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From the Editor

David Farmer #2277



It seems that winter is being kinder, although I am experiencing an Ontario winter for the first time in many years (little snow, mild temperatures, then snowstorm, then melting, and never really cold (certainly not Manitoba cold)), and yet it feels so much colder. I guess Manitoba cold is really a 'dry cold'!

I am sitting in my Mom's dining room in Ontario, typing up my remarks for this issue. Unfortunately we have had to move Mom to a Retirement home and as difficult as that is, it brought to mind again, the importance of keeping records, capturing family histories, saving photographs, etc. Mom has a lot of that stuff, much no one has actually ever seen before, making for an interesting (and slow) time when sorting through her files and cabinets and books and everything.

So make sure you get all the information you can from family members, even if it does not seem important or of value at the time.

We have a couple of stories in this issue that deal with the 'family history' aspect of genealogy, the stories, lives and thoughts of ancestors. Be sure to check out 'Roots Trip' and 'Grandmas's Story' for some interesting reading.

MANI is up and running, at least in a test mode, and this is exciting news. Look for the article on MANI to get all the latest information and see how you can help make this a reality.

Of course we have all our regular features as well, so grab a coffee, a muffin and enjoy a good read, perhaps on one of those cold evenings we are sure to get before Spring finally arrives.

Enjoy the issue.

From the President

Jim Oke #2729



By the time these notes appear in *Generations*, spring will be not far round the corner and so perhaps it is time to look ahead to a family history road trip or cemetery crawl to advance one's research. I hope everyone had a good Christmas season and can look forward to a healthy and active New Year.

I will begin by reminding everyone that the current MGS financial year will end on March 31st and, per the MGS Constitution, an Annual General Meeting must take place not long afterwards. **So, please save June 6th for the 2015 MGS AGM.** Additional meeting details will be announced at a later date. I expect there will be some additional MGS Constitution amendments to be considered as well.

I am glad to report that the Manitoba Names Index (MANI) project has been moving along well and that a functional trial version is now available. This progress is thanks to the work of Red River College Business Information Technology (BIT) students, guided by our VP of Information Technology, Gordon McBean. Work is continuing to link MANI to the MGS cemetery database. MANI will then be integrated into the MGS web site; access will be available to members as a membership benefit and to the general public researchers on a fee-for-use basis.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see Notice of an MGS membership fee increase. This increase is effective on April 1st, as we begin a new financial year. Considerable soul-searching and debate within the Executive led to this decision, but we are faced with the hard reality that membership fees have been held steady for a decade or more, while costs, such as postage and rent, have climbed steadily. Action is needed to bring our income into line with our expenses to ensure the long term health of MGS. Another way to support MGS, is through the giving of tax-deductible donations.

Finally, I want to make note of the recent death of Dr. Geoff Lambert. Geoff was a past-

President of MGS and a strong supporter of the Society. A fuller obituary and notes about his time with MGS appear elsewhere in this issue.



OUR CONDOLENCES...

to the family of Dr. Geoffrey Lambert
who passed away on January 29, 2015.
Dr. Lambert was a former President of
the Manitoba Genealogical Society.

Please see write up that follows.

Geoffrey Lambert, PhD.

"With sadness, the MGS family has learned of the death in Winnipeg in late January of Dr. Geoffrey Lambert. Geoff was the MGS President from 1999 - 2001. He also served as *Generations* Editor and as the Vice President of Finance. Beset by Parkinson's disease some 30 years ago, Geoff continued in his chosen career as long as possible. He was a very popular professor of Political Science at the University of Manitoba and won respect from both his students and coworkers. We will remember his sense of humour and his ability to distill discussions into meaningful decisions.

Geoff had no children of his own, but his influence on his students was immeasurable. A former student who was lucky enough to have attended many of his classes had this to say:

"Professor Lambert used his wit and knowledge of the world's political systems to deliver a quality education for thousands of students at the University of Manitoba and St. Paul's College."

Rest easy, Geoff.

December's Front Cover

(The following is printed not just as a correction and a clarification, but also as an example of how some people do the research and spend the time to ensure accuracy; both key factors in successful genealogy. Many thanks to Russ Lanoway for the update; Russ' wife, Gwen is a member of MGS #4583, but Russ likes to read *Generations*!)

The photo marked "Christmas Truce, December 25, 1914" might be incorrect.

According to information from WWI history, the German steel helmet (the "Stahlhelm") also known as the "coal scuttle", did not come into general usage until early to mid-1916. Up to that time the Germans were still using the spiked Pickelhaube, although by early 1915 the spike itself had been removed, as it was a target for the enemy. Adopting the steel helmet reduced head injuries and fatalities by 70%; at that time the Pickelhaube was being constructed of compressed paper due to a shortage of leather.

The photo was probably taken between 1916 and 1918, and I suspect it was more than likely taken around the end of the war. The British did not adopt the Mark I "Brodie" steel helmet for general use until 1916, or perhaps experimentally in the latter half of 1915. The Brodie helmet was not patented with the British patent office until the summer of 1915. The British also adopted the helmet because of the high number of head injuries from shrapnel.

The Front Cover

The front cover for this issue is a fanciful depiction of Spring. Who doesn't love butterflies and a happy sun?

The Front Cover sets the tone for the whole issue. With copyright rules and trying to find meaningful items, it is sometimes difficult to find just the right image. So, if you have any suggestions, or perhaps old photos of life in Manitoba, let me know and maybe we can put your family on the cover!

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January 1, 2015

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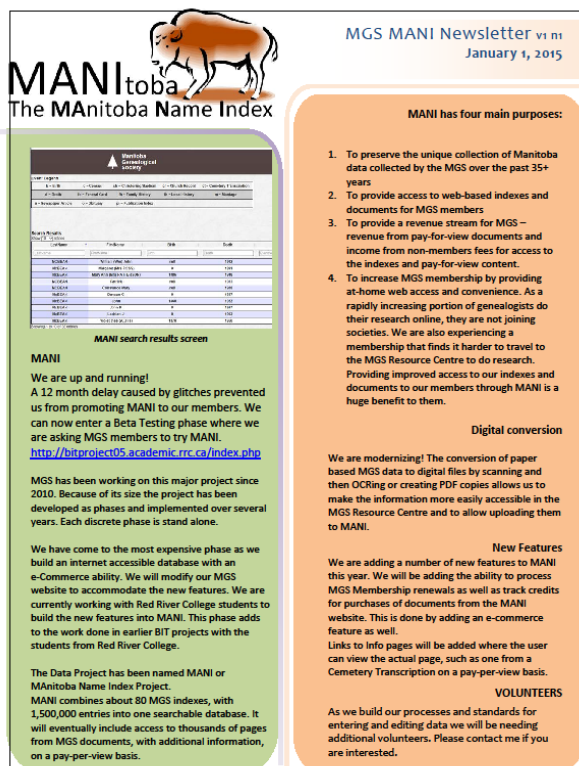


Figure 1 Sample of Page 1 of the new MANI Newsletter

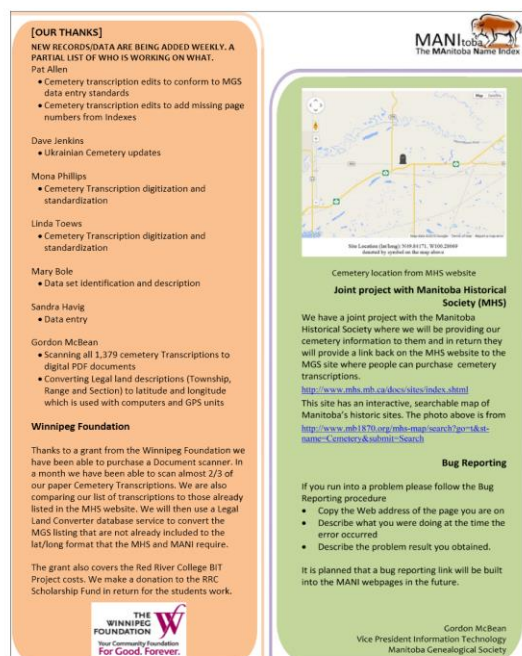


Figure 2 Sample of Page 2 of the new MANI Newsletter

Manitoba Names Index (MANI)

During the 2012 Manitoba Genealogical Society's Capital Fundraising Campaign, MGS members and non-members were asked to donate to a major project to redesign the MGS website, enabling the online searching of indexes and the selling of information. This Data Project has been named MANI or Manitoba Name Index.

MANI combines 80 MGS indexes containing about 1,500,000 entries into one searchable database. It will eventually include access to thousands of pages from MGS documents on a pay-per-view basis. Since it has been a while since the Capital Campaign ended, the MANI newsletter has been started to keep everyone informed on what is happening with the project.

MANI has four main purposes:

1. To preserve the unique collection of Manitoba data collected by the MGS over the past 35+ years.
2. To provide access to web-based indexes and documents for MGS members and non-members.
3. To provide a revenue stream for MGS - revenue from pay-per-view documents and income from non-member fees for access to the indexes and pay-per-view content.
4. To increase MGS membership by providing the convenience of at-home web access. As an increasing portion of genealogists do their research online, they are not joining Societies as much. We also have some members who are finding it harder to travel to the MGS Resource Centre to do research. Providing improved access to our indexes and documents through MANI is a huge membership benefit which hopefully will increase our numbers.

MGS has been working on this major project since 2010. Because of its size, the project has been developed in stand-alone phases and implemented over several years.

1. Digital conversion

We are modernizing! We are converting paper-based MGS data to digital files by scanning and then creating PDF copies allowing us to upload the information to MANI.

2. E-Commerce

We have come to the most expensive phase as we build an internet-accessible master database with e-Commerce ability (users can make purchases online). We will modify our MGS web site to accommodate these new features. We are currently working with Red River College students to build the new features into MANI. This phase adds to the work done in earlier Business Information Technology (BIT) projects with the students from Red River College.

3. Testing Phase.

MANI is now up and running! A recent 12-month delay caused by several glitches prevented us from giving our members access to MANI until now. We are entering the testing phase (called Beta Testing) where we are asking MGS members to try using MANI. Please sign on to this link <http://bitproject05.academic.rrc.ca/index.php> and then register with a username and password. Once you have been given authorization by MGS, you will be able to access the MANI site and enter the name of persons you would like to research.

4. Bug Reporting

If you run into a problem using MANI please follow this procedure:

- Copy the Web address of the page you are on when the error occurred.
- Describe what you were doing at the time the error occurred.
- Describe the steps that you took leading up to the error you received so that someone else can follow the exact process you used and get the same results. E-mail the project lead, Gordon McBean, with this information. Gord's e-mail address is glmcbear@mymts.net

A feature has been built into MANI so that you can record and report problems or request

features be added to MANI. Click on the "Error Report" link on the banner.

New Features

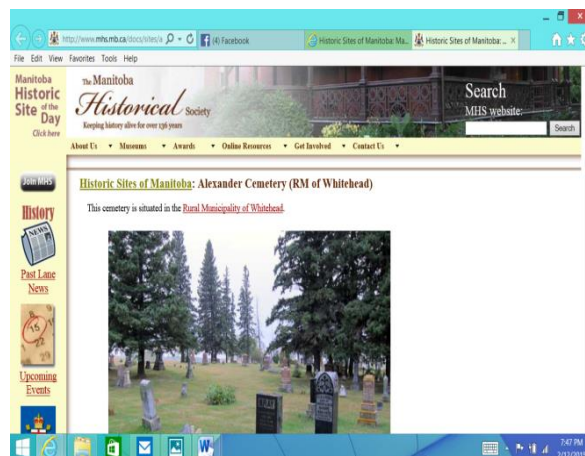
We are adding a number of new features to MANI this year; we will be adding the ability to process MGS Membership renewals, as well as to track credits for the purchase of documents from the MANI web site. Links will be added where the user can view actual pages, such as ones from a Cemetery Transcription, on a pay-per-view basis.

Joint Project with Manitoba Historical Society (MHS)

We are starting a joint project with the Manitoba Historical Society (MHS). MHS is currently mapping historic sites, including cemeteries, from around the province (using GPS). MGS has the legal land descriptions (section, township, range) for about 1,300 cemeteries. We have arranged an exchange that will benefit both societies. MGS will provide our cemetery information to MHS and in return they will provide a link from their web site to the MGS web site where people can purchase specific cemetery transcriptions.

The MHS site has an interactive, searchable map of Manitoba's historic sites, <http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/index.shtml>.

Included in the historic sites are Cemeteries. Searching on Cemeteries and selecting the Alexander Cemetery will give the following screen:



Volunteers

As we build our processes and standards for entering and editing data, we will need additional volunteers. Please contact Gord McBean if you are interested in helping.

Our Thanks To The Following:

1. Volunteers who are adding new records/data weekly:

- Pat Allan
 - Cemetery transcription edits to conform to MGS data entry standards
 - Cemetery transcription edits to add missing page numbers from Indexes
- Dave Jenkins
 - Ukrainian Cemetery updates
- Mona Phillip / Linda Toews
 - Cemetery Transcription digitization and standardization
- Mary Bole
 - Data set identification and description
- Sandra Havig
 - Data entry
- Gordon McBean
 - Scanning the 1,379 cemetery transcriptions into digital PDF documents
 - Converting Legal land descriptions (section, township, range) to latitude and longitude to be used for MHS GPS mapping project

2. Winnipeg Foundation

Thanks to a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation, we have been able to purchase a rapid document scanner. In a month we have been able to scan almost 2/3 of our paper Cemetery Transcriptions. We are also comparing our list of transcriptions to those already on the MHS web site. This grant also covers part of the Red River College BIT Project costs.

3. Heritage Grants Program

Thanks to Manitoba Tourism, Culture, Heritage, Sport and Consumer Protection for supporting us over the last few years through the Heritage Grants Program.

Roots Trip

Enid Dorward #4502

A few years ago, I decided to go on a “roots trip” to England, travelling alone so that I could spend all the time I wanted in cemeteries, archives, county record offices and other places that genealogists like to haunt. Three of my grandparents were born in England, two emigrating to Canada as children, and one as a young adult. I wanted to visit the places they had come from, and hoped to learn more about them and their ancestors. I was not disappointed!

Burton Family

I began my odyssey in Buckinghamshire, from which my maternal grandmother, Millie Burton (later Johnson) originated. I walked around the tiny village of Nether Winchendon, where she was born, the daughter of the local miller. I saw the mill building which is now converted to a large farmhouse. At the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies, I learned that her father had been a well-known Methodist preacher. (That explained his well-used Bible and hymn book that I have!) I visited Whitchurch, a nearby village where Grandma's father was born and where her grandfather and great-grandfather lived and operated mills.

Campbell Family

Millie's mother, Louisa Hawke Campbell, was born in eastern London, where her father was outdoor superintendent at Millwall Dock for many years. The Docklands Museum provided an excellent overview of the history of shipping in London, which helped me visualize where my great-great grandfather worked. I went to the Millwall Dock, but decided that all he would recognize now is the water! The old warehouses have been converted to upscale condos, and the water is home to all kinds of pleasure boats.

From a memorial card, I knew that my great-great grandmother, Louisa (Griffiths) Campbell, (wife of the dock superintendent) was buried at St-Peter-in-the-Forest Church, Walthamstow, east London, in 1902. I made the trek to the

church but was rather discouraged by the rough condition of the cemetery. I had no way of knowing where her grave was, so I just wandered around until, out of the corner of my eye, I saw the name “Louisa” on a gravestone – and there was the grave of my great-great grandparents, Louisa and James Campbell, as well as a memorial to their son, Oscar, who had been killed and buried in Belgium in 1917! So satisfying!

Johnson Family

My maternal grandfather, William Lawrence Johnson, was born at Elvaston, Derbyshire. His father worked as a butler at Elvaston Castle for over 30 years, and his mother had been a lady's maid there until her marriage. I visited the modest castle (more accurately should be called a mansion) and walked around the grounds on October 2, which happened to be my grandfather's birthday. In Matlock, the town where the county archives was located, I was able to peruse records from the county asylum where my great-grandfather had died. I also saw an impressive 1881 inventory of property belonging to the 7th Earl of Harrington, owner of Elvaston Castle. (He also owned a mansion in London, just around the corner from Trafalgar Square.)

Cairns Family

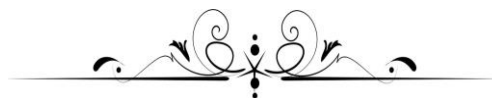
My paternal grandfather, Andrew Robert Cairns, came from Northumberland, in northeastern England. While in that area, I stayed in a beautiful farm bed and breakfast which was less than half a mile from the farm, Easington Demesne, where Grandad was born. The outbuildings at Easington Demesne were made of stone and were obviously very old. I don't doubt they were there when Grandad was a boy in the 1870s. There was also a very large house, built in an odd zigzag shape, which I thought looked relatively recent. However, at the county archives, I found a huge detailed map of the area from 1866, and it clearly showed that zigzag house – the very place where my grandfather was born.

My great grandfather, John Cairns, was born at

Lowick, a village just a few miles away from Easington Demesne. I visited the graveyard at St. John the Baptist Church, where my great grandfather and other relatives were buried. On a previous trip, I had found two gravestones with names of many members of “my” Cairns family. However, this time I was able to get inside the church where someone (bless them!) had provided a map of the cemetery and a corresponding alphabetical list of everyone buried there. There were also photocopied pages from the burial registers, and with these aids, I was able to locate more graves and answer several questions that I had been asking for a few years! This included the burial of a great-great grandmother who had died in an asylum (yes, another one!) but had been brought back home to be buried. That was a very emotional moment for me. I was so glad she was buried with her family rather than far away among strangers.

Treasured Experiences

These are some of the highlights of a trip I will never forget. I highly recommend taking an “immersion genealogy” trip. A word to the wise though: if you do it, be sure to research before you go, so that you know what you're looking for and where to look. The places for which I had prepared most thoroughly were the places where I gained the most information about my roots.



Grandma's Story

Don White #4504

My Grandmother, Rosetta White (Atkinson) was born in Lucan, Ontario on January 28, 1872, the daughter of William A. and Celicity Atkinson. When she was just four years old her mother died of tuberculosis and Rosetta went to live with her cousins, James and Hanna Ching of Exeter, Ontario. They moved to Manitoba in 1879.

Rosetta Atkinson married Sam White in Morden, Manitoba on December 22, 1891. She died on January 30, 1944 in Morden, Manitoba.

The following is a letter that my Grandmother wrote to her daughter, Edna, in 1932, describing her early life and experience of moving to Manitoba:

Dedicated to my daughter, Edna, this 1st day of December, 1932, who wishes me to write the story of my early life, and experiences in coming to Manitoba...

Many years ago, a lady travelled from Exeter to Lucan to visit her Aunt, her own Mother's sister, who lay in bed with that dreaded disease, consumption, or as it is now known, tuberculosis. During the ensuing conversation her Aunt said "Hannah, I wish you would take Rosetta home with you and keep her till I am better and able to take care of her". Hannah consented. Thus I, Rosetta, went home to live with her, my cousin, little dreaming I would never go home again to live, or ever have a Mother any more.

I was rather small, with jet black hair, sparkling black eyes, and rosy cheeks, not pretty at all, yet not homely either.

For three years I enjoyed life in my new home. Then Auntie and Uncle, as Mother wished me to call my cousins, took the Manitoba fever. They packed up and started for the great North-West, as it was then called. One would think it was thousands of miles distance. In March, 1879, we commenced our journey West. I don't remember very much about the train trip up here, but I vividly remember landing in Emerson. When we stepped off the train, there was water everywhere. Being March, the snow had thawed, making a regular flood. I remember Uncle taking Auntie up in his arms and carrying her to the boarding house. Uncle's brother, John, came to meet us with several teams and wagons. One of the men put me on his shoulder and carried me through the deep water, where in some places it was up to their knees.

Next morning we started out on our sixty mile drive. It had turned colder and a thin coating of ice had begun to form on the water. We soon felt cold, so one of the men took off my shoes, and put on three or four pairs of socks. They had brought a supply with them, knowing it would be wet and they would have to change often.

I was then in my sixth year. On that trip we had to drive through great ponds of water and breaking through the ice, many times getting stuck, and having to unhitch a team and put it on in front to draw each wagon out. It was awful. We stopped at the Mennonites for lunch and to feed the poor horses and also to stay nights. We had food with us and the Mennonites were very kind to us, making us hot tea or coffee and giving us fresh eggs.

How well I remember the first house we stayed at. The beds were all piled up in one corner, and child-like, I was poking around and I saw a hen in between the feather ticks. I ran in to tell Auntie and ask her why it was there. We had only a minute to wait when the hen flew off the bed and cackled. Auntie told me to go and look and see what I would find. Sure enough there was a nice large fresh egg. (I can see it yet.) The Mennonites also gave us cucumbers to eat, which we thought had just been taken out of salt water, but now we know, they were the favorite dill pickles we are so fond of today. So after many stops and much persevering, we at last arrived at Uncle John Ching's on the 17th of March, 1879. Fifty years ago next March.

Mr. Ching had a log house consisting of one room about 18' x 24'. There were sixteen of us to eat and sleep in that one room. Well, we did as the Mennonites had done by piling the beds all in one corner. We made a long table out of boards laid on top of barrels that we had had our dishes and things in. Seats consisted of boards laid on chairs or nail kegs. After meals the men and we children would go outside, while the women washed the dishes and did some baking for the next meal. After tea all of us would sit around the stove and tell stories and sing, carry out the tables, make up the beds, etc. I tell you,

there was no class distinction in those days. A merrier lot one could not think of.

Well, it did not take long for Uncle Jim to find a homestead and get to work bringing out logs to build a home. We were only two miles north and east of his brother's place. It was lovely land, ready for a man to turn the sod and make a good living. The people would get together and form a building bee. They would hew the logs and make the corners fit, and as there was quite an art in making the corners fit, only a few men could make a neat job of it. After it was built, pieces of wood were made to fit in between the logs, these were called chinks. Then the roof was thatched with grass by sticking it on to the rafters with mud or clay. The house was rather low and not very large, so it was quite a simple matter to keep it warm. But oh, in the summer time when it rained. That yellow muddy water would come through the roof in great streaks, and run down the walls. We could just get our house white washed with lime and down would come the rain, which made Ma quite home sick, as she was not feeling very well at the time, for in June or July our wee boy was born.

At that time we got our mail from Emerson, sixty miles away, and hauled our grain there. Of course, crops were small, but later more land was broken up. We grew goldenrod wheat mostly, which was sold to new settlers for \$2.50 per bag for seed. I remember Pa had one of the first binders in our settlement, the sheaves were tied with wire instead of cord and the sheaves were dropped one by one, not in bundles as now. Far into the night, Pa would cut, and it was often my job to carry a lantern and see that it was tying alright, sometimes riding on the carrier and sometimes walking. We often changed horses as Pa cut for the neighbors too, also using some of their horses. In those days we had no buggies or drivers, but we did have an ox and a Red River cart as they were then called.

I well remember Ma and Mrs. Hood going to Mt. City to a quilting bee one day. I was left at home to mind Tim, our baby, and oh, what a long afternoon it was. Many times I would go out and listen, and at last I heard the screeching

of that old cart. It was made entirely out of wood, and I don't believe anything ever did make such a noise as the old wooden wheels of that cart; but it was music to my ears, and when I could hear those women laughing and talking so loudly so as to be able to hear each other, I knew they were within a mile of home. I find it hard to curtail and keep this yarn within bounds, but if you knew one half of what passes through my mind at this moment, you would forgive me, I know. I recall to mind, the flowers that grew all over the prairies at that time. I just wish that I could wield the brush of an artist or swing the pen of an author to give you some adequate impression of the beauty and splendor of the virgin prairies with its ever changing panorama of color and perfume, from the crocus in early April to the late autumn flowers of October; before the white man came with his oxen and later horses and herds of cattle, and changed it all in his mad rush for wheat and wealth and; who trampled underfoot these beautiful flowers God gave us. Very few are left now.

I remember as if it were only a few months ago, how Ma and I used to go out and pick a bouquet of flowers. Ma would find a seat to sit on while I would run hither and thither picking the flowers. She would arrange them into a bouquet, starting in small at the top becoming larger in the centre and tapering in gradually to the bottom, until it was about the size of a pail and built like a stack of wheat. My, they were gorgeous. This brings to mind the strawberries. At that time you could [lay] down and look through the long coarse grass and see the long stems, four to six inches long, bearing eight or ten large strawberries. My, they did look delicious. We would often pick a small pail or more in an afternoon and still arrive home in time for tea.

In the year 1882, mail was driven to a house about two miles from our place. It was quite often my job to go and fetch the mail. One day towards evening I started out for the mail and came across a deep ravine where I stopped to pick flowers and somehow or other got turned around and lost. This place puts me in mind of the Great Divide in the Rockies, the little stream

trickles down from the Glacier and an obstruction is placed in its path, so one half turns to the Pacific and the other to the Atlantic. No matter which way I turned, I was going, as I thought, the right way. Finally I managed to find my way out and I arrived home just as it was getting very dark. I never started out to get the mail at such a late hour again. When I think of the mail, it makes me think of the mosquitoes. "Say, they were some size and could they bite," I should say they certainly could bite and come at you in clouds. Ma used to put on an old fashioned sun bonnet, the kind where the front had to be starched and ironed as stiff as a board, with a crown piece and a curtain around the back. She would then tie a veil around her face, over the bonnet, put on long gloves and go to bed and try to sleep. (I called her Ma now, so wee Timmie would learn to say it.) There were no screen doors or windows in those days, we young folk wouldn't have known what they were.

Now, for threshing the grain which had all been stacked. Everyone stacked their grain and got the ploughing done first. No one hired any help. The neighbors would help each other. They used horse power, having no engines in those days. When the day's work was over, the men would sit or lay around the stove, for it was getting cold now. They would sing, tell stories and have a regular concert every night. No one ever thought of playing cards in the early days.

About the year 1882 or 1883, a school district was formed. They built a small school, procured a teacher, and we children started going to school. It was over two miles to school, and to me, now, it seems a long walk. I remember very well, the last day I went to school. The weather was cold, and the snow was deep. The snow was so soft that I had to creep or run and jump to navigate through. My ankles and wrists were frozen and I was not in a very good humor when I arrived home. I told Ma that I would never go again, and I never went again either. By this time I was getting to be quite a big girl.

The teacher, who was Rev. Andrew Gordon's daughter, Abbie, then living in Winnipeg,

boarded with us for seven years and also gave me music lessons. Her Mother and Father have since passed away, dear old folks.

By this time we had the railroad through from Winnipeg and it was called the Deloraine line.

In the early days there were no churches, so when the first Missionary, Rev. H.T. Borthwick came to work amongst us, he preached in our house. The table was taken out and planks put in for seats. Having no organ, Ma started the hymns. Rev. Borthwick was a dear, good man. I well remember one day he came to dinner and we had cornstarch pudding. He did not know what it was and kept asking us. I can see him yet, smacking his lips and saying how good it was. So after all cornstarch is not a very odd substance, is it?

Our little boy was five years old, a beautiful little fellow with a head of light colored curls. Then a dear wee girl arrived, called Edna. She was also fair and a good wee thing. Winter finally arrived bringing with it several blizzards. We do not see anything like it now, and have not done so for years. It would snow and blow so much, that if you put your hand outside the door, you could not see it.

I remember one night especially, Pa had to go out to the stable to feed the stock. Being afraid to let him go we got a long strong string and tied it to the door. If he did not get to the stable safely, he could wind up the string and follow it back to the house and if he did he was to tie it firmly to the stable door and slip his arms over it and follow it back to the house.

Believe me it was an anxious hour for us all.

Time went on and a young man came up from Ontario to farm. I married him and that was the last of Rosetta Atkinson. I will conclude with what I can remember of an old song we used to sometimes sing to the tune of "Beulah Land."

We've reached the land of corn and wine,

And all its riches freely thine;

We hope that you will join our
band

In this our great, our prairie
land.

Chorus

Oh, prairie land,
Sweet prairie land,
Where every one join heart and
hand;
We are a royal jolly crew,
And I am sure you'd say so, too;
If you were here to join our
band
In this our great, our prairie
land.

Second Verse

The business-like
mosquitoes, too
Come round in numbers,
Far from few,
They sing a tune,
A kind of grace—
And then they light upon your
face

Chorus

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People from all over North America and Europe have visited our page in the last few weeks and many have posted new information which might be of interest to you. Others have made inquiries about ancestors in Manitoba – maybe you could help them out. And in return, you could post inquiries about people that you are looking for. Please check Facebook often – you will be rewarded with some great information.



CDs Are Not Forever!

(excerpts taken from an article by Tina Sieber, July 3, 2012)

The digital age has revolutionized the way we handle information. Never before could human kind record and store so much information and in such diversity. While the amount of data has increased exponentially, the predicted life span of the storage media hardly exceeds the lifetime of a human. For humans who love to collect and leave a legacy to their descendants, as well as to human kind, who so much depend on information, this poses a huge challenge.

Optical discs have been commercially available since the 1980s. After merely 30 years, a solid amount of information has been collected on what causes CDs and DVDs to break, and much progress has been made in the development of material that will last longer. While estimations predict a life time of up to 200 years for optical discs, we can never be sure when they are really going to break.

One factor that determines the maximum life span of an optical disc is the type of reflective

layer. Other factors include the overall quality of the raw material and manufacturing and most importantly the way the medium is treated by the user. The handling of an optical disc probably has the most significant impact on its longevity.

It is hard to predict exactly how long an optical disc will last, since it depends on so many different factors. Nevertheless, there are estimations that predict a life span of up to 200 years for recorded CD-Rs and Blue-Ray discs. The shortest life span with 5 – 10 years, is predicted for unrecorded CD-Rs and CD-RWs (so make sure you use them, rather than keeping them for a ‘rainy day’). DVD-RWs are predicted to last up to 30 years, with recorded CD-RWs and DVD-Rs lasting 20 – 100 years. You should not rely on any of these media for lifelong storage of your precious data; they are likely to fail sooner rather than later.

How Do CDs or DVDs Rot?

Different types of optical discs contain different layers; and particularly the reflective layer is susceptible to damage. Standard compact discs typically have a reflective layer made from aluminum. When exposed to air, aluminum oxidises, which naturally happens around the edges of the CD. However, degradation of the reflective layer is not the only cause of disk rot.

The causes of disc rot are manifold and can include one of the following:

- Oxidation or corrosion of reflective layer
- Physical damage to disk surfaces or edges (so handle carefully)
- Galvanic reaction between layers and coatings
- Chemical reactions with contaminants (so store them carefully)
- Ultra-violet light damage (so don’t leave them in the car!)
- Breaking down of disc materials

How Can I Check Whether My Optical Discs Are OK?

You can do a simple visual check. If you see light shining through tiny little holes when you hold a disk against light, then the reflective layer has started to disintegrate. Also check your CDs for discolouring, especially around the edges. See whether the different layers are still tightly together or have started to delaminate (separate). Finally you can try to copy the optical discs to a hard drive or scan them for data integrity using different commercially available software.

How Can I Increase The Lifetime of My CDs and DVDs?

There are many ways you can increase the likelihood that your CDs and DVDs will last you a long time. Here is a selection of the most important ones:

- ❖ Choose a high quality medium from a good brand (you get what you pay for!)
- ❖ If you want to maximise CD longevity, go for gold as a reflective layer.
- ❖ Treat your CDs and DVDs with care i.e. hold them by the outer edges or the hole in the centre, don’t touch the surface, avoid scratches and keep dirt from the disc. (Just like how we old-timers used to treat our record albums, eh?)
- ❖ Keep them in a dry, dark, and cool place since humidity, sunlight, high temperatures and pollutants can damage the different layers.
- ❖ Store them in jewel cases rather than paper slips.
- ❖ Use non solvent-based felt tip permanent markers, suitable for writing on CD or DVD labels.
- ❖ Rewrite your rewritable discs as little as possible.
- ❖ Choose slow writing speeds to reduce errors and increase quality.

What Can I Do When My Disc Won't Read?

A disc that can no longer be read by your player or shows errors, is not necessarily a lost cause. Here are a few tips for what you can do:

- ❖ Make sure you didn't accidentally insert the CD or DVD upside down (hey, it happens!)
- ❖ Carefully clean the bottom layer with alcohol to remove grease from fingerprints and dirt.
- ❖ Try to read the CD or DVD in a different player. Chances are that the laser in your player is faulty or that a different player can still read your CD or DVD.

Conclusion

Optical discs are still far better than paper or photographs in their natural state. Don't be afraid to use them, but respect the fact that nothing lasts forever. Always have a backup of your data and check all your backups regularly to make sure none of the copies have broken in the meantime, regardless of whether you store your data on a CD, DVD, or a computer hard drive.

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From the Past

Rural Ramblings

Kathy Stokes #0125

Manitoba Free Press July 25, 1898

A tragic accident occurred at Shoal Lake on July 24, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. John CHAMBERS and their two daughters, Edith and Ethel had travelled to Shoal Lake, Manitoba, to visit with family members who lived there. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers and his brother Henry decided to have a sail in Henry's boat. The journey began well, but very shortly a gust of wind hit the boat's sail and caused the craft to capsize and sink. Mrs. Chambers was rescued by the heroic efforts of two men on the shore, R. Scott and Mr. Leeson. Sadly, the two brothers drowned.

Henry Chambers was an early settler in the area. He had been the county court clerk and the municipal clerk as well. The John Chambers family resided in Winnipeg. Mr. Chambers was 46 years and 11 months of age and had come west from the area around Paris, Ontario about 1880. He had farmed at Gladstone, run a mercantile business, and later moved to Winnipeg where he became the assistant treasurer on the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition. He was a Mason and the Master of the Landmark Lodge. Besides his wife, John is survived by the above named daughters and two sons, Alexander and Earl. He will be buried in Paris, Ontario. (A marriage for John Chambers to Elizabeth Whitehead in Winnipeg August 13, 1884 is noted in Vital Statistics and may belong to this man).

Morning Telegram July 26, 1898

Thirty-one Barnardo boys arrived in Winnipeg from the east. Mr. D. White, Superintendent of the local Barnardo Home will place them on farms in Manitoba.

William Howard of Virden has returned from a trip to Ireland, bringing with him nine husky natives of the Emerald Isle who plan to take up farms in the area.

Manitoba Free Press July 26, 1898

Mr. C. H. KENNY, the popular and unassuming accountant at the Bank of Ottawa in Winnipeg,

left for a brief holiday in Portage la Prairie but did not return when expected. From the *Arnprior Mercury* of July 22, 1898, staff learned that Mr. Kenny, son of the late T.W. Kenny, had become the husband of Laura C. JOHNSON, a most estimable young woman, daughter of Sturgis M. Johnson of Arnprior.

The wedding was small, attended only by immediate family. The bride's sister Marion was bridesmaid and Charles MacNamara was the groomsman. Gifts received included an onyx clock and a glass and silver fruit dish. The couple will reside in Winnipeg.

Portage la Prairie Weekly October 21, 1903

Mrs. F. BODDY had the misfortune of getting her finger tangled in the works on her washing machine, necessitating a partial amputation.

Local phone service now enables farmers residing within reasonable distance from town to have phone service. Thanks to Bell Telephone, they now have direct communication to town in times of illness and other pressing matters, in an area of 14 miles around Portage la Prairie.

One thousand poles were used with their heights ranging from 30 feet over rail and other crossings, and 25 feet over the prairie. Ten families share each party line with different rings for each family. Total cost to sign up is \$7,000 with each farmer signing a contract to pay \$30.00 per year for three years.

Mrs. James CUNNINGHAM (nee Letitia PRITCHARD) died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Lamb of 252 Austin Street in Winnipeg, on February 25, 1909 at the age of 83 years. She was the daughter of early settler John PRITCHARD and had been born at "The Elms", the old Pritchard home opposite Kildonan Church.

Mr. Pritchard had taken part in the Battle of Seven Oaks and was a personal friend of Lord Selkirk. He was an organist and had taught at the first school in Red River. He was instrumental in bringing the Rev. John West, the first Protestant clergyman, to Red River in 1820.

Mrs. Cunningham first married a teacher, Hugh MATHESON in 1847. He died leaving her with three sons and four daughters. In 1868, Letitia married James Cunningham who survives her. James was a member of the first legislature in Manitoba in 1870, representing Headingley constituency.

Surviving are brothers Rev. Samuel Pritchard of Hibbing, Minnesota; Hugh of Middlechurch; Archibald of Winnipeg and Richard of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

As well, there are six children: Rev. R.J. Matheson of Onion Lake, Saskatchewan, Rev. E.K. Matheson of Battleford, Saskatchewan, Adam Cunningham of Saskatchewan, Mrs. Rev. Alex Cunningham of Island Lake, Keewatin, Mrs. Peter Lamb and Mrs. Rev. Thomas Beveridge of Winnipeg.

Letitia was buried at Kildonan Cemetery. Her body was carried into the church by her brothers Archibald and Hugh as well as her sons, the Revs. J. R. and E.K. Matheson. Pallbearers were John C. Cunningham, Alex and Angus Matheson, James Fraser, Henry Pritchard and John B. Morrison. Anglican Archbishop Matheson is a nephew.

Manitoba Free Press March 4, 1909

Charles William BARRETT committed suicide at East Bay, on the southeast shore of Lake Dauphin recently. He had lived in the Dauphin area for about 10 years and had recently returned from spending part of the winter in the United Kingdom. He left a child. Barrett had been in poor health recently.

Manitoba Free Press March 5, 1901

Marsham (or Marshall?) McGREGOR, a pioneer of Reston, died there on February 28, 1909. He came to Manitoba from the Ottawa district in the 1880s and farmed for 46 years. Unmarried, he is survived by his sisters Mrs. Robert Forke of Pipestone, Mrs. Lou Sherrin of Holland, Mrs. J.M. Stephens of Sinclair, Della McGregor of Winnipeg, also Mack McGregor of Ottawa, Mrs. Harry F. Smith of Winnipeg, and Mrs. J.W. Guthrie of Reston. Burial is in the Reston cemetery.

Winnipeg Tribune February 4, 1939

The former home of King George VI and his wife Queen Elizabeth, (formerly the Duke and Duchess of York) at #145 Piccadilly, London is up for rent at a cost of \$12,000 per year.

The house has 20 bedrooms, nine reception rooms, 12 kitchens, a chef's sitting room, as well as a strong room with a door that takes two men to swing open. Heating and lighting costs \$100 per week. It takes 30 servants to run the house.

A scheme to convert the place into flats fell through. The house may be used as an embassy or a gentlemen's club. The house, built about 1789, is not protected from being destroyed. The Yorks lived in it from 1927 – 1936. It is the first royal residence to open directly onto a public thoroughfare and to have a numbered address.

Winnipeg Tribune May 26, 1945

Lieutenant Bruce Edward Ashton CAW of Virden, is mentioned in a list of awards for gallant action. He received a bar to his [previously awarded] Military Cross. The citation reads "Leading an attack on Castle Himmer in January, his tank ran over a mine which blew off a track. Dismounting, he took over a corporal's tank, continued to attack, subduing the enemy and allowing the infantry to advance and dig out the enemy. When a troop sergeant was wounded, Lt. CAW aided his evacuation under intense motor and machine gun fire. Coolness under heavy fire set an example of courage to inspire his men, and kept casualties to a minimum."

Winnipeg Free Press October 3, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. R.H. BROWN of Portage la Prairie celebrated their 52nd anniversary in late September, at the home of their son E.L. Brown in St Vital. Mr. Brown was born in Chatham, Ontario in 1874 and came west in 1879. Mrs. Brown was born in Bristol, England in 1879 and came to Canada in 1881. They were married in 1898. A second son lives in Oliver, British Columbia. (photo in the newspaper) (Note that Vital Statistics shows the marriage of

Richard Herbert BROWN and Lilly Caroline HOVEY took place on September 27, 1898 in Winnipeg.)



Are These Your Ancestors?

Kathy Stokes #0125

Over the years, I have written about many subjects in this column, usually emphasizing hard facts and actions about those described. The newspapers are full of stories about what people did or didn't do, how they acted, their joys and sorrows being set in the context of their times.

I don't recall having noted anything about the temperament of the times in which they lived out their lives in Manitoba. It is easy to make a list of family members, sometimes noting their education or occupations; but none of these people lived in a vacuum. The attitudes found in their villages, towns and cities also had an effect on them.

As I scanned the newspapers for this column, I found a couple of reports; one of which showed clearly what the attitude was in 1909 towards the discipline of teenage girls (they were not called teenagers in those days). The other had to do with perceived racial discrimination in Winnipeg in 1950 and how the city council dealt with a motion to address it.

Even if your ancestors were not among those mentioned in either article, they were living in those times and possibly reflected those attitudes so clearly described. Did you ever hear about their thoughts on these two different topics? Most often, of course, we are not personally acquainted with most of our ancestors, beyond usually, our grandparents. We can learn about the societies in which they lived

through family stories and through newspapers and movies of the day.

For example, I have wondered about the attitudes of my two grandfathers, both of British background, of similar age, both living in Winnipeg at the time of the Winnipeg General Strike in 1919. My father died when I was too young to ask what his father thought, but the knowledge I have of my paternal grandfather leads me to believe that he would have been on the side of those who saw a Bolshevik plot in Winnipeg at that time.

My maternal grandfather arrived back after WWI literally in the midst of those troubled times. My mother was a child, but she believed that her father would have supported the strikers.

The *Manitoba Free Press* of March 3, 1909, had extensive coverage of a speech by The Honourable T. Mayne Daly, a city police magistrate at that time. He was speaking to an audience sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). He announced that he planned to give "a straight talk on the girl question."

Magistrate Daly began by saying that "there was nothing more disturbing than the sight of young girls from good families chewing gum and trying to attract the attention of men sitting in street cars – not children from the slums, but children from good homes and circumstances. These were the daughters of Fort Rouge mothers who thought more of dressing well and being considered smart than properly raising their daughters."

Daly continued "I wish that Eaton's would import a carload of birch rods that these girls might be brought up in the way that they should go. I have had 20 to 25 girls aged 14 to 18 years before me in the last 30 days. They were girls from good homes who have erred for want of proper instruction. You should look after your daughters, if you see danger, and make them realize that they are going wrong."

Advice the Magistrate gave to curb the problem included having the clergy deliver sermons at

least once a month, telling parents what duty they owed to their children. The first steps should be taken in the home which should be pleasant. The child should be made to feel that its home is the best one in the city. He knew several girls who had been driven from home by mothers who drew long faces and made homes places of dreariness and gloom. He suggested that mothers and fathers look after their children well as they were growing up.

Magistrate Daly went on to suggest that hundreds of children in Winnipeg did not have comfortable homes. To help alleviate this problem he suggested more public playgrounds were needed, along with recreational parks in every ward of the city, in which children could be taught to raise and care for flowers.

As Magistrate Daly had done in 1903, Alderman Jacob Penner did in 1950. Penner brought to the attention of City Council of the day, by way of a motion, the problem of racial discrimination. As the *Winnipeg Free Press* of October 3, 1950 described Penner's motion, it was to "have the city ban racial discrimination from hotels, theatre and amusement places on account of race or creed."

Debate was lively and extensive. Lines were clearly drawn. Exaggerated statements were made, particularly by those who disagreed with the motion and the background to it. Alderman Gurzon Harvey stated that "racial discrimination has never existed in Canada", while Alderman H.B. Scott said that the motion was "an insult to the city" with which Alderman Slaw Rebchuk agreed. Alderman Jack St. John noted that the city had not needed such a law up to that time and that there was no need to have one now.

Supporters of the motion were more temperate in their views but expanded on examples of perceived racial discrimination.

In the end, the motion was defeated 11-7. Voting against it were Aldermen Simonite, Harvey, Chester, Graham, Sharpe, McCreery, Black, Hallonquist, Scott, St. John and Rebchuk.

In favour of the motion were Aldermen Penner, Blumberg, Mulligan, Forkin, McKelvey, Anderson and Brotman.

To me, it is as important to learn about the views of my ancestors, when possible, as it is to know the colour of their eyes. It adds another dimension, not only to the ancestor but also, to our understanding of the times in which they lived.



Our Library

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Researching Welsh Ancestry

The MGS Library and Resource Centre has a variety of materials to help in your research into Welsh ancestry. A selection is listed below:

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Middlechurch Home of Winnipeg Congratulations Centenarians 2012. Unpaged, illus.



Periodical Potpourri

Enid Dorward #4502

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

MANITOBA

Dauphin Pioneers Association (Sept. 2014) A new collection of 4 dozen historical pictures may be seen at Dauphin City Hall.

Manitoba History (Fall 2014) Articles about war memorials in Manitoba.

CANADA

Anglo-Celtic Roots (Winter 2014) Canada's early Great War dead.

Victoria Genealogical Society (Winter 2014) Canada's naval heritage: the early years.

Heritage (Vol. XVII, No. 4, 2014) Ghost towns of Canada.

The Scottish Genealogist (Dec. 2014) The Franklin Expedition – part of the puzzle explained.

WESTERN CANADA

British Columbia Genealogist (Dec. 2014) Contains a list of over 50 persons who worked for the Red Cross in Quesnel, BC, in 1917.

Grapevines (Feb 2014) Strays from *Summerland Review* (BC).

British Columbia Genealogist (March 2014) List of Canadian members from Beta Sigma Phi cookbook index, 1973 and 1980.

(June 2014) A list of names of telephone operators who worked at the BC Telephone Company exhibit at the Pacific National Exhibition, August-September 1939.

Heritage (Vol. XVII, No. 1, 2014) Prairie pride: a renewed downtown revitalization strategy in Saskatchewan.

Mennonite Historian (June and Sept. 2014) Early Mennonites in B.C.

Relatively Speaking (May 2014) The story of a survivor of the Hillcrest mine disaster in 1914. This issue also contains an extensive list of smaller museums in Alberta, along with opening times, cost and contact information.

(Nov. 2014) A collection of brief articles about World War I.

Victoria Genealogical Society Journal (Spring 2014) New burial and cemetery indexes (southern BC and Gulf islands).

SCOTLAND

*** New Name*** **Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS Newsletter** has a new name, **GALLUS**, which stands for “Glasgow Ancestry Links the Likes of Us”.

The June 2014 edition has an article about Garrowhill School in Glasgow, with information about former teachers, and a list of Dux Medalists from 1939 to 1958.

(October 2014) Using retours for genealogy: moveable property, inheritance and property, heritable (immoveable) property. Understanding a retour.

Family Tree (UK) (Christmas 2014) Retours: the great unknown resource for Scottish genealogy.

*** Recently donated to the library: **Fife Family History Society Journal**

(Spring 2014) Dunfermline deaths before 1855 – the OPR death registers. Other sources for Dunfermline research are also outlined

Aberdeen and North-East Scotland FHS (Feb. 2014) Death notices and articles concerning deaths and obituaries from the *Forres Gazette* 1837 – 1855.

(Aug. 2014) Featured parish: Auchindoir and Kearn.

(Nov. 2014) The crew of the SS Rubislaw 1914.

Borders Family History (June 2014) Contains a list of 450 surnames from gravestone inscriptions in Stow.

Dumfries and Galloway FHS Newsletter (March 2014) Dumfriesshire immigrants to New Annan, Nova Scotia.

(Nov. 2014) The Kenmore estate evictions 1749.

The Scottish Genealogist (Dec. 2013) Crime and punishment in Edinburgh 1800-1801.

(Dec. 2014) Pre-1841 censuses and other early population lists.

Sib Folk News (Dec. 2014) Stories of Orkney men who served in WWI.

Who Do You Think You Are? (April 2014) Focus on Scottish marriages.

Your Family History (Nov. 2013) Researching in Aberdeenshire.

ENGLAND

Berkshire Family Historian (Sept. 2014) Newbury Girls' School and the First World War.

Cleveland FHS (July 2014) An article about Kirby Wiske parish includes landowners and

tenants, as well as a list of churchmen from 1291 to 1931.

(Oct. 2014) Includes a lengthy list of members of the Hurworth-on-Tees Temperance Society in the 19th century.

Devon Family Historian (Aug. 2014) Has a list of the chief inhabitants of the village of Winkleigh in 1850.

Family Tree (UK) (July 2014) A lesser-known aspect of Jewish history: conversion from the Jewish faith into the Church of England.

(Nov. 2014) Researching asylum patients.

(Dec. 2014) Looking for trade ancestors.

Genealogists' Magazine (March 2014) Catholic registers in The National Archives.

(June 2014) The Loyalty Oaths Rolls 1723: An early census.

(Dec. 2014) Royal Navy deaths in the First World War.

IGRS Research Update (August 2014) India Office records online.

Internet Genealogy (April/May 2014) Locating records of British seamen.

Journal of the Gloucestershire Family History Society (Winter 2014)
Gloucestershire men in the Australian army in World War I.

Lincolnshire Family History Society (Nov. 2013) Wife sales (1851).

Midland Ancestor (March 2014) List of personnel from three Royal Navy boys training ships in 1881, 1891, 1901.

(Dec. 2014) New rules about obtaining adoption information in the UK.

Norfolk Ancestor (June 2014) Health and safety in the 19th century.

Oxfordshire Family Historian (Dec. 2014) Templars in Somerset and Oxfordshire.

West Middlesex FHS Journal (June 2014) London hospitals' war memorials (WWI and WWII), including a list of names of men who had, at some time, resided in West Middlesex

parishes.

Your Family History (Oct. 2013) How to find records for Nonconformists, Catholics and Jews in the UK.

(Dec. 2013) Researching in Northamptonshire.

GENEALOGICAL HOW-TO'S

Family Tree (UK) (Sept 2014) Excellent advice from professional genealogists re effective research.

Relatively Speaking (Feb. 2014) Books to use to introduce genealogy and family history to children.

SCAN (Simcoe Co.) (May 2014) Use cookbooks & recipes when writing about your ancestors.

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March 2015

Monday, March 2, 1 – 3 pm.

Presentation: *“Not just a pretty face: Dating and identifying old family photos”* - by Kelly Southworth.

Location:

Good Neighbours Active Living Centre
720 Henderson Highway, Winnipeg.
Located in the Bronx Community Centre.
Registration required at 204-669-1710, ext. 222.

Wednesday, March 18

MGS Library/Resource Centre resumes evening service.

April 2015

Discover Your Roots

Genealogist Elizabeth Briggs demonstrates how to best use websites for genealogical research.

Wednesday, April 1, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Presentation: *“Ancestry Plus and FindMyPast*

Wednesday, April 8, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Presentation: *“Familysearch.org”*

Location: (for both dates)

Millennium Library

Register at 204-986-6450
Computer Training Lab (4th floor)

Saturday, April 14 & 21, 6 – 8 pm

Presentation: *“Embarking on your Genealogical Journey”* - by Bill Curtis.

Location:

Henderson Library
1-1050 Henderson Hwy, Winnipeg

Saturday, April 18th, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Workshop: “The Nuts & Bolts of Genealogy” - Sponsored by the SW Branch Manitoba Genealogical Society

Location:

Knox United Church
18th Street & Victoria Avenue
Brandon MB

Registration Fee: \$45 before April 1 (spouse ½ price) or \$50 after April 1

Lunch Included

For more information, visit our web site www.swmanitobagenealogy.ca
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Heritage Dinner

Guest Speaker: Oriole Vane Veldhuis.
Topic: *“Family Secrets”*
Price: \$25/person

Saturday/Sunday April 17-18

Conference: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Conference

Location:

Ramada Inn and Conference Centre,
Regina.

May 2015

Red River Heritage Fair

The Red River Heritage Fair will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the University of Winnipeg. The fair highlights student projects with a Canadian theme and is similar in format to a science fair. Students from schools throughout Winnipeg and the surrounding areas attend (Grade 4-11), representing the best projects in their schools, either in French or English. Students are encouraged to work on a family history project to submit to the fair. Do you have children or grandchildren who might be interested in embarking on such a project? Why not give them some help to get started? For more information, please go to their web site at: <http://www.redriverheritage.ca/>

June 2015

Saturday, June 6 10:00 am

Meeting: MGS Annual General Meeting

Location: MGS Library/Resource Centre

“The Nuts & Bolts of Genealogy”

Genealogy Workshop

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Lunch Included

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Topics:

Elizabeth Briggs: “Ethics & Legalities of Genealogy” &

“These are our Ancestors: Writing our Family History”

Sheila Shearer: “The Confident Beginner: I’ve got started...now what?”

Gordon McBean: “Using Technology in our Genealogical Research”

Christy Henry: “Archiving/Preserving Pictures & Genealogical Documents

Heritage Dinner

Doors open @ 5:30pm/Dinner @ 6:00pm

Guest Speaker: Oriole Vane Veldhuis

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Price: \$25/person

Workshop Registration Form

8:30 – 9:00	Registration, book display, coffee
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome, Housekeeping
9:15 – 10:15	General Session: Elizabeth Briggs Ethics and Legalities of Genealogy
10:15 – 10:45	Nutrition Break
10:45 – 12:00	Session A: Elizabeth Briggs These are our Ancestors: Writing our Family History Session B: Sheila Shearer The Confident Beginner: I've got started.....now what?
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30	Gordon McBean Update on MANI, the MGS computer project
1:30 – 2:30	Session C: Christy Henry Archiving/Preserving Pictures & Genealogical Documents Session D: Gordon McBean Using Technology in our Genealogical Research
2:30 – 3:00	Nutrition Break
3:00 – 4:00	What you need to know about resources

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Date	Meeting Type	Topic	Presenter
March 9	General	The Wall Came Tumbling Down	Kelly Southworth
March 23	Presentation	Daily Life on the Western Front	Captain Gordon Crossley
April 13	General	Life in the British Workhouses	Susan Thorpe
April 20	Presentation	Tombstone Tales	Kathy Stokes
May 11	AGM	Steamboats on the Red River	Ed Ledohowski
May 25	Presentation	Games Our Ancestors Played As Children And Their Toys	Ray England
June 8	General	Signed, Sealed and Delivered	Susan Wellman



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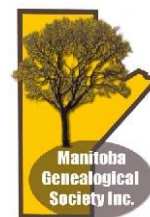
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