from present Constitution.

- 2.2 Chairs of Advisory Committees must be members of the Society and shall be appointed annually by the Executive at the first Executive Meeting after the Annual General Meeting, or as vacancies arise.

- 2.3 The President of the Society shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees and Advisory Committees, except the Nominations Committee. Vice-Presidents shall be ex-officio members of the Standing Committees reporting to them.

Rationale: Some committee names need to be changed to more

accurately reflect their functions. Two committees have been removed. The former Archives Committee has been removed because the tasks are done by the VP Administration. The former Heritage Liaison Committee has been removed because the tasks are done by the President.

ARTICLE 3: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

- 3.1 Notices of Motion for amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Executive, the Council or by a petition of at least five members of the Society.
- 3.2 These Notices of Motion shall be considered by the MGS Council at a regular meeting. They shall be distributed to the Council members not fewer than 30 days prior to the meeting at which they will be considered.
- 3.3 A two-thirds majority of those present at the meeting is required to pass motions dealing with amendments to the Bylaws.

Rationale: The main reason for moving Article 9 of the Constitution to Articles 1 and 2 of the Bylaws is to have an easier mechanism to revise MGS Committees. This article describes the new mechanism.

Motion 4: That updated job descriptions for the Executive positions of the Society be included in an Addendum to the Bylaws.

Rationale: The current job descriptions need to be updated. They should be made easily available to Council members and to the membership on the MGS website.

Motion 5: That updated job descriptions for the Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Society be included in an Addendum to the Bylaws.

Rationale: The current job descriptions need to be updated. They should be made

easily available to Council members and to the membership on the MGS website.

Motion 6: That job descriptions for the Chairs of the Advisory Committees of the Society be prepared and included in an Addendum to the Bylaws.

Rationale: There are currently no job descriptions available and need to be written. They should be made easily available to Council members and to the membership on the MGS website.

B. MOTIONS RE MGS CONSTITUTION

Motion 7.

That sub-article 6.1 of **ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE OF THE SOCIETY** be amended to read:

There shall be ten officers of the Society, to be known as the Executive:

Past President
President
Vice-President Administration
Vice-President Finance
Vice-President Information Technology
Vice-President Communications
*Two Members-At-Large
Recording Secretary
Treasurer

Rationale: 1. In the 2015 version of the Constitution there were eight Executive officers of the Society. The proposal is to add two additional Executive officers. The Members-at-Large would not be assigned specific duties like other Executive officers. Their role would be to think about what is best for MGS, to contribute to discussions on issues, to make suggestions for improving the functioning of the Society, and to take a "big picture" view of the Society as a whole.

2. Potential benefits of adding two Members-at-Large:

- More people would be able to contribute ideas to the Executive of the Society. They would not be bogged down with daily responsibilities and so would have more time to “think” about what is best for the Society.
- By attending executive meetings, Members-at-Large would become familiar with the administration of the Society and might become willing to assume another Executive position at a later time.

Motion 8 - Housekeeping

That Articles 10-17 of the Constitution be renumbered to Articles 9-16, due to the deletion of Article 9.



Manitoba Letters Written During the Great Depression

Compiled by Mary Bole #884,

Letters donated by Laurie Green #5756

The Great Depression of 1929 to 1939 was particularly bad in the Prairie Provinces of Canada: Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In 1930 Mr. Thomas Davie of 1065 – 57 St., Brooklyn, New York, decided he wanted to purchase a farm in the Canadian prairies and sent off a number of queries. The following is one of his original letters. This was sent to Mr. John Shechenick of Endeavour, SK.

Mar. 23/ 1930

To: Mr. John Shechenick (SP?)

Dear Sir

I see by your ad in the “Prairie Farmer” that you have a farm for sale. Would you please give me the following particulars: What is the balance of the land not under cultivation, is it prairie or small brush that can be plowed under with four horses, is there any firewood on the farm, is there any grain elevator in Endeavour, and stores, bank, lumber yard etc.? Where is the

*Land Titles Office located? Are there any buildings on the farm if so what kind and size? What kind of people and churches in the district? What is your lowest price for all cash? Are there any implement dealers in Endeavor? Have you any horses for sale? Hoping to hear from you soon, I am
Yours truly,
Thos Davie*

The Manitoba Genealogical Society Library is proud to announce that we are in possession of 20 replies addressed to Mr. Tom Davie. Excerpts from the replies from Manitoba are quoted here.

1) *Winnipeg, Mar 28, 1930* (mentions a farm but no location given)

The writer is replying – “only one man besides yourself that can pay half cash” and “I think it would be much better to get horses in the city ... take them out and you could get them better matched – also now the furniture, it could be shipped here all right and you could use this address as a home” ...etc. Signature hard to read – signed W.D. Stannis?

Winnipeg, April 7, 1930 – Addressed to Mr. T. Davie from Duke of York House:

“I have your letter of the 3rd and will be glad to reserve a double room... \$2.00 per day.”
Signed E. Tighe.

2) *Clanwilliam, Mar 12, 1930* (2 replies)

“This is a well settled district with good roads and the taxes are not high being about \$53.00 on this quarter last year – the people are mostly English, Scotch and Irish Canadians and some Swedish people. ... The house is frame, painted and in good condition. There are three rooms downstairs and four rooms upstairs ...”
Signed (Miss) E.A. Cook

Clanwilliam, 26 Mar 1930

“Received your letter of March 18 ... This farm that I have for sale is NE ¼ of Sec. 13-14-19 W - ... I was under the impression that Riverdale was a small village with a Post Office and store,

etc. but it is only a railroad siding with one grain elevator..." Signed (Miss) E.A. Cook

3) *Eriksdale, April 8, 1930*

"The soil around Mulvihill is about 3-4" black soil on top of a gravelly yellowish subsoil and very strong ... low land is sort of peat moss ..." Signature hard to read – maybe W.J. Iron?

4) *Griswold, Mar 21, 1930*

"See your ad wishing to buy 1/4 section. I have too much land so decided to sell one quarter – it has nice little house on it 20 x 22 and stable ... I will sell this quarter cheap – \$2,000 ... good settlement of English people". Signed R.C. Meadows

Griswold, 4 Apr. 1930

"... in regards to [your question] of wood – there is plenty within 4 miles of this farm" – [discussing a different piece of land S 27-T8 - R23] I will sell you this farm for \$2,500." Signed R.C. Meadows.

5) *McCreary, (replies came from Grand Forks, B.C. two replies 22 Mar, 1 Apr, 1930)*

22 Mar 1930. "Having seen your adv. in the issue of the *Free Press* date March 19 I am writing in the hopes of interesting you. I have property (1/4 sec.) 7 1/2 miles west of McCreary, Manitoba which is unimproved but suitable for wheat. I will make you an offer of \$800 cash or on terms. My price is \$1,200; \$600 down balance at 6% in 5 years. Nothing the first 2 years, \$200 + interest each of the following years." Signed Mr. C.E. Mason

1 Apr 1930. Reply responding about people: "The people adjoining my property are English or of English origin. Mr. Phipps is my neighbor on the East. Mr. Duggan on the North. Mr. White corners on the NE..." Signed Mr. C.E. Mason

There were also six replies from Saskatchewan: Endeavour, Peeceville, Strand, Ridgedale, Shellbrook and Quinton and one reply from Alberta: Kitscoty.

We don't have the final letters but do know that Mr. Thomas Davie eventually bought in the Dauphin area and sold land SW 1/4 5-24-19 near Riding Mountain National Park in 1954.

Also included in the correspondence of Mr. Davie is:

A newspaper clipping from the February 26, 1930 issue of *Free Press Prairie Farmer*, with pencil marks of where he was searching.

A list of *Lands for sale by the Rural Municipality of McCreary*, undated but I assume about 1930. Quarter sections sold from \$100 to \$300. An example of an entry looks like:

NW 20-19-13 W1, 2½ miles from Glencairn Station and School, 50 acres can be cultivated, balance hay and pasture. Price \$200

This collection of these letters has been photocopied and can be borrowed by members. A decision has still to be made as to where to place the originals.

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MGS Calendar Planning

The following dates are provided to help you in planning to attend and participate in the various MGS events throughout the coming year of 2018.

Month	Date	Event
March	1	March <i>Generations</i> mail-out
April	21	SW Branch Seminar & Heritage Dinner (2018) MGS Council Meeting (Portage la Prairie)
May	1	Submission deadline for June <i>Generations</i> Email/mail AGM agenda and notice of constitutional changes (if any) Red River Heritage Fair (School history projects) Manitoba Day - MB Museum South-east/Winnipeg Branch AGM
June	1	June <i>Generations</i> mail-out
	2	MGS Annual General Meeting MB Highland Gathering
July		
August	1	Submission deadline for September <i>Generations</i> Folklorama - Scottish Pavilion
September	1	September <i>Generations</i> mail-out
	29	MGS Open House in conjunction with Culture Days
October		
November	1	Submission deadline for December <i>Generations</i> Put notice in <i>Generations</i> calling for constitution revisions
December	1	December <i>Generations</i> mail-out
	14	MGS Volunteer appreciation lunch Library closes for Christmas break



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From the Past

Rural Ramblings

Kathy Stokes #0125

Winnipeg Free Press August 29, 1906

Mrs. Robert Renwick, 42 years, died in Carberry on August 27, 1906. She leaves her husband and a son George. Burial took place in the Carberry Cemetery.

Mrs. James Leckie died recently in Carberry. She came to Manitoba from Scotland about 12 years previous to her death and is survived by her husband and one son, John. Burial will be in Carberry cemetery.

Jacob Giesbrecht, 48 years old, died suddenly in Winkler while loading sheaves, recently. He will be buried in Winkler Cemetery.

Winnipeg Free Press August 30, 1906

Mr. Rigaux from near Cypress River died recently. Being inebriated, he had an accident with his team and wagon.

Winnipeg Free Press September 1, 1906

Jessie G. McPhee, wife of Cory, died at Baldur, on September 1. Originally from Cornwall, Ontario, she was the mother of four children.

Emma McKinney died in Minnedosa on August 30.

Winnipeg Free Press September 12, 1917

Lieut. J.D "Jack" Verner of the 79th Cameron Highlanders recently received the Military Cross. Since late 1916 he has been in the trenches and has been mentioned in dispatches several times. It was said that he was "one of the best serving with the King's forces anywhere in France or Belgium." Jack is the son of T.H. Verner, a collector of taxes for the Inland Revenue Dept. (Photo)

Winnipeg Tribune July 18, 1906

Joseph T. Bedford, son of Gilbert Bedford of Newlands, Ontario, was married on July 7, 1906 to Annie Goode, daughter of the late Matthew Goode of Adelaide, Australia, at the residence of J.M. Allardyce of Burnside, Manitoba.

Frederick Thomas Smith married Robina Reid of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on June 29, at the residence of Thomas Neville in Rapid City.

Winnipeg Tribune August 1, 1906

The Lakeview Hotel in Shoal Lake, a pioneer hotel owned by Richard Bowes, was totally destroyed by fire from a defective chimney. Nearly all of the contents, including personal effects of about 15 boarders were destroyed. Partial insurance amounting to \$1,000 helped to cover losses.

Winnipeg Tribune August 7, 1907

George A. McClay and Flora McFadden, both of Eden, were married in Neepawa on August 1.

Arthur W. Moy and Louise Clark, both of Clegg, were married in Morden on July 31.

Winnipeg Tribune August 31, 1906

William Fulton of the Portage la Prairie area, recorded a record crop for the district. This week he threshed 38 acres with a resulting crop of 1,406 bushels of #1 wheat.

Winnipeg Tribune November 2, 1934

Joseph Clark, 69 years old, of Dauphin, died in Basswood recently. He was from South Harwich near Chatham, Ontario, and came to Manitoba 40 years ago. He is survived by his wife, daughter Mrs. Brandon of Melville, Saskatchewan, brother James of Chatham, Ontario, sisters Mrs. A.B. Cameron of Winnipeg and Miss Mary B. Clark of Chatham. He was buried in Brookside Cemetery.

Mrs. Ann Chalmers, a Fort Garry pioneer of the 1870s, died on November 5 at the age of ninety. Originally from Owen Sound, Ontario, she later made her home in Rosewood, Manitoba, until 14 years ago. Mrs. Chalmers is survived by children Mrs. A.Y. Smith and Frank of Winnipeg, Sam and Melville of Rosewood. She will be buried in Rosewood. (photo p.5)

Marjorie Agnes, 3rd daughter of James Colquhoun of Deloraine, married George Russell, only son of George Anderson of Melita in the R.M of Winchester on November 1. 1934.

Frances, eldest daughter of D. McCaig of Foxwarren, was married on October 24, 1934 to Robert John Anderson of Silverton. There were 25 people at the wedding supper. The couple will reside in Foxwarren.

Are These Your Ancestors?

Kathy Stokes #0125

The *Winnipeg Tribune* of August 30, 1906 carried a very detailed story of a shipwreck and sinking on Lake Winnipeg, as a result of a storm described by those who lived near or worked on the lake as the worst in living memory. The coverage in the *Tribune* and also in the *Winnipeg Free Press* of that date and also the following few days was detailed and impressive, well worth the read.

The steamer "Princess" was 28 years old and had been completely overhauled and updated some 9 years before the date in late August when it began its last voyage. It was valued at \$1800.

John Hawes, an Orkneyman, captained the ship. At about 60 years of age, he was a very experienced sailor, having made twenty trips across the Atlantic while working for The Hudson's Bay Company. With his wife and a family of children who ranged from two to six years in age, he had made his home in Selkirk since 1883. Recently, his son Alfred had died from typhoid fever, leaving Hawes and his wife with 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Others on the "Princess" were Charles Greyeyes, a Metis deckhand from the St. Peter's area; Alex Joyce, mate, of Selkirk; Arthur Poole, also of Selkirk, chief engineer; George Freeman and William Booth, both from Selkirk, firemen; William Hope of Selkirk, deck hand; James Starr and John Bird, wheelmen, both from Selkirk ; Robert Smith of Poplar Point, deckhand; Flora McDonald, aged 17, stewardess; Johanna Jacobson, 20, cook; and passengers Loftus Gudmundson, 50, of Gimli and Joe Einarson or Arenson, 18, an Icelander, Jacob Goodman, James Sinclair, a Metis, his wife and two children, J.M.Olson and Peter Gunnlaugson, all of Selkirk.

The steamer set sail northward on Saturday, August 25. According to survivor George Freeman, it began taking on water during the Saturday afternoon because of waves which measured about 25 feet in height. George's story continued in some detail. By 4 am on Sunday, the two women crew members were awakened, told to dress and were given life belts. By 4.30 am the deck was awash and the steamer broke apart shortly after that. The two women refused assistance from crew members and chose to stay with Captain Hawes in whom they put their faith. Curiously however, the captain did nothing to save himself or assist any of the others. It seemed as if he was resigned to going down with his ship, in the best naval tradition.

Other crew members were able to detach a yawl and a life boat from the sinking steamer. Mate Alex Joyce took command and was able, with the assistance of other crew members, to save many of the remaining passengers, including Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair and their family. At one point Mrs. Sinclair was carrying both her infant and an older child. She threw the baby into the arms of Mate Joyce who was in the yawl, and then tossed her older son. About six others managed to board the yawl. There were 10 people in the lifeboat and another 6 in the other boat. Crew members were heroic in their actions throughout the ordeal. They headed for Swampy Point, about 12 miles away. It took more than two hours to reach land there. The storm which had begun on Saturday afternoon, August 25, continued until Monday morning, August 27.

Back in Selkirk, the ship "City of Selkirk" had set sail northward on its regular run, captained by a man from one of the Dakotas across the border, Captain Thorburn. Crew members noticed the shipwreck survivors on the shore, waving pieces of their clothing to attract attention. They rescued everyone and gave them food from the provisions they were carrying to northern outposts. Apparently the wreck had occurred 12 miles northwest of Swampy Point which lies 14 miles south of Poplar Point and 100 miles south of Luke's End.

One passenger, W.J.H. Murchison on vacation on the "City of Selkirk" noted, "It was a most

extraordinary thing, survival of a Metis woman weighing about 250 pounds, her baby, her six year old son and her husband.”

Although so many survived, six people aboard the “Princess” did not. Captain Hawes chose to stay with his ship to await his fate. The two young female crew members remained with Hawes and so were also lost. A deck hand also perished as did two passengers.

What do we know about those who were lost? Information about Captain Hawes can be seen near the beginning of this story. But what about the others on board that fateful time?

Flora Margaret McDonald was a 17 year old waitress who helped prepare and serve up food to passengers and crew, while also keeping the passengers’ quarters tidy. Flora was an orphan with two brothers and a sister who lived with her grandfather. Two uncles lived in Winnipeg – O. Anderson, a printer at the *Winnipeg Telegram* newspaper and Mr. McDonald a contractor who resided at 73 Carlton St. Flora had plans to marry her fiancé, George Hisey, in October 1906. George became part of a search party which set out a few days later to look for the missing people.

Johanna Jacobson was a 20 year old cook who resided in Selkirk and was the daughter of G. Jacobson of Big Island. Nothing more is known about deckhand Charles Greyeyes. Loftus Gudmundson from Gimli was about 50 years old. He had worked for the Dominion Fish Company and saved up about \$1,200 which he had planned to use to return permanently to Iceland. He had no relatives in Canada.

Young Joe Einarson (spelled various ways in reports) was “an Icelander” who had come to the area with his grandfather about a year previously. His parents lived in Moss or Mossy River, Manitoba. His was the first body recovered and he was buried in the Icelandic Cemetery, which one was not mentioned, but it may have been the Lutheran cemetery near Selkirk.

In the August 31 edition of the *Winnipeg Tribune*, the editorial raised some thought-

provoking questions. Why did the ship break up? Who might have known about its condition? Why did Captain Hawes choose to go down with his ship? Did the “down with the ship, tradition” serve those who worked on ships well? The editorial said that the newspaper did not want to “take anything away from Hawes’ reputation”, but thought was that such questions needed answers. It noted, “Heroism that saves lives is infinitely more praiseworthy than heroism or resignation and unavailing self-sacrifice.”

Inquest into the tragedy began in the first week of September and reports in the *Tribune* indicated that the ship had had two collisions with rocks in the 1906 summer season, but the boat had never been examined, as far as was known, after these episodes. A leak was noted in the steamer on the night of the sinking. Evidence from crew members noted that the captain did not seem to think that the situation was serious and never went below decks to check. He also did not take any role in trying to launch the life boat or to assist the passengers in any way.

The *Free Press* of September 18 reported on the decision of the inquest members. The ship was found to be seaworthy. The first mate, Alexander Joyce, was severely censured because he gave the passengers no time for preparation to leave the steamer and was himself the first to leave it. The ship was undermanned and should have had better inspection of its hull. The owners of the “Princess” should have acted more quickly to organize a search party. A group that did organize a search was unable to locate the bodies of any of the missing passengers or crew in their search. The newspapers did not report success in locating any of the bodies of the victims up to the time of the report of the inquest. Death certificates on the Vital Stats site were only located for Hawes and McDonald.



The Origins of 9 Commonly Used Phrases

(<http://a.msn.com/0E/en-ca/BBJaQ6w?ocid=se>)

Fly Off The Handle

In the days before mass merchandising, poorly fastened axe heads would fly off while they were in use. The result was dangerous, hence why the phrase is used to describe risky behavior with unpredictable results.

Steal Someone's Thunder

In the early 1700s, English dramatist John Dennis invented a device that imitated the sound of thunder for a play he was working on. The play flopped. Soon after, Dennis noted that another play in the same theater was using his sound-effects device. He angrily exclaimed, 'That is my thunder, by God; the villains will play my thunder, but not my play.' The story got around London, and the idiom was born.

Cheat the Fat

Originally a sailor's term, this phrase refers to the days before refrigeration when ships carried food that wouldn't spoil. One of them was salted pork skin, which consisted largely of fat. Sailors would only eat it if all other food was gone... and they often complained as they did. This idle chatter became known as 'chewing the fat.'

White Elephant

Legend has it, kings of Siam (now Thailand) used to give actual white elephants to people they wanted to punish. Yes, the elephants were valuable and respected, but that also meant they were expensive to take care of, so the kings hoped the present would drive the recipient into financial ruin. Now, of course, a white elephant exchange is meant for useless (though probably cheaper) gifts.

By And Large

Sailors were the first to refer to things 'by and large.' The first part of the phrase refers to the nautical term 'full and by,' meaning a boat was traveling into the wind. On the other hand, 'large' means the wind is coming from behind. To be 'by and large,' then, would mean the wind is coming from any direction—giving rise to the current meaning of 'in general.'

Close But No Cigar

Carnival games nowadays give out stuffed animals as prizes, but in the late 19th century, the games were targeted to adults, not kids. Instead of getting a giant teddy bear, winners might get a cigar. If they almost won but didn't earn that prize, they'd be 'close, but no cigar.' By the 1930s, the phrase extended beyond fairgrounds to every day close shots.

Under The Weather

Originally, sailors used the phrase 'under the weather bow', referring to the side of the ship that would get the brunt of the wind during storms. To avoid getting seasick when the waves got rough, they'd bunker down in their cabins—literally under that bad weather—to let the storm pass.

Give the Cold Shoulder

Surprisingly, this doesn't just refer to coldly turning your back on someone. Etymologists think the phrase originated from medieval etiquette. After a feast, hosts in England would subtly signal that the meal was over (and time for guests to leave) by serving a cold slice of pork, mutton, or beef shoulder.



Our Library

Mavis Gray #0008



Place Names

Looking into the origins of the names of the places where our ancestors lived can give us fascinating glimpses into their communities and their lives. The MGS Library has a number of books on the origin and meaning of place names; some of those relating to Canada are listed below.

General

Illustrated Dictionary of Place Names – United States and Canada by Kelsie B. Harder. 1976. Canada 917.1 HAR

Naming Canada: Stories about Place Names from 'Canadian Geographic' by Alan Rayburn. 1994. Canada 917.1 RAY

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Manitoba

Geographical Names of Manitoba. 2001. Manitoba 917.127 GEO

A Place of Honour: Manitoba's War Dead Commemorated in its Geography by Gerald F. Holm and Anthony P. Buchner. 2002. Manitoba 917.127 PLA

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The Story behind Manitoba Names: how Cities, Towns, Villages and Whistle Stops got their Names by Ted Stone. 2006. Manitoba 917.127 STO

Place Names of Manitoba by Penny Ham. 1980. Reference 917.127 HAM

Western Canada

Over 2000 Place Names of Alberta by Eric Holmgren. 1976. Western Canada 910.3 HOL

Community Names of Alberta by Ernest G. Mardon. 1972. Western Canada 971.23 MAR

People Places: the Dictionary of Saskatchewan Place Names by Bill Barry. 1998. Western Canada 910.3 BAR

Geographic Names of Saskatchewan by Bill Barry. 2005. Reference 910.3 SASK

Our Towns: Saskatchewan Communities from Abbey to Zenon Park by David McLennan. 2008. Western Canada 910.3 McL

Prairie Place Names by Edna Baker. 1928. Canada 917.1 PRA

Eastern Canada

Index to Ontario Settlement Names Resulting from the OGS Strays Project by David J. Browne. 1998. Eastern Canada 917.13 IND

Lost Names and Places of Eastern Ontario by Alan Rayburn. 1993. Reference 910.3 ONT LOS

Townships of the Province of Ontario, Canada by M. Gartner. 2007. Reference 910.25 GAR

Quebec Maps, Municipalities and Place Names compiled by John Cardinal. 2005. Reference 971.4 AAA

Place-Names and Places of Nova Scotia. 1974. Eastern Canada 971.6 PLA

Geographical Names of Prince Edward Island by Alan Rayburn. 1973. Reference 910.3 PEI 2

Newfoundland and Labrador Municipalities: Alphabetical Listing. 1975. Eastern Canada 352.071 NEW



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MGS Librarian



We are discarding books mainly because of lack of space and some because the information is on the Internet, or Ancestry, etc. Some are just not genealogical topics. Once a number are discarded a list is made and will be posted on our MGS web site. If you want one please contact me at library@mbgenealogy.com – they are free.

However good genealogy books which we have duplicates of, or newer additions, will be offered to branches first.

We are still looking for members willing to index Manitoba books for MANI – but remember first to check with Pat Allan or me so time is not wasted on duplication.

We do have a good collection of CDRs – please check them out. We have tested them, and all work, but they are slow to show up on the screen.

Please be advised that KOHA, our card catalogue, is now available at:

<http://koha-opac.bole.ca/>

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Book Reviews

Enid Dorward #4502



These books have recently been added to the MGS library collection and are available for loan. (Ask about low postage

rates for out-of-town members.)

Here are three books that focus on the “how-tos” of genealogy. They would be useful to beginners as well as more experienced researchers.

Genealogy, Third Edition by George G. Morgan. New York, McGraw-Hill, 2012. 448 p. Illus. MGS library call number GENERAL 929.1 MOR 3.

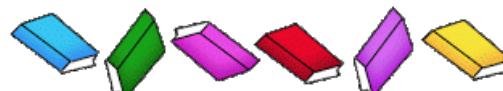
This is the most comprehensive of the three volumes featured here. It provides information about locating and using American, Canadian, and British records; including census, vital records, land records, military records, and much more.

Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors, 6th ed. By W. Daniel Quillen. Cold Spring Press, 2013. 231 p. Illus. MGS library call number GENERAL 929.1 QUI

The following is another helpful book, focusing mainly on American records and with a lengthy section of ethnic research:

Discover Your Family History Online: A Step-by-Step Guide to Starting Your Genealogy Research by Nancy Hendrickson. Cincinnati, Family Tree Books, n.d. 255 p. Illus. MGS library call number GENERAL 929.1 HEN 2.

This book deals mainly with American records, and includes lots of information and tips for delving into your research.



Periodical Potpourri

Enid Dorward #4502

Important reminder - When you visit the MGS Resource Centre, don't forget to check the publications that are received by e-mail and are only available to read on MGS computers. Here's how to find them:

- 1. Click on MGS indexes icon**
1.1. Click on Journals shortcut
1.1.1. Select desired journal title

1.1.1.1. Click on the edition you want to see.

All publications mentioned in this column are available for loan from the MGS library.

MANITOBA

Manitoba History (Fall 2017) The grain elevator countdown.

EASTERN CANADA

Generations (New Brunswick) (Winter 2017) Transcriptions from Salt Springs (NB) Community Cemetery, part 5.

Relatively Speaking (November 2017) Halifax explosion of December 6, 1917.

ENGLAND

Anglo-Celtic Roots (Winter 2017) Manchester life in the 1930s.

Cleveland FHS (January 2018) Born, married, died elsewhere: a selection of families from the North Riding of Yorkshire and parts of South Durham.

Cornwall Family History Society (September 2017) Honouring Cornwall's war dead in Boscastle, with photos of all the names on the memorial.

Family Tree Magazine (December 2017) Tracing your pre-Victorian ancestors.

Genealogists' Magazine (December 2017) John Wood, master of the *Peregrine of London* and his forgotten Italian grave.

Gloucestershire FHS Journal (Autumn 2017) The account of a search for a Gloucestershire "black sheep".

– (Spring 2017) Chedworth Parish tax book 1764-1784. Lists taxpayers, amounts of various taxes, and names of persons who paid house and window tax.

Internet Genealogy (October/November 2017) The legacies of British slave ownership.

Lancashire (August 2017) Hidden biographies of several persons who died "insane from Dr. Chew's" at Billington insane asylum.

ONTARIO

Perth County Profiles (November 2017) The Canada Land Company. Also – some Perth County post office names.

SCAN (Simcoe Co.) (November 2017) Nottawasaga Township.

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS (November 2017) Mapping Aberdeenshire over time.

Family Tree (January 2018) Understanding marriage laws in Scotland.

Gallus (October 2017) Glasgow's built heritage: tobacco, slavery and abolition.

Scottish Genealogist (December 2017) Are statutory records always to be trusted?

Sib Folk News (December 2017) War comes to Burray (Orkney).

USA

Internet Genealogy (December-January 2018) Military periodicals, newspapers, and magazines.

Minnesota Genealogical Society (Winter 2017) Lives intertwined: two Swedish farmhands.

Oregon Genealogical Society Journal (Fall 2017) A collection of brief "personals" transcribed from *The Lebanon Express* (Lebanon, Oregon) in 1895.

WESTERN CANADA

British Columbia Genealogist (September 2017) Stories of Yale Pioneer Cemetery.

– (December 2017) Lawn bowling memorial benches, Stanley Park, Vancouver. Includes a listing of all names on the benches.

Relatively Speaking (November 2017) Alberta vital statistics.

EUROPE

East European Genealogical Society (Fall 2017) An index of published translations of entries from the *Slownik Geograficzny: Part II*.

Mennonite Historian (December 2017)
Common misconceptions and errors in
Mennonite genealogy.



Ready for a Contest?

It has been some time since we have had a contest in *Generations*, so now seems a good time to have one.

In fact let's have two contests, each with its own prize.

To celebrate *Generations* becoming all electronic, the first contest is called "The Missing Link". But not a relative, rather a web site link that you think everyone should be aware of and make use of in their genealogical efforts. Provide the link address, along with 100 – 150 words of why you think people should use this link.

The second contest is "Bet you didn't know this!" Really a hints and tips contests where you can share things you have learned that might help others in their research. Tell us about it in 100 – 200 words.

There will be a winner in each contest, prizes to be determined (but you're gonna love them).

Send your entries to the Editor at generations@mbgenealogy.com by May 15, 2018. The winning entries and maybe runners-up will be printed in the June issue of *Generations*.

So put your thinking caps on and let's see what you have...make it fun!

Roots 2018 International Conference on Family History

The Quebec Family History Society (QFHS) is celebrating their 40th anniversary with Roots 2018 International Conference on Family

History at McGill University in Montreal on May 18th, 19th and 20th, 2018.

As QFHS is the major English language genealogical Society in Quebec, all presentations will be in English. Speakers from Canada, the United States and the UK will be presenting over this 3 day period. Full information on the conference appears on the Quebec Family History Society website at www.qfhs.ca.

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The Stories You Find

Anne Letain

The Canadian Expeditionary Force – Two Tales



Quite inexplicably, war itself seems to bring out a commanding urge to keep records. In Canada, the depth and breadth of the records of our involvement in two World Wars are simply astounding. Now that Personnel Records are freely available through Library and Archives Canada for the Great War (to the letter L), we have an unparalleled opportunity to minutely look into the lives of our ancestors and discover some quite astonishing facts about them.

Each enlistee file contains multiple pages (often as many as fifty) and the digital records include the battered brown envelopes that the records have been kept in for a hundred years. The envelopes even have checklists of their contents.

The personal records of soldiers begin with the attestation forms. The expanded files include all things medical, all transport, and all activity. There are the monthly payment records and who they go to, the clothing allowances and Christmas bonuses. There are records of

military violations and punishments. There are assessments of character. There are lists of next of kin. So detailed are these records that if a soldier was hospitalized, his daily temperature records are available. If a soldier had bad teeth, his dental records are also there. Physical exams and vaccinations give us a good idea of what our relatives looked like.

My connection to two Great War veterans is both ironic and sad. Ironic in that but for these two individuals, I wouldn't exist; sad because their stories are not heroic or inspirational in any kind of way. Rather, theirs are the stories of two very troubled young men.

The first is my grandfather, Ernest George Hutchins, born March 16, 1889 in Swanley, Kent. Not much is really known about "Ernie" by any of his descendants. It's almost as if there was an unspoken rule agreement among his children not to talk about him. On family trees in England, he exists merely as a blank space outside of his birth. Conjecture suggests that he may have followed his sister to Toronto when she emigrated on her honeymoon in 1913. We do know that in 1915 he was in Winnipeg and that he volunteered for the Canadian Expeditionary Force (The Winnipeg Rifles). He named his father, Joseph Oliver Hutchins in Kent, as his next-of-kin.

Just as he was to be transported to active duty in England and France, Ernie simply disappeared. Shortly afterwards, a tribunal declared him to be an army deserter and his file was stamped "DESERTER" in large letters across the front page.

Ernie must have suffered some kind of remorse because about a year later he volunteered again, and he made a decision that ultimately affected a lot of people. When he signed up in Saskatoon in 1916, he changed his surname by adding a syllable. Thus he became Ernest George Hutchinson until his death. He dealt with the next of kin question by identifying his married sister Emily Collier instead of his father and stated that she lived in Kansas (instead of Kent). He maintained the same date of birth that he used in Winnipeg.

In 1916, he was training in Regina when the 249th Overseas Battalion was called up to be transported to Europe. Once more, Ernie disappears and is absent without permission. On June 14, 1917 in a military court he is "Struck Off Strength (SOS)" and declared a "DESERTER". Another file with a nasty red stamp.

In August of 1917, he appears to have eloped with my grandmother. There is only one witness at the wedding in the Methodist Manse in Canora, Saskatchewan, and the minister's wife stood in as the other witness. My father is born in 1919 and by 1931 there are nine children living in a tiny house in Saskatoon along with their parents. There are few fond memories reported by his children and it appears that Ernie was a rigid, demanding parent with a fondness for alcohol, although he did manage to stay employed as a gardener for the City of Saskatoon. There was also a terrible house fire in 1929 which did not improve the family's fortunes, although an infant uncle of mine was tossed to safety from an upstairs window.

My second connection to the CEF is a great-uncle from Ireland. His name was George Francis Jennings, born in Ballydehob, West Cork in 1887. He was a half-brother to my maternal grandmother who was some thirteen years younger. "Georgie" as he was known was also a young man searching for something, and he always had a vision of becoming a Methodist preacher. However, nothing seemed to click for him and an aunt suggested that he apply for a homestead near Biggar, Saskatchewan. By 1916 he was on his land in Canada. But farming must have been problematic for Georgie because soon his sister Mae was sent over to housekeep for him, and when Mae met a beau and got married, the family decided to send my grandmother Ida to help him. She subsequently married my grandfather, and Georgie came along as part of the marital package.

Before my grandmother arrived, Georgie felt it was his duty to enlist and he did so in Saskatoon in 1917. He was sent to Regina for training and nobody could be more ill-suited for the military than Georgie. Yet, he passed all tests – drill,

musketry, bombing, rifle bombing, bayonet training, anti-gas, Lewis gun, and rapid wiring. He was found to be in excellent health and his character was described as “very good”. In 1917, he arrived in France in time to be part of the famous Battle of Amiens where he was promptly injured with a gunshot wound to his right thigh. In no time, he was in hospital in Britain and after 11 months in the army he was discharged and sent home to Canada. He was demobilized and signed off with no disabilities and \$451.23 in his pocket. His demobilization papers indicated that he had no discernible skills for civilian life.

This turned out to be the truth. Georgie tried to belong somewhere – there was a failed trip back to Ireland, there was much bible study, but in the end, he lived with my mother’s family and did modest farm chores. He was not farm handy in any kind of way and the family excused him on the basis that he had been “shell-shocked” in the war. He had a small war pension that he spent on books for himself and for my mother and her siblings.

It would be wonderful if I could provide happy endings for both Ernie and Georgie, but alas, this was not the case for either of them. Ernie’s erratic behaviour and drinking continued and in 1937, there was some kind of intervention. Ernie was dispatched to the Saskatchewan Hospital in North Battleford, the provincial mental institution. He died there of a cerebral hemorrhage in January 1940. In the meantime, in Saskatoon, the family struggled and at one point had to accept social assistance.

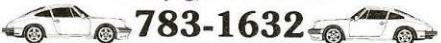
Georgie was no luckier. When my mother’s family moved to Prince Albert so that the younger children could attend high school, there was literally no room for him and he had to stay back on the farm. One spring day in 1948, he walked in front of a train. Apparently, he was walking on the tracks and when the engineer blew the horn, he simply raised his hands over his head. The coroner could or would not render his death a suicide.

It’s not for me to judge Ernie’s apparent cowardice, or that Georgie likely took his own

life. Even after three-quarters of a century these are realities that are difficult to reconcile with my own version of the family narrative. With the perfect visibility of hindsight, I do think that both men likely had long standing mental health problems that are part of our family legacy – from years of research, it’s pretty evident that the fault lines still exist and can be followed from generation to generation.

Nor do we need to believe that Ernie and Georgie are unique. The difference is that today, families are no longer able to bury their stories. Due to technological advances and creeping digitization, everything is freely accessible and easily revealed. In the past, the illegitimate child or the crazy auntie could be deeply deep-sixed. Not so today – and the past now predicates on the present everywhere.

And yes, there is liberation in the truth. Even when it is truly uncomfortable.

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Steps for Recovering Genealogists

1. I admit that I am powerless over my gedcom and that my life has become unmanageable.
2. I have admitted to myself and other genealogists that I am addicted to my obituary files.
3. I promise to take photographs of things *other* than tombstones.
4. My family will no longer be referred to as “the live ones.”
5. Family picnics will no longer be held in cemeteries
6. My only source of reading material will no longer be census, wills, death certificates and obituaries.

MGS Welcomes Our New Members

The Manitoba Genealogical Society would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have joined the society between November 2017 and January 2018.

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Jason Caron
Liisa Cheshire
Irene Ducharme
Ronaele Fardoe
Elizabeth Godon
Scott Golrich
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John Groves
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Donald Turnbull
Gloria Turner
Tyler V Verhaeghe
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WELCOME!

We Hope YOU enjoy your stay!



2018 Saskatchewan Genealogy Conference

The Saskatoon Branch, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, is hosting the 2018 genealogy conference for Saskatchewan. Registration will soon be open to the public online and speaker announcements have begun on Facebook.

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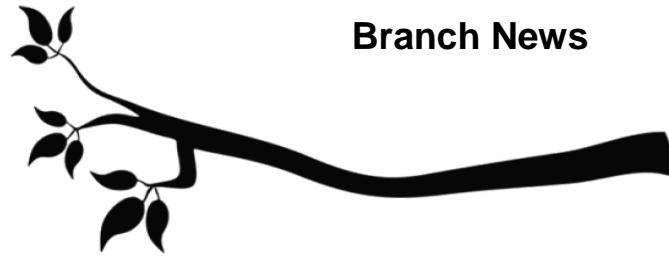
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Branch News

Monday Night Genealogy - Southeast & Winnipeg Branch

If you are an MGS member living in the Southeast or Winnipeg area, consider joining the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch. We run an educational program at the MGS Resource Centre on St. James Street on Monday evenings starting at 7:00, and are usually finished before 9:00. Branch members can attend at no extra charge but non-members are requested to pay \$5.00 each time they attend. Branch membership costs just \$12.00 a year and members receive the monthly e-Zine which gives more details of upcoming programs, summaries of past programs and other items of interest to Branch members. Here is our schedule for January to June 2018. (“General” meetings may start with a very brief business meeting. “Presentations” usually don’t. At a “12 Heads” meeting a facilitator introduces the topic and then everyone has a chance to speak.)

Southeast & Winnipeg Branch Programs

March 2018 – June 2018 at 7:00 PM

Monday Night Programs May Be Changed Without Notice.

March 12	GENERAL	Letters from Lea – The Ninette Sanatorium	Terry Létienne
March 26	PRESENTATION	Back to the Orkneys	Mary Anne Inkster
April 16	GENERAL	Genealogical Software Revisited	Kathleen Kristjansson
April 23	12 HEADS	Exploring our DNA Matches	Sheila Woods
May 14	AGM		
May 28	PRESENTATION	My Scottish Ancestor – a Harem Bride	Barbara Becker
June 11	GENERAL		
June 16 Saturday	TOUR	Manitoba World War One Museum, Riverton MB	Bruce Tascona

“Memorial stones can be used as a final act of positioning oneself in the eyes of history.” – Peter Stanford – “How to Read a Graveyard”

40 Years of Genealogy

1978 - 2018

South West Branch, MGS, Seminar and Heritage Dinner

“Using Today’s Technology to Unlock Puzzles of the Past” Seminar Topics

**DNA: A dozen reasons to get moving with genetic genealogy (and a few
why you shouldn’t)**
Who’s Your Momma?
Destination Canada
Why Can’t I Find them?
A Fresh Light on Old Newspapers

**Seminar Fee - \$80 per person /SWB members \$70
Lunch included**



**Saturday, April 21, 2018
9am - 4pm
Knox United Church,
18th & Victoria Ave. Brandon**
Presenters:
Dave Obee and Pat Ryan



29th Annual Heritage Dinner
Knox United Church 18th & Victoria Ave. at 6pm
Guest Speaker - Dave Obee
Topic - Crowdsourcing Your Family Research
Heritage Dinner tickets \$25 per person

**For more information or to register visit:
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Registration Deadline April 13, 2018**

Dauphin Branch

Changes have been made to the Dauphin Branch Executive, as listed below. Many thanks to those who have served in the past and congratulations to the new Executive members.

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What's New in Genealogy?

(compiled from the web site
www.genealogyintime.com)

February 2018

Sweden – MyHeritage has put online about 38.5 million new records from Swedish household examination books. Basically, they are records from the Swedish Lutheran Church. The parish priest would visit each household once a year and record the vital statistics of each member of the family. This would include such things as recent births, marriages and deaths.

In some ways, Swedish household examination books serve as a basic form of census for the country (the Swedish Lutheran Church actually was the formal census taker for the country right up until 1991).

If you are looking for Swedish ancestors who emigrated from the country, these household examination books can be a vital tool in narrowing down the window when your ancestors left the country (by determining what year they were no longer listed in the examination books).

Most people are familiar with searching the Swedish household examination books through FamilySearch, which is free ([here is the link](#)). However, FamilySearch's collection spans the years from 1880 to 1920. What is nice about this collection from MyHeritage is that it covers two different time periods that are currently not covered by Family Search, namely 1860 to 1880 and 1920 to 1930 in addition to covering the same 1880 to 1920 time period as FamilySearch. In total, there are some 84 million records in this collection.

England – FamilySearch has added 640,000 more Derbyshire parish records to their collection. These records span the years from 1537 to 1918 and consist of baptisms, marriages and burial records. These records can be searched by first name and last name. Access is free. [[Derbyshire Parish Records](#)]

England – FamilySearch has added 640,000 more parish records from Warwickshire. These are baptism, marriage and burial records that span the years from 1537 to 1918. These records can be searched by first name and last name. Access is free. [[Warwickshire Parish Records](#)]

Germany – MyHeritage has put online the German minority census of 1938-1939. This is the second of two Nazi-mandated censuses (the first one was in 1933) and it was conducted around the start of World War II. It specifically lists all individuals who lived in a German household where at least one person in the household had a Jewish grandparent.

A typical record in this collection lists the first name, last name, date of birth and place of birth of the person. It then lists various race-based questions about both maternal and paternal grandparents. Questions were also asked about the level of education and whether there were any family members who resided outside the house. Please note that this census was the basis for a national card catalog of German Jews. As such, it may be emotionally difficult for some people to research this census.

Some 411,000 individuals are listed in this census. It can be searched by first name, last name, year or place of birth and keyword. Access is by subscription. [[Germany 1939 minority census](#)]

January 2018

Scotland – Now that it is 2018, a new batch of records can be legally released on the website ScotlandsPeople. Births in 1917, marriages in 1942 and deaths in 1967 have now gone online. In total, some 233,000 new records have been added to ScotlandsPeople.

It is interesting to note that births in Scotland in 1917 touched the lowest level since 1856 due to the disruptive effect of the ongoing First World War and the number of men who were away from home.

On the other hand, marriages in 1942 were reasonably strong even though it was the middle of World War II. Many foreign servicemen were stationed in Scotland that year. Some ended up marrying local Scottish women.

The ScotlandsPeople records can be searched by first name, last name and year range. ScotlandsPeople is the official genealogy website of the Scottish government. It is run by brightsolid, the same company that owns Findmypast. Access to ScotlandsPeople is by subscription. [[ScotlandsPeople](#)]

Canada – Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has launched a new beta search tool. The objective of the new tool is to consolidate searching across all the available databases into one stand-alone search box (unlike the current system, which largely requires the user to search each database individually).

More details about the Collection Search (beta) [can be found here](#). At the moment, the key genealogy databases (such as census records) are not covered by the new beta search. Hopefully, that will change in the not-to-distant future.

LAC is looking for feedback on their new search functionality. This is an opportunity for the voice of the genealogy community to be heard. Personally, we would like to see the LAC databases opened up to external search engines, like Google and our own free [Genealogy Search Engine](#). That would be a big win for genealogists. [[Library and Archives Canada Beta Search](#)]

US – The website TheGenealogist, which has traditionally focussed on UK genealogy records, is becoming more involved with US records. They have added over 5 million ship passenger records for people that migrated to the US between the years 1834 to 1900. Included in this update are almost 4 million people who migrated from Germany (1850 to 1897), some 835,000 people who migrated from Italy (1855 to 1900) and about half a million people who migrated from Russia (1834 to 1897).

TheGenealogist records can be searched by first name and last name. Access is by subscription. [[US Ship Passenger Records](#)]

England – Findmypast has increased their collection of Hertfordshire parish records. Included in this update are 87,000 new baptism records, some 62,000 new marriage records and around 66,000 new burial records.

Each record contains a digitized image of the original document and a transcript. The records can be searched by first name and last name. Access is by subscription. [[Herefordshire Baptism Records](#)]

England – Findmypast has added over 3 million new newspaper articles and 11 new titles to their British newspaper collection. Some of the new titles that may be of interest to our readers include the *Bristol Daily Post*, the *Bristol Magpie*, the *Isle of Wight Times*, the *Leicester Herald* and the *Reading Observer*.

Findmypast's newspaper collection can be searched by first name, last name and keyword. The search can be further refined by newspaper title and date range. Access is by subscription. [[Historic British Newspaper](#)]

December 2017

UK – TheGenealogist has released 2.7 million ship passenger records from the 1930s. These are outbound passenger records for ships that departed United Kingdom ports between 1930 and 1939. These records come from the National Archives (BT27 series).

Typical records in this collection list people travelling to America, Canada, India, New Zealand and Australia as well as several other ports around the world. A typical record lists the name of the ship name, passenger name, their age, last known address in the UK, port of departure, port of arrival and where the passenger intended to make their permanent residence.

With this latest addition, TheGenealogist now has over 19 million emigration records from the UK dating as far back as 1896. Access is by subscription. [[UK Emigration Records](#)]

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During Ape-ril showers!

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