

# GENERATIONS

Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.

Volume 34

Number 2

Canadian Publications Mail Agreement #40050442

MANITOBA  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY

June 2009

ISSN 0226-6105



Archives of Manitoba, Winnipeg-Homes  
Nanton, Augustus Meredith 18 (N15399)

## Kilmorie Estate

Roslyn Road - Winnipeg  
(Inset - Front Gates today)

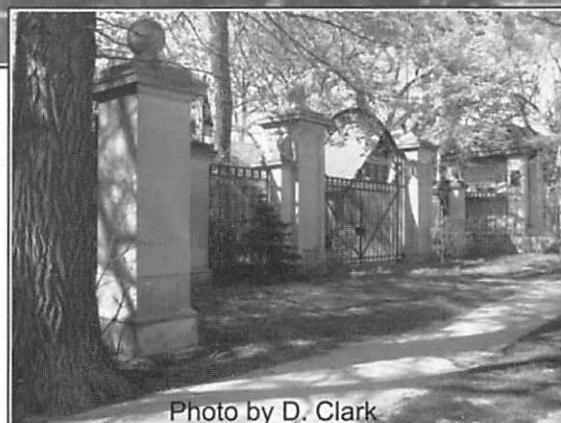


Photo by D. Clark

**In This Issue:**  
**Annual General Meeting Notice**  
**Award Nominations Request**  
**Update on Databases**

[contact@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com)

[www.mbgenealogy.com](http://www.mbgenealogy.com)

## **MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

**<http://www.mbgenealogy.com>**  
**e-mail: [contact@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com)**

**RESOURCE CENTRE**  
**1045 St. James Street - Unit E**  
**Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 1B1**

**Telephone 204-783-9139**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:30AM - 3:30 PM**  
**Wednesday Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 (Closed Wednesday evenings until Sept 9, 2009)**  
**Sunday 12:00PM - 4:00PM (Closed Sundays May to Thanksgiving)**

The MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC. is a non-profit organization, formed in 1976, and incorporated in 1982. The Society promotes and encourages interest in genealogy and family history in Manitoba.

**Membership and Branch Information is available on page 24 of this issue or on our website.** Full members receive four issues of *Generations*, general mailings, and are also entitled to one free Query per year, plus library privileges. Correspondence should be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Please put return address on both letter and envelope.

### **OFFICERS AND COUNCIL 2008 - 2009**

#### **Executive**

President	Joan Whiston	<a href="mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com">contact@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Past President	Jayne Paradis	<a href="mailto:jparadis@mts.net">jparadis@mts.net</a>
Vice President - Administration	Daryl Dumanski	<a href="mailto:ddportfolios@shaw.ca">ddportfolios@shaw.ca</a>
Vice President - Finance	VACANT	<a href="mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com">contact@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Vice President – Information Technology	VACANT	<a href="mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com">contact@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Vice-President – Public Relations	Debbie Degryse Clark	<a href="mailto:decl@shaw.ca">decl@shaw.ca</a>
Recording Secretary	Pat Sundmark	<a href="mailto:pats@shaw.ca">pats@shaw.ca</a>
Treasurer	Rick McLellan	<a href="mailto:rmcellan@shaw.ca">rmcellan@shaw.ca</a>

#### **Committees**

Computer	Gord McBean	<a href="mailto:gmcbean@mts.net">gmcbean@mts.net</a>
Education and Outreach	Bill Curtis	<a href="mailto:billcurtiswpg@hotmail.com">billcurtiswpg@hotmail.com</a>
<i>Generations</i> Editor	Debbie Degryse Clark	<a href="mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com">generations@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Library	Mary Bole	<a href="mailto:library@mbgenealogy.com">library@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Office Coordinator	VACANT	<a href="mailto:ddportfolios@shaw.ca">ddportfolios@shaw.ca</a>
Membership Services	Betty Atkinson	<a href="mailto:betty@theatkinsons.org">batty@theatkinsons.org</a>
Publications	VACANT	<a href="mailto:decl@shaw.ca">decl@shaw.ca</a>
Research	Jim Rutherford	<a href="mailto:research@mbgenealogy.com">research@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Special Projects	VACANT	<a href="mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com">contact@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Grants and Applications	Geoff Lambert	<a href="mailto:geoflam@cc.umanitoba.ca">geoflam@cc.umanitoba.ca</a>
Fundraising	Judith Roe	<a href="mailto:jroe@mts.net">jroe@mts.net</a>

#### **Branches**

**Beautiful Plains**  
P.O. Box 2620, Neepawa MB  
R0J 1H0 (204) 476-5131  
President: Don McGillivray  
[djmcgillivray@mts.net](mailto:djmcgillivray@mts.net)

**Dauphin**  
c/o Cheryl Komar  
Box 632, Grandview, MB  
R0L 0Y0  
(204) 546-3350  
President: Cheryl Komar  
[dauphinbranch@yahoo.ca](mailto:dauphinbranch@yahoo.ca)

**South West**  
327 Kirkcaldy Dr.  
Brandon, MB R7A 0C3  
President: Graham Switzer  
(204) 849-2246  
[swit2@hotmail.com](mailto:swit2@hotmail.com)

**Swan Valley**  
Box 6, Swan River MB R0L 1Z0  
(204) 734-2170  
President: Eric Neufeld  
[eneufeld@mts.net](mailto:eneufeld@mts.net)

**Southeast & Winnipeg**  
c/o 1045 St. James Street Unit E  
Winnipeg MB R3H 1B1  
783-9139  
President: Virginia Braid  
[vbraid@mts.net](mailto:vbraid@mts.net)

# GENERATIONS

Volume 34      Number 2      June 2009  
The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.



Editor: Debbie Degryse Clark

## Table of Contents

### Messages to our Members

From the Editor.....	2
From the President .....	2
Award Nominations .....	3
MGS Annual General Meeting .....	3
Tell Us, Won't You?.....	3
MGS Needs Your Help.....	4
<i>Generations</i> Needs You.....	4

### From the Past

Rural Ramblings .....	5
Are These Your Ancestors? .....	5

### Branch News

2009 "Lines Across the Ocean" Workshop & 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Dinner .....	7
Kilmorie (Cover Story).....	8

### Our Library

Bits and Pieces .....	11
Library Lines.....	11
Book Reviews .....	14
Periodical Potpourri .....	16
Doing Research at the MGS Library .....	16

Manitoba Day Open House.....	23
------------------------------	----

Update to <i>Generations</i> V33 I3.....	23
--	----

Membership Form.....	24
----------------------	----

Volunteer Bio .....	24
---------------------	----

MGS Heritage Fair Award.....	25
------------------------------	----

Update on Databases.....	25
--------------------------	----

Donations to MGS - November 2008 - April 2009 .....	27
---	----

Publications Order Form.....	28
------------------------------	----

*Generations* is published quarterly by the **Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.**, 1045 St. James Street - Unit E, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3H 1B1; Printed by *Copy Plus Inc.*, Winnipeg. Members and anyone else having an interest in genealogy, are welcome to submit articles or news items to the Society. Manuscripts should be prepared in Microsoft Word and submitted as an e-mail attachment ([generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com)) or sent on disk.

**Deadlines:** Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15. When reprinting excerpts please give appropriate credit. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy; however, MGS does not accept responsibility for errors found in *Generations*, nor does it necessarily endorse opinions expressed therein.

*Please be sure to spell-check your submissions before you send them in.*

## Messages to our Members

### From the Editor

**Debbie Degryse Clark #4626**

As I sat down to write this column and looked outside, it looked like winter was still trying to hold on with every shred of effort it could muster. There was snow on the ground on that weekend. Now, I know it is May and I know this is Winnipeg, but spring to me is flowers, green grass and a lot of outdoor time. Just before going to print, temperatures have become more seasonal.



I am looking forward to even warmer weather; getting outside to see my neighbours, many of whom I haven't seen since the fall, having family and friends over for BBQs and to relax in the warm summer sun.

What does all this have to do with Genealogy, you ask?

Well, in April, I attended the Saskatchewan Genealogy Conference in Regina. What a great weekend! They had so much to share; we had so much to learn. I was able to see and meet some of the members from Winnipeg, Brandon, and Neepawa as well as others from around the country.

One of the things mentioned during the conference really stuck in my head. They talked about how Genealogy is a great hobby (or profession), *but don't ever forget the living!*

So while I would love to spend lots of time digging up piles of information about my ancestors (and helping the few people that I don't drive crazy about Genealogy, with theirs), I want to be sure to be actively creating my own history, my own story, so that my descendants will be able to put the "flesh on my bones" long after I am gone.

*What story are you creating for your family?*

*It's always hunting season for Genealogists*

### From the President

**Joan Whiston #1883**

Once again, on Saturday, May 9th, we had a very successful "Open House". This was our way of celebrating Manitoba Day, the province's 139th Birthday.



Our membership continues to grow with a few new members joining at our Open House. A big THANK YOU to the organizers and others, all volunteers, who helped make it a success.

Everything seems to be moving along quite well. We are getting lots of new books and there are always some projects going whether they are big or small. Some of our volunteers are working at home doing data entry and collating indices. Others are helping out where they can.

Come October at our Annual General Meeting, the members will have to elect a new President, since my three year term is up. During the last two years, the members of the Executive have shared the workload. Please give some serious thought to running for a position on the Executive and read our "Help Wanted Ad" (page 4) to see where you could fit in.

Watch for information from our Education and Outreach Chairman on Folklorama, in August, and other events during the summer. Volunteers will be required for the displays.

Our next Council Meeting will be at the Resource Centre in Winnipeg on Saturday, September 26th, 2009.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Library and Resource Centre on the Saturday, October 17th, 2009.

Have a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

## Nominations for MGS Awards

All MGS members and branches are eligible to suggest names for the awards we present at the Annual General Meeting in October. Nominations must be received by the deadline from 2009 of August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. They should be addressed to Jim Rutherford at PO Box 185, Winnipeg Beach, MB, R0C 3G0 or emailed to [rutherford@mts.net](mailto:rutherford@mts.net). Each nomination must be accompanied by a detailed report explaining the reason you are nominating this person. Be sure that the name(s) of the nominator(s) are enclosed.

### Eric Jonasson Award of Merit

This award is presented to one person each year to an MGS member who has made an outstanding volunteer contribution to the goals of the MGS.

### Florence Cox Award(s)

Presented to MGS members who have rendered exemplary service over a long period of time or who have rendered exceptional service over a shorter period of time. Several awards may be made each year.

## MGS Summer Hours

The Library & Resource Centre in Winnipeg is now on summer hours. We are open on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. We are now closed on Wednesday evenings until September 9, 2009 and Sunday afternoons until October 18, 2009.

## MGS Council Meeting

Our next Council Meeting will be held at the Library and Resource Centre in Winnipeg on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 10 am to noon.



Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. is supported by a grant from Manitoba Culture, Heritage, Tourism & Sport.

## MGS Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. Annual General Meeting. It will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 with full details to follow. Call the office at 204-783-9139 or check our website [www.mbgenealogy.com](http://www.mbgenealogy.com) in the coming months for full details.

Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.  
is supported by a grant from:

THE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION

## Generation Gaps

*Gateway to the North* (The Pas area)

*Minnedosa Memories* (The Library has an index prepared by Bill Olmstead but the actual book is missing.)

Please email [contact@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com) or call 204-783-9139 if you can sell or donate these to the MGS Library.

**The Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.  
is a registered charity.**

Donations can be made to the Memorial Fund, the Library Fund or the General Fund. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$5.00 and are much appreciated.

## Tell us, won't you?

Have you been on a mission of genealogical discovery lately? Have you gone somewhere new to find details and documents for your genealogy search? Our members would love to read about your travels, suggestions, your successes, and things that didn't quite work out like you had planned. Forward your stories (300 words or less, please) to Unit E 1045 St. James St., Winnipeg, MB R3H 1B1 or email to [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com), attention: *Generations* Editor and perhaps you could find your story in print.

## **MGS Needs Your Help!**

The following volunteer opportunities are currently available at the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.

**Vice President Finance** – a member of the Executive committee that oversees the management of the financial health of the organization. As a registered charity there are certain mandatory requirements as well as regular financial business practices. The V.P. works with the departments of fundraising, grants and applications as well as coordination with the Treasurer of the society.

**Vice President Information Technology** – a member of the Executive committee that manages the overall I.T. resources for the society in consultation with many department chairmen, the computer committee chairman and volunteers. Ideally, you could commit to volunteering at the Resource Centre either weekly or biweekly on Wednesdays as part of an active crew of volunteers.

**Publications Chair** – a council position for producing publications, review or editing current publications, creating new formats for redistribution of older publications which involves coordination with Special Projects department and V.P. Public Relations.

**Office Coordinator Chair** – a council position that coordinates the day-to-day physical operations of the MGS Resource Centre and Library and Volunteer office. Acts as general office manager to coordinate, with the various departments, the training & monitoring of volunteers required to keep the Resource Centre open to the public. This requires a commitment of one day a week or every second week on site to effectively maintain smooth operations. Most volunteers for this department are at the Resource Centre on Tuesdays.

Please email [contact@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com) or call 204-783-9139 if you are interested in these or other opportunities.

## **Generations Needs You**

*By Debbie Degryse Clark #4626*

Now that I am a “seasoned” editor (this is my third issue) of *Generations*, I come asking for your help.

When I agreed to become *Generations* editor, we were in an urgent situation (with Bill Burland’s illness and passing) and someone needed to step in right away. I became editor with the understanding that it would be a “temporary” posting, as I already had another “job” with MGS as VP Public Relations.

The time has come for me to ask the question that I am hoping will be music to some member’s ears. Would you be interested in taking on the highly rewarding, very interesting, thought provoking (thought provoking???) task of becoming the new *Generations* editor?

While putting this journal together has some challenges, it certainly has its many benefits. I would be happy to discuss the opportunity with you.

Email [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com) or [decl@shaw.ca](mailto:decl@shaw.ca) if you are interested in this position.

My successor needs to be in place while the next issue is being put together in mid August. If no members come forward to take this position, it will be advertised outside of MGS.

Please give this some serious thought! *Hope to hear from you by mid July at the latest.*

### **Home Visits**

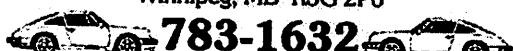
*Service at YOUR PLACE of convenience*

**your “MOBILE LAW OFFICE”**

**Wm. B.K. Pooley B.A., L.L.B.**

837 Downing Street

Winnipeg, MB R3G 2P6



**783-1632**

Lawyer, Notary Public

*Day, Evening and Weekend Appointments Available*

## From The Past

### Rural Ramblings

By Kathy Stokes #125

From the *Winnipeg Tribune*, May 15, 1926

Rookhurst, Manitoba. John Krog, 103 years, the oldest man in Manitoba died near Erickson of a stroke. Up to that time he had been in good health. John was born in Throndhjen, northern Norway. He was first a sailor, then a soldier. He and his family came to Wisconsin in the late 1850s and his wife died there. He remarried in 1861 and came to Manitoba in 1889. John was an industrious man and made enough to keep himself and his wife in their old age. His wife is now 82 years old. John is survived by his widow and three sons, Peter of Clanwilliam, Andrew and Joseph of Erickson and a daughter, Mrs. E. Grover of Wenatchee, Washington.



*Winnipeg Free Press*, July 2, 1921

Alex B. Finnen, 61 yrs., died June 30 in Killarney. He came from Wingham, Ontario in 1881 to farm north of Killarney. In 1901, he moved to town and became a prominent shipper to Winnipeg markets. He is survived by his widow and family, Mrs. E. Howard of Mather, Mrs. Secord Smith of Waskada, Mrs. Ernest Billings of Portage la Prairie, Tena of Winnipeg and Herman, Dora, Ida and Norman at home. He is also survived by one sister and five brothers.

*Winnipeg Free Press*, May 20, 1926

Mrs. Gudrun Sigurdson, wife of Teitur of Selkirk died in Winnipeg May 17, aged 63 years. She came to Winnipeg as a child with her parents and has resided there and in Selkirk since. She is survived by her husband, daughter Mrs. W. Boyle of Dearborn, Michigan, son Ole Sigurdson of Sturgis, Saskatchewan, a brother T.H. Stonson, of Washington State, and a sister, Mrs. F. Stefanson of Winnipeg. Burial was at Brookside cemetery.

*Winnipeg Free Press*, July 2, 1921

A. E. Jacob of the law firm of Jacob & Fahrni of Gladstone died July 1 at his residence. He came to Gladstone as a child and was called to the bar in 1912. He was a capable and popular lawyer and his influence was also felt in projects for the uplift of the community. He was a member of the Anglican Church, IOOF and the Masonic order. He leaves his widow, his mother and five brothers - Robert, Reginald D. and Charles F. of Winnipeg, Ernest J. and Archibald B. of Gladstone. Burial took place in Gladstone Cemetery.

Question: Why are widows' names seldom recorded in an obituary?

### Are These Your Ancestors?

By Kathy Stokes #125

As the saying goes, "Summer is icumen in" (hard to believe this year). With summer, there have always been various activities specific to the usually short but hot season in Manitoba. When the province was primarily rural based, there were fairs in almost every small town, with people coming from all over the surrounding district to meet and enjoy the company of their neighbours and to participate in such agricultural competitions as the breeding and handling of livestock. There were also competitions for sewing, baking, pickle and jelly making. The quality of honey was judged, along with the best home grown vegetables and fruits. Beautiful flowers were on display to be judged singly or in floral arrangement. Physical activities such as three-legged and sack races caught the interest of the children. The men eagerly watched the baseball tournaments held by many of the fairs.

In 1927, the Beautiful Plains Agricultural Society held their annual show combined with a children's health conference and one of the baseball competitions. Taking advantage of their presence on show day, medical personnel checked out the children. Were inoculations given at that time, thus slowing the children's pleasure for at least a few minutes? Winners of the day in Neepawa included S. Lindsay and

Harold Boyd in the pony handling class. Susan Harvey was tops in the ladies' riding competition. The sheep classes were sparse that year but Stewart Brown of Mayfield won several prizes and also did well in the swine class. Among the handicraft winners were Kathleen Bowser, Kate Laidler, Ethel Clark and Mrs. J. M. Grassie.

The Winkler Union School Picnic in 1927 was attended by some 2000 people representing 26 schools with a total of 37 rooms. They came to the site by various means, but the reporter noted 257 cars in the parking lot. Among the sports competitions were races and a tug-of-war.

In 1928 Winnipeg had, among its summer activities, its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Peony Show which drew 125 entries. The big winner was F. W. Hack of 264 Ellice Ave. who won both the best individual bloom contest and the best-in-show. John Bunting of Sturgeon Creek won the prize for the best bloom collection.

That same year, the Carberry Fair was a popular event. The art prizes were taken by Russell Atwell, Ailsa Little and Mrs. J. M. Neilson. With skills not needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Mrs. P. H. Lintott and Mrs. R. Arbuckle were winners in the butter making contest, while Mrs. J. Alton showed talent in the fruit and vegetable growing classes.

Mrs. Agnes Callengall of Dominion City, 101 years old, received several prizes at the fair for her handiwork. Mrs. Callengall was born at "Hillcrest", Glasgow, Scotland and came to Canada in 1844. She was married in Aylmer, Ontario and was living in 1928, with her daughter, Mrs. Rev. D. Spear in Dominion City.

On a personal note, I can remember the Fort Garry Fair as being a highlight of my childhood summers. Everyone attended them at General Steele School. With the help of my grandfather, Bert Rooke, each year I chose the best of the vegetables from my school-sponsored victory garden and proudly entered them. It was one of the few times I felt a closeness with Grandpa for

he did not have an easy way with young children, but he loved gardening and was a real help to me in the displays for the fair. I was not talented with any handicrafts, so I skipped the entries in those classes, but I did like to cook, so one year I entered my muffins which I had diligently beaten. I did not win a prize. My dad knew the judge and asked her what I had done wrong. Alas, my beating zeal had done me in. I now know that muffins are not to be beaten at all, simply stirred, until the dry and wet ingredients are combined. The next year I won first prize for my unbeaten muffins.

Another way of celebrating summer in Winnipeg was to take a group ride on the trains from Winnipeg to one of the beaches, Winnipeg Beach, or Grand Beach, for the day. Among the groups in 1928 which took advantage of the glories of a Manitoba summer were Winnipeg Builders with 2000 members and family, Metropolitan Life and London Life employees with 200 each, at their Winnipeg Beach picnics and Parkhill Bedding and the Manitoba Wheat Pool at Grand Beach among the beautiful sand dunes.

Perhaps the biggest and best known of all the group picnics was the annual Winnipeg Caterers' Picnic which began in 1886. In 1917, some 12,000 attended the picnic to swim, boat and dance away the day and evening before returning to Winnipeg on several crowded trains. 1917's fattest baby was judged to be Victor Kemmel Dutton, whose father was on active service in Europe.

By 1947, the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Caterers' Picnic attracted 5000 to Grand Beach. Audrey Green, 19, of 510 Balmoral St. won the bathing suit contest. Runner up was Doreen Brickley, 22, of 508 Beverley St. and in third place was Bernice Waddell, 19, of 119 Kildonan Drive.

Baby contests took up quite a bit of time at the picnic. No panel of judges was brave enough to declare one baby more beautiful than all the others; instead the judges picked the healthiest and fattest infants. At the 1947 picnic, little

Miss Daryl Inglis of 923 Fleet was, in the judges' opinion, the healthiest baby in the one to nine month class, followed by Tommy Lloyd of 635 Jubilee. The fattest baby in that age group was Ronald James Page of #3 - 600 Ellice Ave. who edged out Barry West of 116 Sherbrook.

The adults were being judged as well, not in healthy or fat classes, but for their skill on the dance floor. Mr. & Mrs. R. Ingram of 716 Toronto St. captured first place in the fox trot competition, followed by Mr. & Mrs. M. Nocei of 155 Maryland. In the waltz class Harvey Brewer and Mrs. Archie Fraser paired up to win top prize, with Lorne Lyndon and Mrs. Vera Doe in second place.

Today, in the city at least, most of these summer activities have ceased. What has replaced them? Walks, runs, cycling travels, swim-a-thons, all to raise money for various good causes. Many people now have homes at "the lake". Are these worthy activities good replacements that bring families and communities together?

## Branch News

### 2009 "Lines Across the Ocean" Workshop and 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Dinner

*Submitted by Sheila Shearer #2401*

On April 18, 2009, the South West Branch hosted a one-day workshop and 20th annual Heritage Dinner at Knox United Church in Brandon. The event was well attended with 60 registered for the day and 56 for the evening dinner. The main speaker was Elizabeth Briggs from Winnipeg who started the day with "Websites for Researching in Britain" The topic covered a vast amount of information on all parts of Great Britain and Ireland and Elizabeth explained some of the techniques she uses in order to locate the records in the most economical way. Her second and third topics related to the Church records in Britain. She gave an overview of the history of church record keeping so that the researcher had a better understanding of what records exist and where

those records could be found. Elizabeth was able to deliver the information in a concise and interesting manner and all genealogists, no matter their experience, were able to gain some new and important avenues that will help them with research.

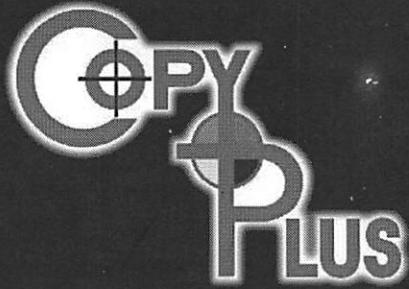
Richard Wharf, a Brandon-based genealogist, ably guided the new genealogists through the information needed to start their ancestral search. For those interested in learning more about publishing their family history, Ted Miller from Friesen Printing outlined the steps to take in getting the material ready for publishing; either, camera-ready or with Friesen's Printing doing the set-up. Métis Family History was presented by Randy Ranville from the Winnipeg based Métis Resource Centre. Randy explained what records are used in finding Métis roots. Myrna Mackie wrapped up the day's sessions with her presentation of case studies that showed how thinking outside the box and some luck can result in breaking down genealogical brick walls. Myrna also brought a good selection of research books from Heritage Books Collection for sale.

A delicious lunch was served by the UCW and the opportunity was provided to see the renovations completed in the Branch Library. In the evening a delicious roast pork dinner was served to a very inspired and tired group of genealogists. As an after dinner treat the Brandon Highland Dancers did a melody of Irish and Scottish Dances. The dancers ranged from a wee young novice to three advanced dancers; they were very well received and enjoyed by all. The dinner speaker was Elizabeth Briggs with her fourth presentation "Feast Days, Festival, and the Calendar. We learned how the calendar has changed and how the Church and its holidays impacted our ancestors' lives. Many attendees commented on how they enjoyed the day.

#### Workshop Committee:

Barb Andrew  
Kaye Lyng  
Linda Dustan-Selinger  
Sheila Shearer

**Quality Commercial Printing  
for All Your Business Needs**



- **Brochures**
- **Newsletters**
- **Business Stationary**
- **Annual Reports**
- **Promotional Flyers**
- **much, much, more!**

**112B Scurfield Blvd.  
Ph: 204.261.3333 • Fax: 204.261.0255**

### **Kilmorie (Cover Story)** *By Marilyn Boyle #3473*

At the west end of Roslyn Road eight large concrete pillars mark the southern boundary of what used to be the five-acre estate, Kilmorie. Between the inner pillars are the remains of the tall iron balustrade and gate which are all that remain of the estate's original wall. Behind this impressive entrance are a small cottage and a stretch of lawn, and behind the cottage, the back of a somewhat larger building. These are what remain of the original estate – part of its wall, what used to be the gatekeeper and gardener's house and, on what is now Roslyn Crescent, the old stables and coach house which became the garage. The mansion was demolished in 1935.

Kilmorie was the home of Sir Augustus Meredith Nanton, philanthropist, investment banker, director, and partner in the firm Osler, Hammond and Nanton. He was born in Ontario on May 7, 1860, the eldest son of Daniel Augustus Nanton, a barrister, and his wife Mary Louisa Jarvis, a daughter of William Botsford Jarvis. Daniel Nanton was an alcoholic who

died when Augustus was age 13, leaving heavy debts. Augustus left school and got a job as a clerk with a real estate firm to help support his mother, his younger brother and his three sisters. At one time he also moonlighted as a cleaner and night watchman at a grocery store to put his brother through Royal Military College. In 1875, an uncle helped him get a job as a junior clerk in the brokerage firm of Pellatt and Osler at an annual salary of \$300.00.

One of Pellatt and Osler's accounts was the Aberdeen-based North of Scotland Canadian Mortgage Company Limited. Around 1881, Nanton was put in charge of this company's accounts. A year later, Edmund B. Osler and Henry Mill Pellatt dissolved their partnership. Osler founded, with Herbert Carlyle Hammond, the firm of Osler and Hammond. At the time, Hammond was the secretary of the Bank of Hamilton. They retained the agency of North of Scotland Canadian Mortgage Company and kept Nanton as its secretary.

In 1883, his firm sent Nanton to Winnipeg to investigate the investment opportunities in farm mortgages in the northwest on behalf of North of Scotland. He realized the potential and, in 1884, he moved to Winnipeg where he opened an office as a junior partner in Osler and Hammond's western branch. As a result, North of Scotland was one of the first companies in the northwest to finance first mortgages, and to purchase municipal and school debentures to any significant extent. Within ten years, the firm's capital investment had risen to £315,664.

Nanton's business in mortgages and debentures was closely bound up with the sale of farm lands and town lots, and with government-assisted immigration. From the start, Osler, Hammond and Nanton was the selling agent for the Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land Company Limited and for the Canadian Pacific Railway's land grant bonds. According to the Dictionary of Canadian Biography, by 1896, Osler, Hammond and Nanton had become the largest and best mortgage business in the west and an important link between Eastern Canadian/British finance and western development. Instead of seeking

quick profits, they brought standards of thoroughness, initiative and scrupulous honesty from which they never deviated. Throughout, Nanton refused to deal with speculators, saying, "I do not want to buy scrip from dealers and scalpers who rob the half-breeds, but I will buy direct from the owners at a good price." The firm eventually accumulated the largest scrip account in government records.

Nanton's interests included all forms of transportation, including Winnipeg's Electric Street Railway Company. He held a directorship in the Alberta Railway and Coal Company of Lethbridge, Alberta and its related Galt Collieries, as well as Great West Life Assurance Company. He became President of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, of Canada Saskatchewan Land Company, and of the Winnipeg Stock Exchange of which he was a founder. He was also a member of the first Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba.

In 1886, Nanton married Georgina Hope Hespeler. She died in 1887, three weeks after the birth of their daughter, Mary Georgina, almost certainly (according to the Dictionary of Manitoba Biography) because of a doctor's carelessness. On November 17, 1894, he married 19-year-old Ethel Constance Clark, a marriage that lasted thirty years and produced five children.

Construction of the mansion at 229 Roslyn Road, which was designed by J. H. G. Russell, began in 1900. Extensive landscaping turned the grounds into a forest complete with bridal paths to enhance its (then) semi-rural character. The Gate House was built in 1905 as residence for the Nantons' groom and groundskeeper. Other firms made alterations to the property between 1906 and 1912. In 1907, \$10,000.00 was spent on the building of a U-shaped stable, now No. 61, Roslyn Crescent. Horses and a cow were kept in one wing, sleighs and carriages in the other. In the centre was a tack room with a greenhouse attached to the rear. Eventually, the stable was converted into a garage and the groom became a chauffeur.

The 1911 census shows that, in addition to Augustus Nanton, his wife and six children and his mother-in-law, Kilmorie housed a staff of eleven, including seven women listed as "domestics", a groom, a coachman, a gardener and two clerks. There were also two "lodgers", Clara and Alice Mary Wright, the wife and daughter of the coachman, Charles William Wright. One of the clerks was Charles Wright's son.

Nanton's sumptuous Winnipeg estate expressed his commanding position in the community. It typified the conspicuous display of wealth and power enjoyed by Victorian-Edwardian society. Its members were expected to display their wealth, to entertain lavishly and contribute generously to worthy causes, all of which the Nantons did. Many of those who obtained similar positions through their own efforts rather than inheritance, like the Nantons, took a paternal interest in the welfare of their employees and expected to be treated in turn with respect and deference. Unfortunately, members of the rising labour movements believed (frequently accurately) that this paternalism meant that they were and always would be considered inferior to their "bettters".

Nanton has been described as a natural aristocrat, austere and patrician in manner with deeply conservative instincts. Three long, violent and bitter strikes hardened his natural dislike of collective bargaining and industrial unionism into vigorous antagonism. The first was the strike in 1906 by workers at the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company. Next was the miners' strike at Galt Collieries in Lethbridge which lasted from 1909 to 1911. The third was the deadly 1919 Winnipeg strike which Nanton viewed as treason and during which his many good works were forgotten.

After the signing of the armistice in November of 1918, the threat of a general strike which had been brewing since the summer of 1917 gained strength and became a reality in the spring of 1919. Businessmen who opposed the strike formed the Citizens' Committee of One Thousand which sought to maintain essential

services. Nanton became an influential member of this committee and, as the city's leading financier and employer, he became the object of threats by sections of labour. He was attacked at a mass meeting and someone threatened to burn down his house. For a time he and his chauffeur, gardener and under-gardener took turns patrolling the grounds of Kilmorie on horse back while his wife and family slept with friends. No move was made against Kilmorie, but the barn on his farm at Rosser was burned down and twenty horses were destroyed.

Among Nanton's philanthropic acts, probably the most notable was his contribution to the war effort between 1914 and 1918. Three days a week women met in the music/ball room to knit and sew for the 27<sup>th</sup> battalion in France. Areas of the mansion's opulent interior were opened to the newly-recruited men of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> battalions who had been sent from out of town to Winnipeg for their training. They could spend their off-duty time enjoying a billiard room with a full-size English pool table, a two-lane bowling alley, a shooting gallery, a ping-pong table and a games room for those who wanted to play bridge. Sandwiches and cocoa were provided. Some guest rooms were made available as quarters for wives who had come to Winnipeg to visit their husbands.

Nanton encouraged his employees to enlist. Two of his partners and a third of his staff joined the armed forces. He donated \$1,000.00 per month to the Canadian Patriotic Fund and made sure that the families of his employees who served were provided for in their absence. In 1917, the Nantons turned their summer home at the Lake of the Woods into a medically-staffed convalescent home for wounded soldiers which cared for eight hundred men. No effort was spared to aid the war effort, in recognition of which Nanton was made a knight bachelor in 1917.

In 1923, against his better judgment, Nanton became chairman of the new Canada Colonization Association. He had not recovered his health after overworking for so many years. Then, in the summer of 1924, Sir Edmund Osler

died. In mid-December, Nanton went to Toronto to succeed him as President of the Dominion Bank, but he became ill and after late January he was unable to attend to business. He died of kidney failure on April 24, 1925.

The banner headline on page 1 of the *Winnipeg Free Press* which announced his death proclaimed Nanton to have been a man highly esteemed by all sections of the community. One whole page of the paper was given to recounting his biography and his many tributes. His obituary listed his survivors as his wife, Lady Nanton, his daughters, Mrs. Lorne Cameron of Vancouver and Misses Constance and Marguerite Nanton of Winnipeg, his sons Edward, Paul and Augustus, and his brother, Brigadier-General H. C. Nanton who was en route from England to attend the funeral. His body was returned to Winnipeg where his funeral was held at St. Luke's Anglican Church on Nassau at Stradbrook. A picture in the *Free Press* which is a quarter-page deep and stretches the entire width of the page shows the large family plot in St. John's cemetery covered by a bank of flowers.

In November of 1934 the public was invited to tour Kilmorie while it was still there to be admired. An article in the November 17, 1934 issue of the *Winnipeg Free Press* by W. E. Ingersoll gives a brief history of the house and describes its contents, its oak paneling, its crystal chandeliers, its paintings and its furnishings. Before the building was razed in 1935, some of its elegant oak paneling, its stone fireplace, and some fixtures and hardware were refitted into 229 Roslyn Road, the former gatehouse. Lady Nanton lived there until her death in 1940.

#### References:

- The Year Past, Winnipeg Historical Buildings Committee, 1981  
*Dictionary of Canadian Biography*  
*Dictionary of Manitoba Biography*  
University of Manitoba Libraries: Winnipeg Building Index  
Winnipeg City Directories  
*Winnipeg Free Press*

# Our Library

## Bits and Pieces

By Mary Bole #884

MGS Librarian

I would like to thank all the people who made donations - monetary and material - to the library this past year. We appreciate your interest and consideration.



We purchased the program *Mapping Your Data* from Integrated Earth and have installed it on one of the computers in the library. View your Family Tree on Google Earth! *Map My Ancestors* transforms your Family Tree into an interactive map that your friends and relations can view using the powerful mapping capabilities of Google Earth and Google Maps. *Map My Ancestors* takes the hard work out of plotting your data by using a process called *geocoding* to automatically locate the places referenced in your family tree.

MGS is beginning to make a surname index of all of our copies of *Generations*. Volunteers are needed. Perhaps you even have some old copies at home that you'd like to index? Phone the library on Tuesday for instructions.

Soon to be at the library: a number of members have submitted their pedigree charts to the MGS. A master index of all names appearing on those charts will be available.

For your information: All the old Family Tree Maker CDROMs are now a part of Ancestry.library. We have kept our CDROMs for those of you who would like to access this information at home.

Connie Bart-Hamel  
[www.artographcanada.com](http://www.artographcanada.com)

**ARTOGRAPHY**  
DESIGN + RESTORATIONS

(204) 774 - 6604

## Library Lines

By Mary Bole #884 - MGS Librarian

### Manitoba

- 362.76 Emi Emilson, K. *Where Children Run*, 1999. Grahamdale Municipality.
- 362.76 Emi Emilson, K. *When Memories Remain*, 2001.
- 363.2 Arm Armstrong, L. *The Boundary Commission, North West Mounted Police Trail: a Guide to the Historic Sites Along the Trail*, 1881. [reprint]
- 363.2 Arm2 Armstrong, L. *Southern Manitoba and Turtle Mountain Country for Actual Settlers or Meet You on the Trail*, 1880. [reprint]
- 369 His *History Ladies Auxiliaries, the Royal Canadian Legion*, 1941-1991.
- 917.127 H *Henderson's Dauphin City Directory*, 1971.
- 970.3 Mad Madill, D. *Select Annotated Bibliography on Métis History and Claims*, 1983.
- 971.27 Erik *Beyond Beginnings*, 1996. Eriksdale Municipality. [Reference]
- 971.27 Fran *Arnaud Through the Years*, 1974.
- 971.27 Giml *Foley School District #1125*.
- 971.27 Grey *Haywood History, 1907-2007*. Grey Municipality
- 971.27 Loui McKitrick. *Andrew Stewart of the Prairie Homesteads*, 1949. Louise Municipality.
- 971.27 Mins Adamchuk, J. *Tent Town, 1898-1979*. Minitonas Municipality. [Reference]
- 971.27 Mint *Hold Back the Dam*, 1912. Minnedosa Lake, spillway and dam.
- 971.27 Mort Duncan, H. *South-West Corner*, 1984. Morton Municipality.
- 971.27 Nort *Thompson Community Profile*, 1985.

971.27 Pipe	<i>Pioneers of the Pipestone, 1929.</i> Pipestone Municipality.	971.3 Rain	<i>Rainy River, Our Town, Our Lives, 1979.</i>
971.27 Rhin	<i>Town of Altona Millennium Diary, 1999.</i> Rhineland Municipality. [Reference]	971.4 Aug	Auger, R. <i>La Grande Recrue de 1653, 2002.</i> The colonists who saved Montreal.
971.27 Robl	<i>A Journey Through the Years at Chesterville, 1884-1966.</i> Roblin Municipality.	971.4 Tri	<i>Tribute to Quebec City, 2008.</i> [CDROM]
971.27 Rosb	Stozek, E. <i>Sawmill Boys, P.O.W.s and Conscientious Objectors,</i> 2007. Rossburn Municipality and Parkland area.	971.6 MacK	MacKinnon, N. <i>This Unfriendly Soil,</i> 1986. Loyalists in Nova Scotia.
971.27 Rosb	Stozek, E. <i>A Slice of the Parkland,</i> 2008. Rossburn Municipality.	971.6 Rya	Ryan, J. <i>The Birthplace of New Scotland,</i> 1995. Nova Scotia.
971.27 Stua	<i>Welcome to the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn, 1997.</i>	<b>Western Canada</b>	
971.27 Winn	<i>Winnipeg, Images from a Century Ago, 2003.</i>	355.3 Wil	Williams, J. <i>Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, 1985.</i>
971.271 Mor	Morton, W. <i>Manitoba, the Birth of a Province,</i> 1984.	971.2 Car	<i>The Carlton Trail 1971.</i> The highway into the Saskatchewan country from the Red River Settlement, 1840-1880.
971.271 Ste	Stewart D. <i>Glimpses at Manitoba History,</i> 1932.	971.24 Beng	<i>Big Muddy Country, just North of the 49<sup>th</sup>,</i> 1994. Bengough and Hart Butte municipalities, Saskatchewan.
971.272 Bum	Bumstead, J. <i>Thomas Scott's Body, and other essays on early Manitoba history,</i> 2000.	971.24 Eldo	<i>Between the Rivers II, Memories of Maidstone, 1905-2001.</i> Eldon Municipality.

### Eastern Canada

325 Str	Stratford-Devai, F. <i>Getting From Here to There,</i> 2006. Identifies the origin of immigrants to Canada.
917.14 Lov	Lovell, J. <i>Montreal Directory of 1868-69,</i> 2000.
929.5	Ontario Cemeteries added: •Frontenac County: <i>Dempsey, Harlowe, St. Mark's Anglican, Arden United</i> •Renfrew County: <i>Howard, Cobden Union</i>
971.024 Ray	Raymond, W. <i>Loyalists in Arms, 1775-1783.</i>
971.3 Bruc	Brown, W. <i>The Queen's Bush,</i> 1932. Bruce County.
971.3 Keno	Kenora Thistles: <i>Our Hockey Heritage,</i> 2006.
971.3 Midd	Celebrating London 200 in 1993. Middlesex County.

971.3 Rain	<i>Rainy River, Our Town, Our Lives, 1979.</i>
971.4 Aug	Auger, R. <i>La Grande Recrue de 1653, 2002.</i> The colonists who saved Montreal.
971.4 Tri	<i>Tribute to Quebec City, 2008.</i> [CDROM]
971.6 MacK	MacKinnon, N. <i>This Unfriendly Soil,</i> 1986. Loyalists in Nova Scotia.
971.6 Rya	Ryan, J. <i>The Birthplace of New Scotland,</i> 1995. Nova Scotia.

### Western Canada

355.3 Wil	Williams, J. <i>Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, 1985.</i>
971.2 Car	<i>The Carlton Trail 1971.</i> The highway into the Saskatchewan country from the Red River Settlement, 1840-1880.
971.24 Beng	<i>Big Muddy Country, just North of the 49<sup>th</sup>,</i> 1994. Bengough and Hart Butte municipalities, Saskatchewan.
971.24 Eldo	<i>Between the Rivers II, Memories of Maidstone, 1905-2001.</i> Eldon Municipality.
971.24 King	<i>Saga of a Prairie Community: history of Lansdowne, Golden Ridge and Bender,</i> 1976. Kingsley Municipality.
971.24 Laal	<i>Settlers of the Hills,</i> 1975. Lake Alma Municipality.
971.24 Perd	<i>The Fledgling Years,</i> 1990. Perdue Municipality.
971.241 Boc	Bocking, D.H. <i>Saskatchewan, a Pictorial History,</i> 1979.

### Canada

070.4 Fei	Feinstein, A. <i>Dangerous Lives,</i> 2003. War correspondents.
355 Que	<i>Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association,</i> 1932.
358.4 Mcc	McCaffery, D. <i>Air Aces,</i> 1990. Biographies.
929.3 Str	Stratford-Devai, F. <i>Canadian Records of Birth, Marriage and Death, a Guide,</i> 2005.

971 Arg	Argyll, J. <i>Canada, 100 Years Ago</i> , 1985.	942.3 Kay	Kay-Robinson, D. <i>Devon and Cornwall</i> , 1977.
971 Bro	Broadfoot, B. <i>The Immigrant Years</i> , 1986.	942.3 Pla	<i>Plastichrome Colour Souvenir of Glorious Somerset.</i>
971.2 Mack	Mackenzie, Alexander. <i>Voyages from Montreal, on the River St. Laurence, Through the Continent of North America, to the Frozen and Pacific Oceans, in the Years 1789 and 1793.</i>	942.4 War	<i>Warwick Castle.</i>
		942.5 Ayl	<i>Aylesbury Wesleyan Methodist Circuit, Baptisms 1817-1837, 1840-1940; Burials 1844-1956, 2008. Buckinghamshire.</i>
		942.5 Reg	<i>Register of Burials in the Parish of Amcotts in the County of Lincoln, 1836-1997.</i>
		942.6 Eas	Brown, R. <i>East Anglia in Colour</i> , 1957.
305.891 Flo	Floate, S. <i>My Ancestors Were Gypsies</i> , 2005.	942.6 Edw	Edwards, A. <i>History of Essex</i> , 2000.
312.42 Yor	1851 census index to West Riding Yorkshire.	942.6 Jam	<i>The James Wentworth Day Book of Essex</i> , 1979.
331.7 Chr	Christensen, P. <i>Researching English Occupations: Defence Services</i> , 2003.	942.6 Nor	<i>Norfolk Village Book</i> , 1994.
331.7 Chr2	Christensen, P. <i>Researching English Occupations: Professions and Trades</i> , 2003.	942.7 Wal	Wallace, D. <i>English Lakeland</i> , 1940.
331.7 Chr3	Christensen, P. <i>Researching English Occupations: Civilian Services</i> , 2003.	942.8 Bur	<i>Burial Index Goole 1849-1923 (A to O)</i> , 2001.
929.1 Str	Stratford-Deva, F. <i>Researching Your English and Welsh Roots from Afar</i> , 2005.	942.8 Str	<i>Strays from East Yorkshire</i> , 1991.
929.2 Cou	<i>Counties in Time, Documents and Commentaries from the National Archives of Ireland</i> , 2009. [CDROM]	942.9 Wal	<i>South Wales Ancestors</i> , [200-]. [CDROM]
929.2 Tay	Taylor, J. <i>The Great Historic Families of Scotland</i> , 2006.		<b>Europe</b>
941.1 Mon	Monro's <i>Western Isles of Scotland and Genealogies of the Clans</i> , 1549, 1993.	296 Bey	<i>Beyond Imagination: Canadians Write about the Holocaust</i> , 1995.
941.1 Tho	Thomson, W. <i>The Little General and the Rousay Crofters</i> , 1981. Orkney Islands.	912 Fra	<i>Vignobles de France</i> , 1983. [map]
941.8 Ola	O'Laughlin, M. <i>Families of County Dublin, Ireland</i> ; vol. 7 of the "Book of Irish Families, Great and Small", 1999.	912 Ukr	<i>Lviv, Sightseeing Guide</i> . Ukraine. [map]
942.2 Cob	Cobb, R. <i>Travellers to the Town</i> , 1953. East Sussex.	912 Ukr	Ukraine. Local maps in detail.
942.29 Ber	<i>Berkshire Ancestors</i> . [CDROM]	940.54 Bre	Brewster, E. <i>Vanish in Darkness, an Auschwitz Memoir</i> , 1986.
942.3 Cor	<i>Cornish Ancestors</i> . [CDROM]	943.7 Cze	<i>Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International 8<sup>th</sup> Genealogical Cultural Conference</i> , 2001.
		947 Dal	Dalton, M. <i>Culture Shock! Ukraine</i> , 2001.
		947 Dem	Demczyna, T. <i>From East to West</i> , 1994. Ukraine
		947 Dra	Dragan, A. <i>Vinnysia, a Forgotten Holocaust</i> , 1986.
		947 Ell	Ellingson, I. <i>The Bukovina Germans in Kansas: a 200 Year</i>

947 Kny	<i>History of the Lutheran Swabians</i> , 1987.	929.2 Gil	<i>Report of Findings for Gillies</i> , [200?].
947 Kos	Knysh, G. <i>The Methodist Roots of Mediaeval Ukrainian Christianity</i> , 1989.	929.2 McG	McGirr, R. <i>McGirr Family Memoir</i> , 2008.
947 Luc	Kosyk, W. <i>Third Reich and the Ukrainian Question, Documents 1934-1944</i> , 1991.	929.2 Mur	Murphy, D. <i>My Search for our Irish Heritage and Murphy Ancestors in Canada</i> , 2007.
949.1 Fja	Lucik, L. <i>Time for Atonement</i> , 1987. Canada's first national internment operations and the Ukrainian Canadians, 1914-1920.	929.2 Sch	Shermerhorn, L. <i>Schermerhorn: Netherlands, North America</i> , 2008.
	Fjallkonas of Fslendingadagurinn, 1924-1989. Iceland	929.2 She	Shermerhorn, L. <i>Dobie and Shermerhorn Extended Families</i> , 2009. [CDROM]
949.1 Myp	<i>My Parents: Memoirs of New World Icelanders</i> , 2007.	929.2 Shi	Mullin, G. <i>Shipper Family Tree</i> , 2009.
949.4 Mag	Magee, J. <i>The Swiss in Ontario</i> , 1991.	929.2 Smi	Pryor, E. <i>Ernest Smith Family of Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland</i> , 2008.
<b>General</b>		929.2 Woo	Hartsook, L. <i>Remembered with Love, my Mother, Margaret Wooding, her Life and her Recipes</i> , 1985.
025.8 Bas	<i>Basic Conservation of Archival Materials: a guide</i> , 1990.	929.2 Yul	Pryor, E. <i>Yule Families of Kincardineshire Scotland</i> , 2009.
920 Bel	Bel Monte, K. <i>African-American Heroes and Heroines</i> , 1998.	929.2 Yul	Pryor, E. <i>Yule Families of Northeast Aberdeenshire</i> , 2009.
929 And	Anderson, A. <i>Recreational Ideas for Family Reunions</i> , 1990.	929.2 Yul	Pryor, E. <i>Yule Families of Western Aberdeenshire</i> , 2008.
<b>Family History and Biography</b>		929.2 Yul	Pryor, E. <i>Yule Families of Buchan, Lonsay, Crimond, Peterhead, Cruden, etc., Aberdeenshire</i> , 2009.
921 Hel	Eley, B. <i>The Book of David</i> , 1997. Biography of David Helfgott.		
921 Leo	Dow, L. <i>Anna Leonowens</i> , 1991.	<b>Book Reviews</b>	
929.2 Bra	McGibbon, G. <i>Glimpses of the Life and Work of the Reverend Richard Bradford as Scholar, School Principal, Chaplain</i> , 1970. [CDROM]	<i>By Enid Dorward #4502</i>	
929.2 Col	<i>Record Book of Salmon Cole: Vermont to Ontario 1787-1827</i> , 2007.	<i>McGirr Family Memoir</i>	
929.2 Dun	Duncan, R. <i>I Remember, 1910-1978</i> , 1980. A personalized eyewitness report of the eventful pioneer years in North Dakota.	recorded by Dr. Robert E. McGirr and written by Jane Butterly. Harrow, ON, Truelight Treasures, 2008. 109 p. photographs. (MGS library call # FH & BIO 929.2 MCG)	
929.2 Ewa	Ewach, H. <i>Call of the Land, a Sort Story of Life in Canada</i> , 1986. Ukrainians in Manitoba.		



Robert McGirr's grandparents, Laura Annie Crispin and Thomas Edwin McGirr came to Manitoba in 1882, from Vaughan Township (Owen Sound, Ontario). His father was born in Emerson, Manitoba. Later, the family moved to

Morden and then to Winnipeg, where Robert McGirr grew up. He served in the armed forces during World War II, after which he enrolled in medical school at Queens University. He married Bessie (Bess) Catherine Conrad of PEI, and established his medical practice in Leamington, Ontario. This book is his own story, with information about his parents and grandparents, as well as Bess's family. The book is well illustrated with photographs, copies of letters, newspaper clippings, documents, and genealogical charts which include six generations of the McGirr family.

If you would like to own a copy of this book, please contact Robert McGirr at Apt. 1006 – 234 Erie Street South, Leamington, ON N8H 4C6. The price is \$35.

***The Earnest Smith Family of Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland*** compiled by Estella Yule Pryor. 2008, 268 p. illus. (MGS library call # FH & BIO 929.2 SMI)

A detailed genealogy of the Earnest Smith family who originated in Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Many members of this large family lived and continue to live in the Scotia-Hamiota-Crandall area of Manitoba. The author has used a numbering system for the hundreds of names, a particularly helpful feature for a family where there was much duplication of names. A surname index helps to locate specific individuals. The book is illustrated with numerous photographs.

***La Grande Recrue de 1653: The Colonists Who Saved Montréal*** by Roland J. Auger, translated by Dianne J. Little. Pawtucket, RI, Quintin Pub., 2002. 342 p. illus., surname index (MGS library call #. EAST CAN 971.4 AUG)

Only a few years after its founding, the fledgling settlement of Villemarie (now Montréal) was struggling to survive. Attacks by the Iroquois were taking their toll, and there was a growing feeling of hopelessness. Jeanne Mance urged M. de Maisonneuve to return to France in order to bring back more people to strengthen the tiny colony. He was gone for two

years before he finally returned in 1653, but in the meantime he had recruited 153 men, of whom 102 actually accompanied him. Also with him were Sister Marguerite Bourgeoys and a few other women. 49 of the men still have descendants in Canada today.

The original French language volume of *La Grande Recrue de 1653* was published in 1953, to mark the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of *la grande recrue* (the great recruitment). An incredible amount of research must have gone into its preparation. This is the first English language edition, although the English is rather stilted. The central part of the book provides a summary of the available information about each of the recruits, arranged alphabetically. Following that, is a section called "Documentary Evidences", in which there are transcriptions of 53 pertinent documents, both in French and in English. They include such things as letters, land concessions, marriage contracts, lawsuits, etc. As well, Appendix A contains a list of the marriages of children of the original participants in *la grande recrue*, complete with dates, places, and names of spouses. Appendix B is a list of the men who were sent to Montréal in 1653, and the money that was paid to them. This book is a remarkable collection of genealogical information for those whose ancestors were part of *la grande recrue*.

## Book Reviews

By Bev Smith #3265

### *There's Lots of Bush...*

### *Between the Tee and the Green*

By Helen F. Marsh "... in

memoirs mood" (signed copy)

Derkson Printers Ltd., Steinbach, Manitoba, 1988

(MGS library call # MAN 971.27 DAUP THE)



What the title is really saying: there are a lot of "mulberry" bushes between the tee and the green with the on-going game of public affairs! This book is a memoir of a newspaper journalist/politician from Dauphin, Manitoba, with views, opinions about public affairs and a

personal biography with several stories “behind the story.” Numerous photographs span the years. There is no name index.

Topics covered are: National Ukrainian Festival, Dauphin Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, Town Council pictures, *Dauphin Herald & Press*, United Nations experiences, Anniversaries and Celebrations of Dauphin, the Library and the Agricultural Fair.

People mentioned: Fred Zaplitny, Andy Newton, Bob Fagan, Eric Day, William Marsh, Edna McConnell, Jim Marsh, George King, Ernie Solomon, Stewart McLean, Jack Armstrong, Ernie McEwan, Jimmy Ball, Adam Little, and Jan McDonald.

*The following two books are related...*

***The Boundary Commission-Northwest Mounted Police Trail: A Guide to the Historic Sites along the Trail***

Compiled by the Boundary Commission-NWMP Trail Association 1991 (MGS library call # MAN 363.2 ARM)

This book describes the Boundary Commission Trail and 45 significant sites along the trail in both Manitoba and North Dakota. Maps are included showing both the trail and the railway lines that followed.

Of interest to me are descriptions of Wassewa (White Light), Deloraine, and the Land grants bank vault (still standing) at Newcombe's Corner near Old Deloraine (#39, #41, & #42). Page 23 to the end tells about the further books the association plans to publish.

***Meet you on the Trail or West before the Railway Volume 1 (of aforesaid series)  
Southern Manitoba and Turtle Mountain Country***

By Rev. L. O. Armstrong 1880

Compiled by the Boundary Commission-NWMP Trail Association 1991 (MGS library call # MAN 363.2 ARM2)

This starts with a repeat of the end of the introductory volume describing the series.

There is a biography of Rev. Louis Olivier Armstrong pages 4-10. He was “a man of grand designs” who “was dramatically successful in encouraging English pioneers to take advantage of southern Manitoba’s settlement opportunities, especially in the Turtle Mountain country.” He was concerned about two things: shortage of Anglican patrons in the area, and the need for a railway to transport people and goods. The Emerson & Turtle Mountain Railroad was his dream but it never happened.

His journal writings and recounts are published next, an interesting read with details about climate, travel and people met along the way. This expedition, in winter, was a 12' by 7' house pulled by horses, in which they travelled. It could easily be built by settlers for about \$20 and then they could arrive at their new home with their new home. Was this the prototype for today's motor home? There is a colourful description of a blizzard on the prairie.

The “Footnotes” contain a lot of information about the people and places mentioned in Rev. Armstrong's account. (There is no index of names.)

Also included are maps & illustrations by R. N. Lea.

**Periodical Potpourri**

*By Enid Dorward #4502*

**Manitoba**

***Dauphin Pioneers Association***

(Mar/09) List of families who settled in Dauphin area prior to the railroad 1896

***Manitoba History***

(no. 59 2008) La Perouse's 1782 Expedition to Hudson Bay; Sybil Shack & Manitoba schools (spring/09) various articles about labour issues in Manitoba

***The New Leaf* (SW Manitoba)**

first edition – formerly *Leaf of the Branch*, Fred McGuinness on writing memoirs

***Time Lines* (Man. Historical Society)**

(Mar/Apr/09) Louis Riel's last English poems; Dalnavert exhibit about Margaret Scott Nursing Mission

## **Saskatchewan**

**Armchair Genealogist** (Saskatoon)

(Mar-Apr/09) Wutzke family from Russia

**Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin**

(Mar/09) Village index for the 1905, 1911 & 1918 Doukhobor census

## **Alberta**

**Chinook** (Alberta FHS)

(Apr/09) Many useful suggestions for writing your family history effectively

**Relatively Speaking**

(Feb/09) Love letters from the past

## **BC**

**Ancestree** (Nanaimo)

(spring/09) use of a mortcloth or pall

**British Columbia Genealogist**

(Mar/09) Stanborough family; David James Gill, home child in 1871

**Cariboo Notes** (Quesnel branch)

(spring/09) discrepancy charts; the Robertsons of McLeese Lake

**Grapevines** (Penticton, BC)

(Feb/09) Organizing your research

(Mar/09) Old medical terminology; British military guide for genealogy

**Okanagan Researcher**

(Mar/09) Kelowna's population in 1899 (list of names); deaths of Kettle Valley railway workers, early 1900s

**Roots Around the World** (Abbotsford)

(spring/09) Last will & testament of John Austin Billings, Victoria, BC, Jan. 1880

**The Treehouse**

(Mar/09) Cenotaph Men: stories of men named on Campbell River cenotaph

**Victoria Gen. Society Journal**

(Mar/09) Taxes and family history

## **Ontario**

**BRANTches** (Brant County)

(Feb/09) Brantford's House of Refuge 1880-1950s

**Bruce & Grey Branch OGS**

(Feb/09) OGS plans to recognize descendants of those who fought for the British in the War of 1812-14.

**The Bulletin** (Kawartha)

(Feb/09) Unregistered cemeteries

## **Halton-Peel KINnections**

(Feb/09) Lost village of Clogheneagh; Palermo cemetery

**Hamilton Branch**

(spring/09) Planning a research trip

**Kingston Relations**

(Mar/Apr/09) Newspapers in genealogy

**Lambton Lifeline**

(Mar/09) Thornbury family of Sombra

**Lanark Log** (Lanark County)

(Feb/09) Index of Lanark families who migrated to Lambton County; Beaton family obituaries

**Leeds & Grenville Branch News & Views**

(Jan/Feb/09) Watts family of Bastard township

(Mar/Apr/09) Little known burial grounds; death at a charivari

**London Leaf**

(Feb/09) Assessment rolls for Ekfrid township 1827 & Delaware township 1844 (names & lot numbers)

**The New Searchlight** (Quinte branch OGS)

(Mar/09) Ainsworth Funeral Home, Wellington, ON; UEL and Freemasonry in Upper Canada

**Nipissing Voyageur**

(Mar/09) Ontario education records; Family tree of Hitler sold in UK

**Norfolk**

(Feb/09) Cowan family

**Notes from Niagara**

(Feb/09) Names from Collard family bible

**Ottawa Branch News**

(Mar/Apr/09) Early Ottawa residents Robert Lyon and Dawson Kerr; city of Ottawa archives

**Our Waterloo Kin**

(Feb/09) Town of Hespeler; township of Woolwich

(May/09) Church register of H.W.Peterson 1833-35, Berlin, Upper Canada

**Past Tents** (Thunder Bay district)

(Mar/09) Ancestor of the month: W.C. Mapledoram; make a cemetery kit

**Perth County Profiles**

(Feb/09) Men in early township government; first wheat crop 1843 in Fullarton Township

(May/09) Listowel Public School report for Oct. 1917 (names & total exam marks)

**\*NEW\*The Pioneer Times** (Cloyne & District)

(Nov/08) Exploring surnames

(Apr/09) Weiss Point

**Roots Branches & Twigs** (Kent Co.)  
(Vol. 32, no. 1 2009) Scarlett family; funeral of Rev. Willis Nazery 1875

**Sault Channels**  
(Mar/09) Bruce Mines mining history

**SCAN** (Simcoe County)  
(Feb/09) Tips for writing your own school memories; Education records held by Ont. Archives.

**Talbot Times**  
(Mar/09) Influenza deaths in Elgin County 1918-1919; Daniel McQueen Drake 1819-1902

**Timberline** (Upper Ottawa Valley)  
(Feb/09 & Apr/09) Paul family of Deacon

**Time Traveller** (Temiskaming)  
(Mar/09) List of names of persons who wrote high school entrance exams in 1929.

**Toronto Tree**  
(Jan/Feb/09) Unregistered cemeteries; passenger lists online  
(Mar/Apr/09) Toronto's birthday; Canadian Baptist Archives in Hamilton

**The Tracer** (Oxford county OGS)  
(Feb/09) First Board of Trade 1877 – lots of names

(May/09) East Nissouri Township – Tax Collector's List 1841

**Traces & Tracks** (Wellington County)  
(Mar/09) Graves unearthed in Guelph; Wm. Stevenson of Guelph

**Trails** (Essex County)  
(fall/08 & winter/09) Letters home from WWI

**York Regions Ancestors**  
(Feb/09) Disappearing hamlets of Georgina Twp.; Index of *Markham Economist* Dec. 1862-Dec. 1863

## New Brunswick

**Generations**  
(spring/09) The Cochranes of Marysville, NB; the brig *Australia* 1852; Land to 71 grantees in the parish of Kingsclear, York Co., NB

## Newfoundland

**Newfoundland Ancestor**  
(vol. 25, 1, 2009) Slade arrivals/departures 1817-1831; 1921 Newfoundland census

## Nova Scotia

**Nova Scotia Genealogist**  
(spring/09) Murdoch Campbell Smith of Port Williams, Kings County, NS; Pierre Cyr & his family

## Quebec

**Discovering Family History**  
(May/Jun 2009) Find your Francophone ancestors

**Connections**  
(winter/09) Lower Canada in 1790s & early 1800s – names counties & describes area included in each

**L'Ancêtre**  
(printemps/09) (French lang.) La vie à Michilimackinac en 1745; la famille Labeaume

**Memoires**  
(hiver 2008) (French language) L'etonnante saga de certains ancêtres Leroy. (printemps/09) Les origines de Guillaume Daoust; Qui etait Marie Madeleine Troquière?

## Canada

**Heritage**  
(vol. XI, No. 4) Canada's terra cotta architecture; town of Aurora, ON heritage buildings

**Mennonite Historian**  
(Mar/09) Michael Ignatieff and Ignatyev Colony

## USA

**Cousins et Cousines** (Minnesota)  
(Feb/09) Translation of news from a French language newspaper of 1885

**Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter**  
(Mar/09) Passenger arrival records (USA 1834-1897)

**Minnesota Genealogist**  
(winter/08) Extensive article on Bion Cornelius Wiltse

**New England Ancestors**  
(winter/09) Ancestors of American presidents; Connecticut resources

**New England Historical and Genealogical Register**  
(Jan/09) Articles on Gershom Flagg (Woburn, Mass.), Nathaniel Mead (Greenwich, CT),

Richard Godfrey (Taunton, Mass.), Mary Bulkeley Clarke  
**Oregon Gen. Soc. Society Quarterly**  
(winter/09) 1940 US census (list of questions), websites for US genealogy  
(spring/09) Oregon pioneers vol. 4  
**Red River Valley Gen. Soc. Newsletter**  
(Jan/09) Unknown Soldier of Pembina; Bethel Lutheran Cemetery, Roseau County, list of names

## Great Britain and Ireland

**Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS**  
(Feb/09) Feature parish: Cruden  
**Anglo-Celtic Roots** (British Isles FHS of Greater Ottawa)  
(spring/09) Simplified publishing of military research  
**Cleveland FHS**  
(Cleveland, S. Durham, N. Yorks) (Apr/09) Cockfield parish  
**Cumbria FHS**  
(Aug/07) Wordsworth connection  
(Nov/07) List of tenants of the manor of Beetham; abolition of slavery  
(Feb/08) WWI ancestors; a tablecloth with family names embroidered on it.

**Derbyshire FHS**  
(Mar/09) Presbyterianism in Derby; The lives of persons with disabilities in 19<sup>th</sup> century England: a deaf mute and a blind person

**The Devon Family Historian**  
(Feb/09) The Parkhurst Boys from Devonshire

**Dumfries & Galloway FHS**  
(Mar/09) The Unlucky Houstons; Wm. Kerr, baker in Moffat; 18<sup>th</sup> century army deserters

**Family Tree Magazine**  
(Apr/09) Royal Navy ships in the censuses  
**Footprints** (Northamptonshire FHS)  
Four issues from 2008 have been donated. One feature is a 3 part articles about the Shipleys, a family of bakers.

**Genealogists' Magazine**  
(Mar/09) UK immigration to Canada  
**Glamorgan FHS**  
(Mar/09) Death in the county asylum; Sergeant T. Loveridge

## Hampshire Family Historians

(Mar/09) Coroners' records – what they can tell you; Hellyer family; digital cameras and genealogy; first lollipop man

## Irish Roots

(first quarter 2009) Searchable online Irish databases; Harrigan family

## Journal of the Bristol & Avon FHS

(Mar/09) Compton Greenfield parish

## Lancashire

(Nov/08) Madhouse at Billington-Langho.  
(Feb/09) Darwen: a Lancashire township

## Newsletter (Glasgow & West FHS)

(Mar/09) Scottish emigration to colonial America 1607-1785, including a list of passengers on board *The Commerce* 1773 leaving Port Greenock

## Norfolk Ancestor

(Mar/09) List of British POWs 1813 in Napoleonic France

## North Irish Roots

(vol. 20, no. 1, 2009) Holden's Directory 1811: Killileagh; names on war memorial, Groomsport, Co. Down

## \*NEW\* North of Ireland FHS

(Jan/08) Newspaper digital archives

(Jun/08) India connections

(Feb/09) Records of Christ Church, Belfast

## Northumberland & Durham FHS Journal

(spring/09) Tribulations of the teacher (in Northumberland); North Eastern Reformatory; Mather family

## Sib Folk News (Orkney FHS)

(Mar/09) Residents of Mucklehouse, Island of Cava

## Suffolk Roots

(Mar/09) Coddenham St. Mary's Church (article & photos); Ipswich medieval churches

## West Middlesex FHS Journal

(Mar/09) History of Waitrose supermarkets; wedding photographs

## Wiltshire FHS

(Apr/09) William Fishlock of Avebury; Figheldean families 1845

## Australia & New Zealand

### The Genealogist

(Mar/09) Features a list of government immigrants from Britain to Australia, who

arrived on the barque *Adamant* in October 1864; early Melbourne suburbs

#### **New Zealand Family Tree**

(Apr/Jul/09) Southland place names; famous Southlanders

### **Europe**

#### **The Palatine Immigrant**

(Mar/09) Examples of German church records

#### **Discovering Family History**

(May/Jun/09) Top resources for Ukrainian research

### **Featured Articles**

#### **Internet Genealogy**

(Mar/09) Aviation records; Family Search updates. Also, an article on Canadian Expeditionary Forces Records (WWI) describes in some detail what records are available and how to access them. This includes attestation papers, service records, and war diaries.

(Apr/May/09) 25 websites for European research; strategies for researching your ancestral village without leaving home records for children rescued from WWII Germany.

#### **Family Chronicle**

(Apr/09) Here's a unique approach to genealogy. In this issue is an article, "The Music of Your Ancestors" which mentions music related to war, sheet music and songbooks, and recorded music. A great way to "fill in" some information about the lives of your ancestors through the music they loved. An extensive article on researching early Ontario ancestors provides much valuable information and many good suggestions for pre-1869 Ontario research. Includes a description of early census records, as well as an explanation of land records and how to use them, and much more.

#### **Family Tree Magazine**

(Feb/09) In this issue there is an article entitled "The Legacy of the Highland Clearances". The author describes events during which Scottish Highlanders were forced from their land and their livelihoods, and many were ultimately exiled. A useful background article for persons with Scottish Highland ancestors.

#### **Family Tree Magazine**

(Mar/09) "Using Maps in Family History" – Tells about the different kinds of maps that exist, and what kind of information you can glean from them.

#### **Galizien German Descendants**

(Apr/09) Includes an extensive article about World War II rationing in Vienna.

#### **The Septs** (Irish Genealogical Society International)

The April/09 issue features several articles about the benefits of searching for information about siblings as well as direct ancestors. Although the articles focus on Irish genealogy, the same principles apply for researching in any country.

### **Doing Manitoba Research at the MGS Library.**

*By Mary Bole #884 - MGS Librarian*

It has been 5 years since I reported on what is available at your library so another update is due. Exciting things are happening. I am including a few Internet sites but the purpose of this article is to encourage you to visit and use your library. Please note that the list is not everything we have, check for other resources on our card catalogue.

**Internet resources:** KOHA – our online catalogue is now finished. You can now search over 9000 items (books, CDROMs, maps, etc.) from your home and either order using our very cheap mail rate, by phone, or e-mail, or come and look yourself. The card catalogue can be found by going to our homepage and clicking on KOHA.

**Ancestry.Library** – MGS subscribes to *ancestry.library*, a library edition of *ancestry.com* which is now the world's most powerful genealogical online resource and the most popular resource at the MGS library.

**Newspaper Archive** – MGS subscribes to *newspaperARCHIVE.com*, a site which

includes not only Winnipeg and Brandon newspapers, but others from all over the world dating back to 1759. It is a very good tool to search for obituaries, or to learn personal details about your family.

**Church Registers** – MGS has transcripts of 94 Manitoba Anglican and Catholic Church registers. A searchable surname index to the Anglican registers is now on the library computers.

We also have an index to the early United Church records of 79 rural and urban charges (Phase I and II) of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational (pre-union) churches, the originals of which are held at the United Church Archives in Winnipeg. Baptisms, Marriages and Burials each have their own index. Phase III is currently being indexed and should be in the library this summer.

**Manitoba Cemeteries** – MGS has transcripts of 1354 Manitoba cemeteries. The old card index for each surname has been replaced by a searchable database on the library computers. Some other Manitoba cemeteries online are:

[www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/cemetery\\_search.stm](http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/cemetery_search.stm) St. Vital, Transcona and Brookside, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

[www.city.brandon.mb.ca/](http://www.city.brandon.mb.ca/) Brandon Municipal Cemetery, Brandon, Manitoba.

[www.city.portage-la-prairie.mb.ca/](http://www.city.portage-la-prairie.mb.ca/) Hillside and St. Mary's cemeteries, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

[www.town.neepawa.mb.ca/profile/cemetery.asp](http://www.town.neepawa.mb.ca/profile/cemetery.asp) Riverside cemetery, Neepawa, Manitoba.

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cancemet/MB/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cancemet/MB/index.html)

**Carved in Stone** – This book lists all the cemeteries and burial sites in Manitoba, arranged by municipalities. The map at the front of the library with the yellow dots shows which municipalities have all cemeteries transcribed by MGS.

**Obituaries** – MGS has now indexed the obituaries from the Winnipeg newspapers from 1968 to the present. There is a searchable

database of the indexes on the library computers. From the data found on the index, patrons must go to the Provincial Archives, Winnipeg Public Library or University of Manitoba Library to view the obituaries in the microfilm of the newspapers. You can also search [newspaperarchives.com](http://newspaperarchives.com) for obituaries.

The *Winnipeg Free Press* has copies of all obituaries since 1999 at [www.passagesmb.com](http://www.passagesmb.com)

MGS has indexed the obituaries from rural newspapers from 1980 to 2005. This is a valuable resource but, as we cannot subscribe to all newspapers, and had to depend on donations, the lists are very extensive but not complete. The lists are in book form but will soon be computerized. To view the actual newspaper the patron is directed to the Provincial Archives.

There are always exceptions. MGS does have some copies of obituaries which are on cards and arranged alphabetically.

**Early Newspaper BMD Indexes** – MGS has compiled indexes of births, marriages and deaths found in the early rural and Winnipeg newspapers – this is an ongoing project. At present the BMDs for 1859-1887 are published in book form, available for use in the library, or for sale. Indexes for later years are on cards and arranged alphabetically.

Other newspaper indexes:

*Brandon Sun*: obituaries 1900-1929, 1981 and 1992.

*Carberry News Express*: births, marriages, deaths 1900 - 1965

*Dauphin*: births and marriages 1896 -1915, obituaries 1896 - 1970.

*Edward municipality*: births 1900 - 1915, deaths 1913 - 1989

*Swan River, Star and Times*: 1988 - 2003.

*Thompson*: births, marriages and deaths 1960 - 1967

**Historical Directory of Manitoba Newspapers, 1859 to 1978** – The book lists all the newspapers printed in individual

communities, and the years they covered. From this index go to the Provincial Archives and view the papers.

**Strays** – It was a policy in the early years of MGS for our and other societies to send obituaries of people born out of province to the province of their birth. These obituaries were called “Strays”. MGS has indexed the ones we received and put in book form.

**People File** – Newspaper clippings have been saved about Manitoba families and placed in the people file in the filing cabinet by surname. We are in the process of indexing these names.

**Periodicals** – MGS has a complete set of our own periodical *Generations* from 1976 to the present. It is well worth going through them for articles of interest to researchers and queries submitted over the years. The library committee is in the process of indexing them.

**Census Records** – MGS now has an extensive collection of census records, both indexes and returns. The early years include 1827, 1831, 1834 and 1870. The 1881 census is indexed in book form and also on CDROM. 1891 was indexed by our own members – checked and doubled checked – on the library computers. 1901, 1906, 1911 and 1916 are available on ancestry.library.

Canadian census records are also available online at: [www.collectionscanada.ca](http://www.collectionscanada.ca) and [www.automatedgenealogy.com](http://www.automatedgenealogy.com)

**Henderson's Directories** – These are listings of businesses and households, usually documenting family members over the age of 18, their residence and occupation during the year the Directory was published. The MGS Library has Directories of Manitoba starting as early as 1876. The early years include Manitoba and the Northwest Territories which at that time included the modern day Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. (The 1889 Directory contains British Columbia as well). We also have a complete set of Winnipeg residential/business directories from 1908 to 2000. Manitoba Directories are available from

1877 to 1907 in book form; from 1876 to 1908 on microfilm.

**Telephone Books** – The MGS Library has an extensive selection of Manitoba Provincial and Winnipeg City telephone books. Provincial books from 1908 to 1939 are on microfilm. These provide a useful resource for locating the former address of a relative.

**Inventory of Archival Material** – These 4 volumes identify the archival records which exist in public and private collections throughout rural Manitoba.

**Maps** – MGS uses municipalities as convenient way of categorizing the collection. For example all books that are from Stanley Municipality will be placed together on the shelves. When doing research in the library it will help you to know what municipality you are researching.

There are two wall maps of Manitoba showing municipalities. Separate maps of the municipalities with local communities can be found in the reference section and some municipal maps listing property owners can be found in the Reference Section or in the map boxes.

Also in the reference section we have three binders of *Manitoba Land Ownership Maps and Lists* sorted by municipality.

**Schools** – The book *One Hundred Years in the History of the Rural Schools of Manitoba* will help you locate those early school districts, with land descriptions and the names of other schools it amalgamated with.

**Local History Books** – The MGS Library has well over 450 Manitoba Local History Books. These “gold mines” are a prairie phenomena. During 1967, Centennial year, almost every little town struck up a committee which contacted all the individuals of the community for a biography of their families. They serve as a (somewhat whitewashed) record of most rural prairie families. The books are arranged in the library by municipality.

**Manitoba Surrogate Court Records** – MGS has copies of the microfilms at the Provincial Archives of Manitoba. This is a Central register of all estates probated in Manitoba, maintained by the central registrar of the Surrogate Court to ensure that an estate was processed in only one judicial district. Registers provide the name and residence of the deceased, date of death, name and address of the applicant, type of application (probate, letters of administration, special grant), and the judicial district where the application was made. The entries are arranged by the application number, which can be obtained from the alphabetical index. The MGS Library has the index for application Books 1 – 26 which cover the years 1884-1930.

#### **Some Other Miscellaneous Indexes:**

*Manitoba Free Press* 1909 index

*Jewish Cemetery Photography Project*

*Manitoba Marriage Index*, 1930 only.

*1917-1919 Winnipeg Newspaper Obituaries*

*Gilbart Funeral Home*, Selkirk 1935-1944

*Flo Cox Scrapbook Index*

**Fast Facts for Finding Family from Manitoba**  
This research guide is designed to help those seeking to discover their Manitoba ancestors. It is an excellent guide to what records exist and where they can be found in our province.

#### **And what a Manitoba Day Open House it was!**

*Submitted by Bill Pooley #855*

This year's Manitoba Day Open House, held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 was a lot of fun!

There were 16 members who volunteered to help and they were kept very busy. About 35 patrons came to find out more about their family history. Our Volunteers were more than up to the task, so everyone went away very happy.

We increased our membership with four new members, two existing members paid their renewal and a further seven individuals are considering joining MGS. Wonderful!

Although the weather didn't encourage one to go out in the morning, it also didn't encourage anyone to go out to the cottage either.

This year, our attendance draw was for a copy of *Fast Facts for Finding Family from Manitoba*, an MGS Publication compiled by Kelly Southworth. The winner was Mike Dobbin; a very happy man.

Also drawn at the Manitoba Day Open House was the Basket Raffle. The prizes were awarded as follows: Prize 1, the kitchen basket was won by Karen Becker. Leslie Hatrick won the second prize, a hanging flower basket. The Tea Basket went to Ginny Braid. This turned out to be a good fundraiser. Congratulations to all the winners!

Kudos to Judith Roe and all those who helped with the Raffles.

Thanks to all our members who came out to help. It's only through everyone's combined efforts that our Open House is the annual successful event that it is.

Again, special thanks to Jan Gowan and Debbie Clark for their continued improving of our basic format and creative thinking. I would have been lost without their assistance on our committee and their ongoing help.

**Don't forget to check the Want Ads on page 4 to see what you could do to help the MGS. Volunteers are needed now!**

#### **Update to *Generations*, V33, I3, September 2008, page 11**

*Submitted by Bill MacDonald # 3864*

Re: James Newman Rickards... This issue of *Generations* states that Hannah was born in 1851, but the marriage to Thomas Ramsay was on August 1, 1883. (St. James Marriage Reg 2-28 says Hannah was 16 years old.)

This Hannah was the granddaughter of James Newman Rickards and the daughter of his son, James Newman Rickards.

The real Hannah was married on April 21, 1870 (St. John's Marriage Reg 3 -72) to George Frank Fostrey. She was 17 years old which agrees with the 1851 date given for her birth.

**Manitoba Genealogical Society**  
 1045 St. James Street - Unit E  
 Winnipeg MB Canada R3H 1B1  
 Phone: (204) 783-9139  
[www.mbgenealogy.com](http://www.mbgenealogy.com)

Renewal MGS # \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and MGS # of Associate at same address:

MGS MEMBERSHIP FEES		
Individual	\$35.00	\$_____
Associate	\$15.00	\$_____
Institutional	\$35.00	\$_____
Life	\$350.00	\$_____
MGS Branch Fees:		
Dauphin	\$20.00	\$_____
Beautiful Plains	\$10.00	\$_____
South West	\$10.00	\$_____
SW Assoc.	\$8.00	\$_____
Swan Valley	\$10.00	\$_____
Southeast & Wpg	\$10.00	\$_____
Donation		\$_____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		\$_____

G.S.T. not applicable. Federal income tax receipts are issued for donations over \$5.00.

OFFICE USE

Mail # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rotary \_\_\_\_\_ Graph \_\_\_\_\_  
 Memb. Card \_\_\_\_\_ New Pkt. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tax Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_ Fin. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Computer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.  
 is a registered charity.**

Donations can be made to the Memorial Fund, the Library Fund or the General Fund. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$5.00 and are much appreciated.

**Volunteer Bio**

*By Jacki Azure-Townsend  
 #5071*



Louisa Shermerhorn has been a valued member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society since 1980. Ten years later, she became a life member. Throughout the years, Louisa has maintained her link with the library and feels much rewarded by her work there.

She began volunteering at the library in 1982 and a year later was named librarian. During the next 20 years in this position, Louisa saw the library grow from its first single room location at St. James Ellice Avenue.



Along with other volunteers, she has been instrumental in all aspects of the library research, organization, expansion, planning and of course, shelving. In the early years, evenings and weekends were the only times available for Louisa to help out since she was working full time as a librarian in a local high school. She was also responsible for interviewing many library volunteers including Marilyn Thomas and Mary Bole who are still with the Society today.

In the 1990s Louisa took on the role of Vice President Administration which she held for a total of seven years and Vice President Finance in 1994/1995. In order to get a wider perspective of how the MGS operated, Louisa made sure to visit all the volunteer shifts at least once a month and attend all the council and executive meetings. She is proud to note how many volunteers she befriended during this time.

When reflecting on her time with the MGS, Louisa offers thanks to others first. As she herself states, "Nothing could have been achieved without the help of many volunteers—

some still with us, many passed on, many still around but not volunteering, but they are the ones who should be recognized. Somewhere in the records are their names. I feel very strongly about this. And I thank them all."

The family lines Louisa is researching are Dobie, Schermerhorn (original spelling), Harris (no connection to fellow MGS member Lorne Harris), Newman, Branscombe, McLarty, Lawson, Miller, Kinneborough, Huff/Hough and many others.

### ***Generations Editorial Team***

*Editor – Debbie Degryse Clark*

Advertising Sales – vacant

*Book Reviews – Enid Dorward*

*Book Reviews – Bev Smith*

*Cover Design – Randy Clark*

*Editorial Consultant – Joyce Elias*

*From the Past – Kathy Stokes*

*Library/Library Lines – Mary Bole*

Members' Interests – vacant

*Periodical Potpourri – Malcolm Dewar*

*Periodical Potpourri – Enid Dorward*

Photographer – vacant

*Proof Reader – Joyce Elias*

*Volunteer Bios – Jacki Azure-Townsend*

Please call 204-783-9139 or email [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com) if you have any questions or would like to become a part of our Editorial Team.

### **Update on Databases**

*By Elizabeth Briggs #484L*

Firstly I will begin with an update on the British Census. Details on 1911 census information may be found in the March edition of *Generations*. Just to let interested people know, all the English counties are available for searching family history. We are waiting for the thirteen Welsh counties, the Isle of Man, the

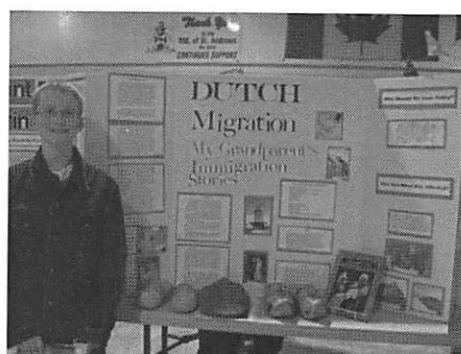
### **MGS Heritage Fair Award**

*Submitted by Bill Curtis #2882*

Two representatives from the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. were asked to act as adjudicators at the Lord Selkirk School Division Heritage Fair (for grade six students) which was held on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the St. Andrews Community Centre. Joan Whiston and Bill Curtis attended.

The *MGS Heritage Fair Award* was instituted for the occasion. The first recipient was Matthew Stevenson (see photo below) for his display of Dutch immigration to Canada, with particular emphasis on his own family. He was presented with a framed certificate, and a copy of the book, "Finding Your Canadian Ancestors" by Sherry Irvine and David Obee.

We look forward to a continuing association with this event.



### **And speaking of Dutch Ancestors**

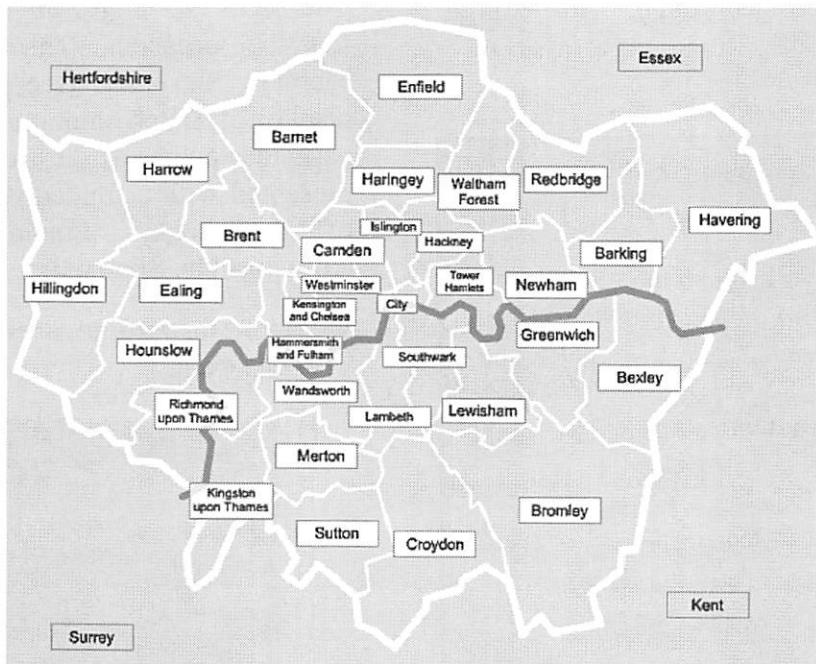
We have heard from Mr. Goos Lier, who can be contacted at [g.lier@home.nl](mailto:g.lier@home.nl). He recommends that researchers of Dutch ancestors check out the site: <http://www.genlias.nl/nl/page0.jsp> He is willing to help with language problems.

Channel Islands, Ships at Sea and Military Establishments (overseas).

Secondly, when I reported on the 1916 census for Canada it was available on [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). Regrettably, the census was available for a short period of time only. I

sent an email to the *Record Search Pilot* technologists and it was explained to me that the website only had authorization to use the index and not the digitized images. As images were linked to the index the database has been removed from the site for a few years until the contract permits its full use. Do not be disappointed as the 1916 census for Canada can be viewed at <http://www.ancestry.com/>. Other census returns can also be viewed on this site.

Whilst on the ancestry website please be aware that the London Metropolitan Archives [LMA] and the Guildhall Library have signed an agreement to digitize London records and make them available. To begin there is a good map showing London Boroughs together with their surrounding counties. The London County Council was established in 1889 which later gave rise to other local governments throughout Britain.



Here is the information about the records.

**London Metropolitan Archives**

**Exclusive to Ancestry.co.uk**

Now you can explore London's rich history through the lives of your ancestors with the launch of these fascinating historical records.

The records range from the early 1900s all the way back to the 1500s – around 300 years before Civil Registration. So they can help you go beyond Census, Birth, Marriage & Death records.

There are more than 77 million records in total, which will be released regularly over the next year or so. You'll be able to see records first-hand such as parish records, non-conformist registers, electoral registers, parish poor records, boards of guardians, wills, transportation sessions – and much more. Watch out for more releases soon.

**Available now**

Board of Guardians Deaths and Burials collection 1834-1934; and Births and Baptisms 1834-1906.

Opening the doors of workhouses, asylums and special schools across London and Middlesex.

**Search Births and Baptisms, 1834-1906**

**Search Deaths and Burials, 1834-1934**

Try accessing this site through <http://www.ancestry.co.uk/>

Here are some of the new databases.

Genealogy Database Title	Posted
<a href="#">London, England, Death Notices from The Times, 1982-1988 - Updated</a>	13/05/2009
<a href="#">1841 England Census - Updated</a>	07/05/2009
<a href="#">Quaker and Courier : the life and work of William Penn</a>	05/05/2009
<a href="#">Edgcombe of Devonshire, England and Connecticut, New England</a>	01/05/2009
<a href="#">British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920 - Updated</a>	24/04/2009
<a href="#">Bantry, Berehaven and the O'Sullivan Sept</a>	17/04/2009
<a href="#">Annals of an Eton House : with some notes on the Evans family</a>	14/04/2009
<a href="#">Acaster Malbis and the Fairfax Family</a>	07/04/2009
<a href="#">1851 England Census - Updated</a>	06/04/2009
<a href="#">1851 Wales Census - Updated</a>	06/04/2009
<a href="#">United Kingdom and Ireland Obituary Collection - Updated</a>	03/04/2009
<a href="#">U.K., City and County Directories, 1600s-1900s - Updated</a>	30/03/2009
<a href="#">London, England, Poor Law Records, 1840-1938</a>	24/03/2009
<a href="#">London, England, Births and Baptisms, 1834-1906</a>	24/03/2009
<a href="#">London, England, Deaths and Burials, 1834-1934</a>	24/03/2009
<a href="#">Private Member Trees - Free Index - Updated</a>	21/03/2009
<a href="#">Public Member Trees - Updated</a>	21/03/2009

In addition to records from the London Metropolitan Archives, this website will offer records from the Guildhall Library in London which includes records from the city of London.

I will try and update this information during the year. I hope people locate ancestors from searching these updated resources.

## Donations to MGS - November 2008 - April 2009

The Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. would like to recognize and thank all who have made Memorial Donations, Cash Donations and

Material Donations for the Library between November 2008 and April 2009.

All contributions are greatly appreciated

C. Alarie-Skene	D. Dumanski	J. Lenderbeck	D. Ross
P. Allan	L. Earl	E. Lepischuk	H. Runchey
J. Allen	G. Eaton	L. Litardi	J. Rutherford
E. Alexander	E. Edwards	D. Lockhart	L. Shermerhorn
J. Anaka	J. Elias	B. Madill	K. Southworth
C. Aradi	G. Ellis	A. Malyon	O. Sozansky
B. & B. Atkinson	S. Etsell	N. Marion	D. Spurrill
B. Batchelor	S. Eyolfson	W. MacDonald	R. Stelmack
A. Bentley	T. Findlay	A. MacFarlane	J. Stemmerowicz
B. Bileski	R. Firth	C. MacFarlane	K. Stokes
M. Bole	J. Gillies	W. McCaw	P. Sundmark
S. Boychuk	M. Glover	J. McCollum	E. L. Syrnick
S. Bracken	J. Gowan	M. McCormick	L. Taplin
G. V. Brickman	D. Gray	B. McGirr	G. Tapper
E. Briggs	M. Gray	V. Mitchell	L. Thompson
K. Buhr	P. Gregory	A. Morton	C. Toomer
E. Burnside	J. Hamilton	D. Murphy	M. Tranfield
M. Butchard	A. Hanks	E. Myers	J. Tucker
T. Button	J. Harms	D. Neufeld	A. Van Royan
D. Cain	S. Havig	S. Mears	J. Whiston
K. Campbell	L. Hillier	G. Mullin	J. Wood
B. Cann	G. Hogg	B. Page	S. Woods
J. Carcary	L. Horn	D. Parker	Friesens Corporation
C. Clegg	J. James	D. Podolsky	MGS - South East &
I. Crofts	L. Karman	W. Pooley	Winnipeg Branch
M.H. Crowe	K. Kaye	S. Popkes	Red River Community
O. Dawe	G. Lambert	A. Prestayko	College
E. Dorward	W. Lavallee	V. Privat	
I. Dryden	C. Lebitt	E. Pryor	Scott Office Supplies

**Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.**

Unit E – 1045 St. James Street, Winnipeg, MB, Canada R3H 1B1 Phone: 204-783-9139  
[contact@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com) [www.mbgenealogy.com](http://www.mbgenealogy.com)

**Publications Order Form**

<u>Book</u>		<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
A1	BIOGRAPHICAL RESOURCES at the HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY Archives, Vol. 1	each \$33.00	_____
A2	BIOGRAPHICAL RESOURCES at the HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY Archives, Vol. 2	each \$39.00	_____
A3	CARVED IN STONE. Cemeteries and Burial Sites in Manitoba. Revised in 1997	each \$25.00	_____
A4	FAMILY HISTORIAN'S GUIDE to Illness, Disease & Death Certificates	each \$25.00	_____
A5	FAST FACTS FOR FINDING FAMILY IN MANITOBA	each \$10.00	_____
A6	HANDBOOK for READING and INTERPRETING OLD DOCUMENTS ...with examples from HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY Archives, Winnipeg. Illustrated	each \$35.00	_____
A7	An INDEX of BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH NOTICES FROM MANITOBA NEWSPAPERS Volume 1 (1859 – 1881) Marr / Deaths only	each \$25.00	_____
A8	Volume 2 (1882 – 1884)	each \$49.00	_____
A9	Volume 3 (1885) ( <i>currently out of print</i> )	each \$20.00	_____
A10	Volume 4 (1886)	each \$20.00	_____
A11	Volume 5 (1887)	each \$20.00	_____

**Please Note:** *Shipping & Handling for the first item \$4.50 and \$3.00 for each additional item.*

Total S & H	\$ _____ . _____
Total Order	\$ _____ . _____

Please check here if you would like to receive a free large pedigree chart with your order while supplies last

**TOTAL PAYABLE IN CANADIAN FUNDS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ MGS # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. / State \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal / Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Prices subject to change without notice*

## **Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.**

1045 St. James Street - Unit E, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3H 1B1

Telephone: 204-783-9139

Email: [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com)



### **Generations: Advertising Rates Schedule**

		<u>1 ISSUE</u>	<u>4 ISSUES</u>
Full Page	7" x 9"	\$100.00	\$300.00
Half Page	7" x 4½" or 3" x 9"	60.00	180.00
Quarter Page	7" x 2¼" or 3" x 4½"	30.00	90.00

Above ads must be camera ready and the proper size. Photos extra. Reduction/enlargement extra.

### **Classified Ads**

Maximum of 3 (typewritten) lines x 7" = \$10.00 per issue or \$32.00 per year. Must be typewritten or printed clearly. Extra lines are \$3.00 each.

### **Business Card Ads**

Actual business card or equivalent, 3½ "x 2" = \$20.00 per issue or \$60.00 per year. Camera ready.

### **Changes**

Will be allowed in advertising copy at the yearly rate.

### **Copy Deadlines**

February 15, May 15, August 15, November 15.

Send copy or enquiries to Editor, *Generations*, - address above or [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com)

### **Guidelines**

The following guidelines shall apply to advertisements placed by MGS or appearing in Society publications.

1. All advertisements shall conform to MGS policy. The following outline of principles constitutes the policy of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. on advertising.

Purposes: [1] to advance the cause of genealogy; [2] to promote the interests of the Society; [3] to provide information to the public.

Content: any advertising placed by the Society or appearing in Society publications shall: [1] conform to the policies of the Society; [2] contain no statements that are false or misleading to the best of our knowledge; [3] ensure a regard for public safety and shall not depict situations which might encourage inappropriate, unsafe or dangerous practices; and [4] conform to the public standards of taste and decency.

Placement: advertising shall not be placed by the Society in any publication or media program that discriminates in its content on the basis of race, sex, language, religion, marital status, family status, source of income, or age. Advertising that appears in any publications of the Society shall not discriminate in its content on the basis of race, sex, language, religion, marital status, family status, source of income, or age.

Application of the Policy: Where any doubt exists as to the application of the policy, the Vice President of Public Relations and the Journal Editor of the Society shall decide.

2. Advertisements in MGS publications shall be directly relevant to members of the Society.
3. All advertisements shall be subject to the approval of the Editorial Committee. Where doubt exists as to the appropriateness of any advertisement, the Vice President of Public Relations & Vice President of Administration shall have the right to deny its publication.
4. All revenues from advertising shall go directly to MGS. Rates may be subject to change annually upon review and recommendation by the editorial committee and approval of the Council of the Society.



### **LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTRE**

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:30 to 3:30

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 to 9:00

Sunday 12:00 to 4:00

(It is always best to confirm Wednesday evening and Sunday opening times)

PUBLICATIONS MAIL AGREEMENT #40050442  
Return Undeliverable Canadian Addresses to

Unit E 1045 St. James Street  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 1B1  
Canada

**Is the EXPIRY DATE on your address label one of the following dates?**

**2009/06/30, 2009/07/31, or 2009/08/31**

**If so, your membership is expiring with this issue.**

**PLEASE RENEW SOON. Registration form is on page 24.**