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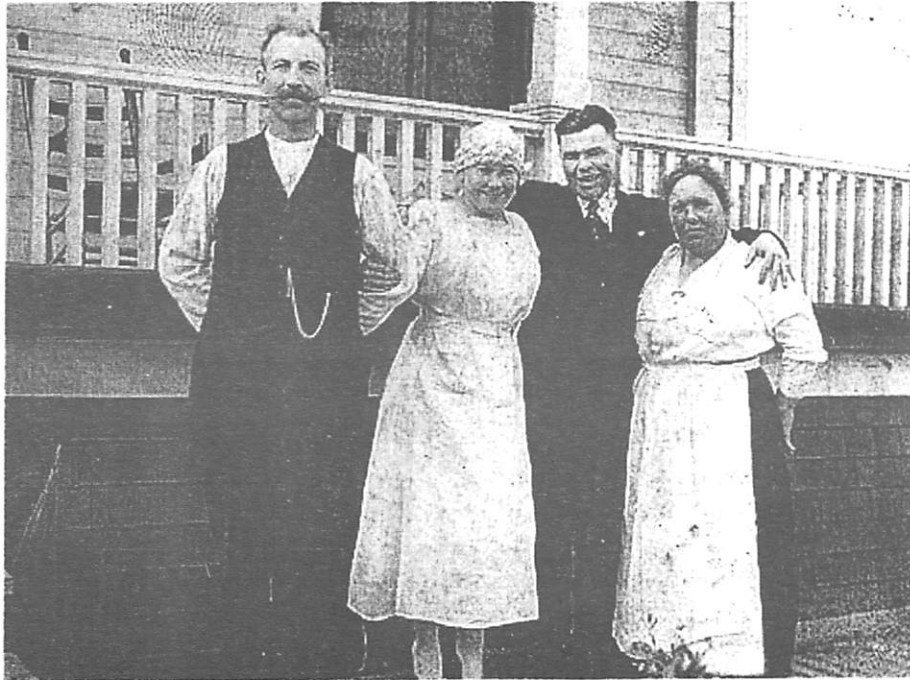
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bob Stokes, MGS #432

Summer has arrived, and with it a chance to do the outside research associated with our family history. We can travel to the cities, towns and villages of our ancestors and visit the local museums and cemeteries which may hold further clues to the lives and times of those who have gone before. Happy hunting to everyone.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see a notice of fee increases in our membership categories. We are always reluctant to raise membership fees. However, it is a fact of life that everything increases in cost over time and MGS fees are no exception. We have renewed the lease on our Resource Centre for five years and somehow must pay for the increased costs contained in the new lease. Our fees have not changed for five years and we think that the five dollar increase is warranted.

Please note the information contained in this issue on Seminar 2003 to be held in Brandon. SouthWest Branch has a well deserved reputation for hosting excellent seminars and this one will follow in that tradition. Register early and bring your friends.

We will be keeping the Resource Centre open for its regular daytime hours this summer. Some days it will be difficult to staff the centre because people are on holidays. If you can spare a day or two to help

the existing volunteers, please call the office. Summer is a time when many of our members take a breather from genealogy or travel to other places in search of information. At the same time, we must be ready to assist those who come from afar to search for ancestors with MGS' help. Please help us to assist them.

The time for recruiting new members to serve on the MGS executive and council is drawing near. Please give consideration to filling an office if you are called upon. Without new people stepping forward to take a turn in positions where a few have served for a very long time, this organization will be in trouble and must think of curtailing some of its services.

MEETING YOUR EXECUTIVE

Kathy Stokes, VP Membership

I am the fourth generation of my paternal line to live in Winnipeg as my great grandfather came here in 1892. Although I was born in St. Boniface Hospital, I have lived almost all my life in Fort Garry and was educated at schools and the university in that community. It's a great place to live and to raise a family which, in my case, is three boys.

My professional training is in social work and I was employed until the birth of my first son by the Children's Aid Society, a job which I loved. As one has placed children for adoption, I have particular empathy for those who come to MGS seeking information on their birth parents. After my children came, I stayed

home to raise them and became very involved in our community of Fort Richmond. Besides working in our local school library, I taught synchronized swimming and assisting in the running of that sport's governing body in Manitoba and at the national level.

I like to keep my mind occupied and when I heard Eric Jonasson talking on the radio about a new genealogical society, I quickly joined, for my husband Bob and I had already been working on our family history for a number of years. I have learned a great deal from my association with MGS over the years and have tried to assist by serving in a number of positions on the council and executive.

Bob and I are proud grandparents of 5 of the best grandchildren anyone has ever had and are doing our best to pass on our love of history of our family and this province to them.

UKRAINIAN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

The Society found its origin through the lack of documented evidence to do Ukrainian genealogy in North America. Individuals who had researched documents to find their ancestors shared their experiences to help others. Research reports were collected to form a data base for others to do their histories. In 1979, the Ukrainian Genealogical and Historical Society was incorporated as an identifying structure to collect family histories ,

gazetteers, maps, microfilm, microfiche, books, obits, newspaper articles, computer data, family reunions and events with Ukrainian interests. These, along with family group records and family pedigrees, are the holding files within the Society. We assist where needed, video personal histories for the older generation and plan genealogical tours to Ukraine.

A special project has started where microfilm of births/marriages/deaths from Lviv (Ukraine) Greek- Catholic records (1607-1945) Archeparchy require locality identification. We are looking for volunteers who scan through these microfilm and write the locality of villages so an index can be built of all 880 microfilm. Instructions and material will be supplied to volunteers who work at a FHC or their private residence. Software for computers can be made available.

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PERIODICAL POTPOURRI

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AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

The Genealogist, Vol. 10, #8
- Patterson brothers; William & Betsy Burns family.

CANADA

B.C. Genealogist, Vol. 32, #1
- Thomas Muir.

Connections, Quebec FHS, Vol. 25, #3

- Henry Hogan; Protestant/Catholic intermarriages.

Families, OGS, Vol. 42, #1

- Thomas Marten, Owen Roblin, Robert Harrison; researching black families.

Generations, NBGS, Vol. 25, #1

- masters & mates 1871-93; Catholic household heads 1861 from Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in St. John's.

Newfoundland Ancestor, Vol. 9, #1

- how to obtain Newfoundland certificates; Henry Garland.

Notes from Niagara, OGS, Vol. 23, #1

- Chapman bios.

Ottawa Branch News, OGS, Vol. 36, #2

- buying a digital camera; strays.

Saskatchewan GS, Vol. 34, #1

- other documents to prove a census; 1940 National Registration.

Toronto Tree, OGS, Vol. 34, #2

- researching Toronto ancestors; immigration records.

Trent Valley Heritage Gazette

- new exchange journal of Peterborough, Ontario

Victoria GS (B.C.), Vol. 26, #1

- Danish record keeping; Agnes & Henry Keith.

COMPUTERS

Genealogical Computing, Vol. 22, #4

- Diocesan records online.

EASTERN EUROPE

Galizien German Descendants, #34

- Neu Kalusz (Kalusz); some descendant charts.

Palatine Immigrant, Vol. 28, #2

- Brethren connections.

ENGLAND & WALES

Cornwall FHS, #107

- Cornish in West Cork; Luzmoor family; Robert Bullen.

Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 19, #5

- surnames, part 3; civilian records at the Ministry of Defence; marriage settlements; medals of the British Military; Charles Humphries.

Vol. 19, #6

- British military campaigns & their medals; 1837 GRO online.

Genealogists Magazine, Vol. 27, #9

- Catholic musicians in restoration London; railway probate records.

Glamorgan FHS, #69

- 1861 census.

Northumberland & Durham FHS,

Vol. 28, #1

- Patrick Kelly.

Sussex Family Historian, Vol. 15, #5

- John Towner; Boarer family.

West Middlesex FHS Journal, Vol.

21, #1

- village of Isleworth.

IRELAND

Irish Roots, #45

- surname Carey; shipwreck index; Ard Gillan Castle; James McHenry.

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen & N.E. Scot. FHS, #86
- Pirie and Hay families.

Glasgow & West of Scot. FHS, #66
- Duncanson, Johnston families;
forebears in Argentina & Patagonia;
Jane Turnbull.

Scottish Genealogist, Vol. 50, #1
- Clan MacKellar, part 8.

UNITED STATES

Family Chronicle, May/June 2003
- fraudulent genealogy; ships of our
ancestors; estate research.

Family History Mag. Vol. 57, #1
- Afro-American Historical & GS;
tracing descendants of American
Indian captives; Flanagan family
Vol. 57, #2
- www.scotlandspeoples.gov.uk.
handwriting analysis.

Seattle GS, Vol. 52, #2
- Selma Erickson.

HEEDING AN OLD SAYING

My dad told me a saying that was to
be of help to me as I grew up.
His well-remembered words were:
"Don't believe anything you
hear and only half of what you see."

As a genealogist I add to this: "But
store the information away for
latter comparison."

Sent by Barrie Atkinson, MGS #2216

LIBRARY LINES

Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L

Copied from Rootsweb Review 2
April 2003

There are many letters from readers
discussing the pros and cons of
sending family history information to
other researchers, receiving no
thank yous, having those other
researchers post your information
onto their own websites, etc. One
letter was about a person who
stopped sharing information but
informed his correspondents that he
would sell them his upcoming book,
estimated at a price of \$300.00. This
same letter told of another person
who boasted that members of his
group had purposely posted
incorrect information on the Internet
sites in order to "trip up" people who
were "stealing" their information. The
Editor's Note to this letter was: "I
wouldn't be concerned about that
author making a fortune off a \$300
family history. It is not likely to be a
best seller. On the other front, since
one can not copyright or own
genealogical facts, it is impossible to
steal them."

SLOVAK research - A tip
Copied from MyFamily Weekly 2
April 2003

Here's a tip from Lisa Alzo who
teaches our Basic Slovak Genealogy
Research Class.

"If you hit the proverbial "brick wall"
while researching church records in
Slovakia, another source you may
want to try is the 1869 Hungarian
Census.

"An often overlooked, but useful, source it gives the names, ages, and relationships of all the people living in a given household, including the sub-households!

"While searching for baptismal (and birth) dates for my great-grandparents, I discovered that the records for the particular years I wanted were missing from the microfilm. However, having viewed their marriage record which listed their ages at the time of the marriage, I knew they were living in 1869 and probably were listed on the census. Sure enough, I found both families and not only obtained the years they were born but their parents' names and birth years, as well!

"You can order the microfilm for the 1869 Hungarian census through any LDS Family History Center. Visit the 'Family History Library Catalog' section of *familysearch.org* and do a "place" search for Hungary. Click on Hungary - Census - 1869, locate the county for the ancestral village, then click to view the film notes for the correct film number you will use to order the appropriate microfilm."

PERIODICALS IN MGS LIBRARY

First of all, read Lori Walker's column on new journals and newsletters received - Lori has been doing this column for many years and even I peruse each issue - she does a remarkable job of keeping us up to date on what has been published. Thank you, Lori.

But, in view of somewhat decreasing usage of our Library one of our Tuesday (read Library) volunteers had the idea that we should have a quiz on these periodicals. So thanks to Josie Stemerowicz, (who comes in from Kenora once a month to volunteer as our 'bookie'), we have put together the following 'quiz' to test your knowledge. (Some of you may not know that the appellation 'bookie' is for the volunteer who 'finds, packages, mails out, and keeps track of' books mailed to members as requested.) So, with Josie submitting some questions and the other Tuesday volunteers being as equally cooperative we offer you this:

QUIZ ON PERIODICALS
RECEIVED AT MGS LIBRARY .
Incidentally, there is no 'real prize'. The Prize is that you just might find something about YOUR RESEARCH that you had not realized was there. Have fun. (If the submitters give me the answers I will print them in September *Generations*)

1. How many Irish periodicals does MGS receive?
2. How many provinces in Canada publish a periodical?
3. Do we receive the periodicals from all the provinces in Canada - and do you know the titles of those periodicals?
4. From how many countries do we receive at least one periodical?
5. Is it true that we have periodicals other than those displayed on the

open shelving? If so, do you know where they are stored?

6. When you do not know if your area of interest has a newsletter / publication, what should you do to find out about it?
7. What is the title of the Thunder Bay District Newsletter?
8. What periodical has information on Germans from Josefsberg?
9. Which periodical provides information on German speaking ancestry?
10. What provincial genealogical society publishes *Relatively Speaking*?
11. What two Canadian provinces have journals called *Generations*?
12. If you wanted to find out about the features of a genealogical program to use on your computer, which periodical would you borrow?

DONATIONS TO MGS LIBRARY

I know that I do not 'catch' all the donations that are received. But they are all entered in a special book, each donation is marked with the donor's name, and thank you cards are sent. And each one is graciously accepted and will aid someone. Thank you. In the following list of new materials received I have tried to mark those which are donations.

New, or recatalogued materials.

REFERENCE

REF 027.561 Nat *National registration file of 1940*. This is a copy of what the National Registration of 1940 entailed - it was aimed at including all those living in Canada in 1940. You can access the records through National Archives for a fee. Donation.

REF 312 ONT/ALG *Index to the 1901 Census of Ontario, Algoma District*.

REF 323.6 Des *Destination Canada: A guide to 20th Century immigration records*.

REF 410 Rog *Roget's pocket thesaurus*.

REF 929 StD St. Denis. *Organizing the mountains of paper*. Donation

REF 929 StD 3 St. Denis. Gifts to create from your research material. Donation

REF 943.8 Cho *Chorzempa Polish roots*

REF 947 Ewa Ewanchuk. *Pioneer profiles*

REF 947 Ewa Ewanchuk. *Vertical development*. 1 vol.

REF 971.27 Erik Bey i. Eriksdale RM. *Beyond beginnings*. INDEX. This is an every name index to accompany *Beyond beginnings*, a history of Eriksdale RM. The book itself is in MGS library as MAN 971.27 Erik Bey.

The Index is in the References section as MAN REF 971.27 Erik Bey i. Donation.

REF 971.27 Vica Pio. Victoria RM. *Pioneers perseverance and progress*. Cypress River. Donation

Also a copy in circulating.

MICROFILM/FICHE

MF 312 Man 1906 - 1906 *Census of Manitoba* - 5 films.

CIRCULATING BOOKS

MANITOBA

Books (yellow section)

283 Winn Cat Winnipeg City.

Cathedral story: .St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg. Donation.

289.7 Ins *In search of unity*..

Mennonites in Manitoba

367 Wom *Women's Institutes of Manitoba*. Rev. 1985. Donation

726 Cro *Cross of Freedom*

[Ukrainian Canadians] Donation

MAP 912 Man Han 2 Hanover Rm - *Welcome to the city of Steinbach* - official map. Donation

920 Fac *Faces in history* - [from the *Lance*, Winnipeg.] Donation

970.004 Ind *Indians of the north-west*. a pictorial study. Donation

971.004 Met *Metis makers of history*. Donation

971.27 Bran Mil Brandon city, Manitoba. *Millenium memories*

971.27 EASP Her East St. Paul municipality, Manitoba. *Heritage: a story of East St. Paul* Donation

971.27 Giml Int Gimli municipality, Manitoba. *Interlake petitions 1900-1912*. Donation

971.27 Glew Bot Glenwood municipality, Manitoba. *Botany district: the first 100 years 1887-1987*. Donation

971.27 Hano Pre Hanover municipality, Manitoba. *Preservings*: magazine/journal of the Hanover Steinbach Historical Society. Scattered holdings. Donation

971.27 Nort Men Northern regions, Manitoba. *Man from El Dorado: a blast from Bissett's past*. Donation

971.27 Port Cen Portage municipality, Manitoba. *Centennial history of the Portage plowing match, 1900-2000*

971.27 Rhin Tow Rhineland municipality, Manitoba. *Town of Altona millennium diary*. Donation

971.27 Saaa Bey St. Andrews municipality, Manitoba. *Beyond the gates of Lower Fort Garry*

971.27 Saaa Roa St. Andrews municipality, Manitoba. *Road to the rapids: nineteenth century church and society in St. Andrews Parish, Red River*

971.27 Vica Pio 2 Victoria municipality, Manitoba. *Pioneers Perseverance and Progress*: Cypress River Addendum 2000. Donation

971.27 West Gla Westbourne municipality, Manitoba. *Gladstone then and now: 1871-2001*.

971.27 Winn Alo Winnipeg city, MB. *Along the Red* [periodical] newsletter of the Fort Garry Historical Society. Scattered issues. Donation

971.27 Winn Cre Winnipeg city, Manitoba. *Crescentwood: a history*.

971.271 Bry Bryce. *History of Manitoba*. Its resources and people. With a new index.

WESTERN CANADA

Books (purple section)

388.3 Alb *Alberta Motor Assoc. a history*. Donation

970.004 Chr Christensen. *Ahtahkakkop: the epic account of a Plains Cree Head Chief, his people, and their struggle for survival, 1816-1896*

971.24 Dis *Discover Saskatchewan: a guide to historic sites*. Donation

EASTERN CANADA

Books (blue section)

929.3 Pon Pontiac county [Quebec]
: protestant baptisms, marriages and
burials 1864- 1911: St. George's, St.
Stephen's, St. Matthew's Anglican
churches.

929.2 McK McKenzie. More
obituaries from Ontario's Methodist
papers, 1873-1884

970.004 Van Vanished peoples: the
archais Dorset and Beothuk people
of Newfoundland. Donation

971.024 John John Schank's navy.
United Empire Loyalist. Donation

971.024 UEL 2 UE Loyalists and
military claimants of Upper Canada:
registered warrants and fiats.

971.024 Tru True blue: the loyalist
legend

971.024 Whi While the women only
wept: Loyalist refugee women in
Eastern Ontario

971.3 Lan/ His Lanark County,
Ontario. History of Smiths Falls.

971.3 Rai Ham Hambley. Flaming
dance: this is a pseudo-historical
story of the Fort Frances-Rainy
River District.

971.3 Rai Rai Rainy River District,
Ontario. Rainy River country: a brief
history of the region. Donation

971.3 Rai Rai 2 Rainy River District,
Ontario. Rainy River Valley roots.
Limited issues

971./3 Mus Muskoka-Parry Sound
genealogical group [periodical] .
Scattered issues Donation

971.3 Sto Day Stormont county,
Ontario. Day of Chrysler's farm:
Upper Canada Village story.
Donation

971.3 Sto Lun Stormont county,
Ontario. Lunenburg or the old
Eastern District.

971.3 Sto Lun 2 Stormont county,
Ontario. Extracts from Lunenburg
or the old Eastern District: names of
owners of lots

971.3 Sur Survivors = les
survivants. [Canada - Immigration
and emigration]

CANADA

Books (maple leaf section)

355.3 Dra Dragon and the Maple
Leaf. Chinese Canadians in WW II.

355.4 Can Canadian military atlas:
the nation's battlefields

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Books (red section)

355.3 Rec Records of the militia and
volunteer forces 1757-1945

914.2 Eng England's heritage.

914.22 Pil Pilgrim's guide to the
royal and ancient city of Canterbury

929.4 Jou I Journal of one-name
studies (periodical), index to Volume
2. Donation

929.5 Sco Kin Kincardineshire
(Scotland) (the Mearns): pre-1855
gravestone inscriptions.

942.3 Lib Library listing 1995 of
Devon Family History Society
942.8 Bur Burning of a Cleveland
[Yorkshire, England] church: the
intriguing events surrounding the
parish church at Carlton-in-
Cleveland in 1881. Also on Kingston
Family Donation

942.8 Flo Flowing stream
(periodical) journal of Sheffield and
District. Scattered issues. Donation

EUROPE

Books (orange section)

943 Der Dern. London churchbooks
and the German emigration of 1709

943 Reg Register of German
military men who remained in

Canada after the American Revolution.

947 DPI DP: *Lithuania immigration to Canada after the second world war.* Donation

947 Ewa Ewanchuk. *Pioneer profiles: Ukrainian settlers in Manitoba*

947 Ewa Ewanchuk. *Vertical development.* A new generation of Ukrainian Canadians. Library now has Vols. 1, 2, 3

947.71 Com *Common Ukrainian first names*

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Books (green section)

004.6 Gen *Genealogical research on the net.* Donation

387.2 Mac *Mackay-Bennett: the funeral ship of the Titanic disaster.*

974.02 Cro Dronon. *Changes in the land: Indians, colonists and the ecology of New England.* Donation

FAMILY HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY

Books (pink section)

921 Bre *Other side of rebellion*, by Margaret R. Stobie.

921 Bre 2 Bremner, Alexander. *Hudson's Bay Co. records.* Donation

921 Fav Favell, John. *Hudson's Bay Co. records.* Donation

921 McK 2 McKay, John. *Hudson Bay Co., records.*

929.2 Buc *Buchanan and Watson genealogy.* Print and computer disk. Donation

929.2 Cam 2 Campbell. *Summer storm.* A Manitoba tragedy.

929.2 Gus *Descendants of Carl Oscar Gustafson.* Donation

929.2 Jar 2 *Jarvis ancestry including Ed. Jarvis 1805-1864 and his three wives.* Donation

929.2 Lee 4 *Leeson family story* by Gail Lancaster, Donation

929.2 Rem *Remenda, 1800-1984. Wadena, Sask.* Donation

929.2 Sto *Stones - Reynolds - Brown saga.* Donation

929.2 Tho 4 *Thompson family tree.* Donation

929.2 Tol Tolton. *Two who made us tell.* Donation

ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

For no particular reason, I chose to read the *Winnipeg Free Press* of June 1935 in search of some information for this column. The Great Depression was enduring in spite of all attempts to fix things. Yet somehow, the citizens went about their lives. Brides appeared on the society pages in their lovely dresses. Politicians argued about the same things they disagree about today. There were traffic accidents, murders and domestic disputes.

One group found time to celebrate. Veterans of the North West Field Force gathered in the Hudson's Bay Company store to celebrate the "crushing of the momentous Riel rebellion of 1885." Today, the history of that time has a different face, but in 1935 the soldiers remembered that "Sniper fire spat messages of death, a Gatling gun cracked viciously across Batoche's ferry, and artillery shells banged dangerously over the quiet plainlands. "White-locked citizen soldiers... renewed old friendships. One such was Dan Ross of Decker (Manitoba) and George Young, both Battleford riflemen. Old, blind Dick Parrott of

Grandview sat side by side with Alick Riel, Louis' only surviving brother. There was John Douglas of Portage la Prairie who talked of bulldog flies as big as humming birds; T.J. Holland who was sent by a Qu'Appelle farmer to drive a team for transport; H.E. Bierd of Edmonton, a Boulton Scouts man in '85; John Dunbar of Spence Street, a 76 year old veteran of the 1870 Fenian raids; Sgt. Major A. H.O. Freemantle "Rattlesnake Pete"; Alf Fisher of Saltcoats, Sask. who married a girl who helped in the hospital in the Rebellion; Captain D.M. Bruce, a veteran also of the Zulu and Boer Wars."

Twenty four of the 35 military organizations that took part in the '85 Rebellion were represented at the reunion. Further information about the reunion can be found in the *Free Press* of 1 June 1935. Also in that edition of the *Free Press* are several long accounts of the battle written at the time by war correspondent George A. Flinn.

The women of Winnipeg were not idle either. The *Free Press* of 21 June 1935 describes the trial of ten of them before a magistrate in provincial police court on charges of obstructing a police officer. These women were not hardened veterans of crime, but housewives who sympathized with those had been on strike for six weeks and who were picketing the West Kildonan Municipal Hall. One striker, William Halej, ran after a truck carrying men to relief work. The women crowded around Halej as he was being arrested by Police Chief Thomas

Donald and in the ensuing melee, the Chief fell to the ground in the midst of the crowd.

The women denied attempting to interfere with Chief Donald and Magistrate T.J. Murray agreed with them. The women said that they had merely been in the crowd as spectators. And who were these women who attained brief (not even 15 minutes) notoriety. All residents of East Kildonan, they were Mesdames J. Boychuk, F. Saywell, H. Patrick, C. Heath, S. Dubrinski, W.T.G. Blakely, A.F. Baker, D.R. Fraser, F.T. Morgan, C. Burwell.

Rural Reports

From the *Manitoba Free Press* of 2 January, 1904 comes this informative piece.

"Old pioneers of Palestine are getting scarce and death has left its mark in our midst. One particularly sad case was Miss Elizabeth Shaw's death on Tuesday, December 26 (1903). Only three weeks ago, her sister, Mrs. D. J. Mc Queen of Gladstone, passed into the great beyond. The latter had been in poor health since August, confined to her bed for two weeks, but the former did not show any unusual indication of death until life was extinct. Miss Shaw was staying at her brother-in-law's place since her sister's death and was surrounded by brother-in-law, D. J. Mc Queen and family in her last hour. Heart failure was the cause of death. The two deaths were a great shock to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances at Gladstone and surrounding country.

The deceased and her sister were born on the Isle of Skye, Scotland, daughters of the late William Shaw who, with his wife and family, came to Manitoba 29 years ago and settled at Palestine. They were personally acquainted with hardships common in the new country and from the time of coming to Canada, death was widely known. Of the father's family there remains one sister, Mrs. Donald Mc Caskill of Gladstone. When arriving in 1874, the group was father, mother, four sisters and two brothers. Shortly after the father's long illness, he passed away. Five years later, Peter, the eldest son, succumbed to a cold. Nine years later, the widowed mother died. Of the circle now broken, there remains one sister at Gladstone, one brother Alexander Shaw and one sister Mrs. Rev. John McArthur of New Zealand. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She subscribed to the building of the church. Her sympathy for church work was warm and deep."

VITAL STATISTICS

Genealogy Searches for Unrestricted Records...

Effective January 1, 2003, *The Vital Statistics Act* was proclaimed providing unrestricted access to the following records:

Births more than 100 years ago
Marriages more than 80 years ago
Deaths more than 70 years ago

Over the years, the data collected on registration forms has changed. The

older records have less information available. The database contains limited information. For example, many of the records do not contain the father's name on a birth. For all information collected at the time of registration, a copy of the record will have to be ordered.

If you wish to obtain a certified copy of the original record for genealogical purposes based on a search you have done, the fee for each record is \$12.00. No refunds or replacement of documents will be given for copies of the records issued based on your search. If you wish Vital Statistics to perform the search on your behalf, the regular fee of \$25.00 will apply. If you wish to purchase copies of any of the records you located, simply add them to your Shopping Cart. When your selection is complete, print the order form, fill in the address and fee information and mail or fax it to Vital Statistics. Faxed requests will be accepted only if the payment method is by credit card and the required authorizing signature is included.

Source:

<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/cca/vital/Query.php>

SNIPPETS from COUNCIL

Here's what happened at the MGS council meeting of 12 April.

- A draft agreement with the United Church Archives regarding indexes produced by MGS met with some questions. It was agreed that a new draft would be prepared, this time by MGS, and it would be submitted to

the United Church Archives Committee for comment.

- Guidelines for accepting donations of family histories and papers pertaining to those histories were approved. (See page 15.)

- A revised system for awards was approved. (See next column.)

- A new heritage organization has been formed, called the Manitoba Heritage Coalition. Daryl Dumanski will be the MGS representative. The organization hopes to promote all types of heritage around the province, as well as acting as a spokesman to government on heritage issues.

- Library holdings are now in the Resource Centre on a computer devoted only to this large body of information. The card catalogue will remain for those who prefer to use it.

- Samples of three types of genealogical computer programs have been installed on one of our computers, in response to the many questions we receive from members and the public about which program is the best. Included are a free Internet program, a share-ware program and a program purchased from a computer store.

- There is quite a bit of genealogical activity in central Manitoba, thanks to Outreach Chair Myrna Mackey, who lives at Macdonald. She has run a well attended six week course at the Portage library, and has held a one evening session at Holland.

Revised Awards Guidelines

At our recent meeting, council approved changes to the MGS Awards system as follows:

The name of our premier award will be changed to "The Eric Jonasson Award of Merit." As well, the name of our other main award will be changed to "The Florence Cox Volunteer Awards." Books will be purchased for the library and will be suitably inscribed with names of the winners of these awards.

Those who have maintained an unbroken 25 years of membership in MGS will continue to be honoured with pins. Those who have attained 10, 15 and 20 years of continuous membership will have this noted in *Generations*, along with their biographies.

An advisory Selection Committee comprising the VP Membership and at least two previous award winners will select winners of the Jonasson and Cox awards and will report directly to the AGM, at which time the awards will be presented. Sitting executive members will be eligible for these awards now, because they will no longer be part of the selection committee.

The Selection Committee will also be responsible for nominating worthy members for awards given outside MGS.

MGS will host a yearly Appreciation Evening for all volunteers. Names of volunteers will continue to appear in one issue of *Generations*. The

Awards Committee will have an amount of money set aside for them in the yearly budget.

A FUNERAL FROM ANOTHER CULTURE

Submitted by Kathy Stokes
The Sun, a Winnipeg newspaper, had a very interesting description of a Chinese funeral which took place here in December 1887.

"A Chinese funeral is a such a rare thing that it will be interesting to know how the burial of the unfortunate fellow, John Lee, was conducted yesterday afternoon. Eight of his fellow countrymen attended, being provided with cabs by the Presbyterians, who paid all expenses.

"The body of the young man was enclosed in an ordinary stained casket. It was dressed by direction of the Chinese in a plain suit of black clothes. A soft felt hat was placed upon the head, and upon the right breast was laid a beaver cap for cold weather. Upon the other breast was placed a beautiful silk handkerchief. A change of warm underclothing was also placed in the coffin. It was the custom to place a ten cent silver coin in the mouth of the dead, but as none of them had such a coin, and as they rejected two five cent pieces, a twenty five cent piece was made to do service.

"When Mr. Thompson, the undertaker, asked them to give a hand to carry the body out, they all declined, saying they were afraid to go near it. Before the cortege started

for the cemetery, one of the Chinamen distributed among all those who were in any way participants in the funeral, including the cabmen, a little package done up in white tissue paper. Upon examination, it proved to contain two ten cent pieces, so that each received twenty cents.

"After the body was interred, they had a little marble slab erected at the head, and before they left, they placed a basket of choice cakes, fruit etc. with a plate, napkin, knife, fork etc upon the top of the mound. It is said that after the expiration of a certain period, they will meet together and eat this, if it is not consumed by the deceased. The funeral service was conducted by one of the Manitoba College theological students."

QUESTION?

MGS volunteers answer many calls asking for assistance in displaying information for family reunions. Among the most often asked are questions about how to show adopted children or stepchildren on a family tree. Other questions involve children born out of wedlock who were given away for adoption by a family member and were thus out of the family loop. And what about divorces most of the family would know nothing about? Or common-law marriages? Or seven-month babies?

MGS is interested in your ideas for handling the sticky situations at family reunions. Do you tell everything and let events take their

course? Do you have more tactful ways of telling your stories? We are not suggesting that you ignore such situations when they are discovered in your research. We just want to know how you handle them when your research is put on display for the family.

Please send us your solutions. We will publish some of the answers in the next *Generations*.

MGS' GUIDELINES FOR BEQUESTS / DONATIONS

Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L

From time to time, MGS is given a bequest or donation of genealogical material. Recently the Executive asked the Library Committee to write guidelines for acceptance and use of such material.

Firstly, prospective donors would be asked to sign a Release Form which would give MGS discretion as to what would be accepted and that MGS would have jurisdiction over allocation of the material after acceptance. MGS might keep all or part; other parts might be redirected to an MGS Branch, to another more suitable library, archive, or museum, etc. If the latter occurred MGS would keep a record of what went where. Any personal family trees would surely be retained by MGS.

Some material could be earmarked for *Generations*. Some might require some type of binding, i.e. duotangs, coil bindings, etc., in order for it to be more useful at the Resource Centre. Collections should be organized as well as possible (prior to donation) with the use of loose-leaf binders encouraged for loose or unbound

materials. Indexing of family history material would be encouraged. Some accepted material could be microfilmed or burned to disc, in the interest of saving space.

MGS welcomes the thought of receiving family history records / research collections from members or friends.

GINA'S STORY

Gina Teel, Alberta

Up until two years ago, there was never any reason to doubt the accuracy of my family tree.

But then my family stumbled across a secret on the paternal side of the tree, a branch that was cut off in 1910 by my great-great-great grandparents to save face. They were trying to hide the fact that their only daughter, Mary Ross, had a child out of wedlock.

To cover up the disgrace, Mary's parents, Alexander and Catherine Ross, christened the child Lillian Christina Ross and raised her as their own. Mary was resigned to the role of older sister. It was a deception that lasted 91 years.

On behalf of my family, I am now searching for Lillian's father and my paternal great-grandfather, a man whose identity was erased from all family records save for a few photographs tucked away in Mary's family album.

The photographs, taken about 1909 in front of the Ross's Winnipeg home, reveal no written clues to the man's identity. His face, however,

speaks volumes; it bears the same physical features passed by my grandmother Lillian to my father, and he to me, and now me to my children.

Identifying him has proven difficult. The doctor who delivered Lillian was related to Catherine. Lillian's birth certificate lists Alexander and Catherine as her parents. Mary's personal papers are lost, having been passed to her family upon her death in 1962. Archival searches have so far come up empty. So thorough was the deception that Lillian herself was never told until Mary's death.

It is unclear how Lillian learned Mary was her mother; we surmise it was either written in Mary's will or she confided in her husband, Carl Chamberlin, and he broke the news.

Whatever the case, we do know that the truth took an emotional toll on Lillian. With her husband, William Teel long deceased, Lillian, reeling over the revelation, confided in her youngest son, Garth Teel, and then swore him to secrecy.

It was a secret he kept well – Garth's brothers, Ross Teel and my father, Don Teel, went to their graves never knowing the family secret.

It's hard to say whether any of this would have ever come to light if not for the offhand comment of a family friend two summers ago at Winnipeg Beach, where my mother, Joan Teel, maintains a cottage and Garth and his wife, Gloria, reside.

Out of the blue, Frank Ritchie, whose mother was a close friend of Mary's, told Joan it was common knowledge at the time that Mary was Lillian's mother. However, it appears the subject matter was also taboo among the Ross's circle of friends; as a boy Frank had been severely beaten by his father for teasing Garth, Don and Ross about Mary being Lillian's mom. After that, Frank said he never spoke of it again.

Later that evening, my mother repeated the seemingly incredulous conversation to Garth. Much to her surprise (and his wife's), Garth confirmed the information.

My family has many questions about Mary and her lover, and about what happened and why. But most of all we want to know the identity of the man in the photograph, the man we suspect is our great-grandfather. Any tips or information will be greatly appreciated.

Until then, we're saving him a spot on our newly revised family tree.

Lillian and Mary were fixtures at Winnipeg Beach from the 1940s to 1960s, where they spent their summers operating guest cottages, renting rooms to a regular clientele.

Lillian also made an unsuccessful bid for mayor of Winnipeg Beach in the 1960s.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Gina Teel at 12 Sidon Cres. S.W., Calgary, AB. T3H 2B5

**2003 Labossière Reunion –
August 1st to 4th 2003
St. Leon, Manitoba, Canada**

Our grand celebration is in the works! A large crowd is expected in St. Leon for the August long weekend in 2003. Spread the word to all the descendants of our LABOSSIERE ancestors; they are invited to the 125th anniversary gathering. It will be a great opportunity for reconnecting, discovering, celebrating and enjoying, establishing contacts and strengthening links. We are aiming to make the 2003 reunion an unforgettable event for all!

Four branches of the LABOSSIERE family moved to Manitoba from Quebec: ÉDOUARD LABOSSIERE SR, GÉDÉON LABOSSIERE, JOSEPH LABOSSIERE, ALEXIS LABOSSIERE.

LABOSSIERE BOOK

A historical and genealogical book is in the process of being written. It will provide information about the history of the LABOSSIEREs in Canada and their arrival in Manitoba. The genealogical components will provide information on the history of the four pioneer families and various pertinent facts about their descendants.

For more information,
LABOSSIERE Family Association,
20 Orchard Hill Drive, Unit 2,
Winnipeg MB R3X 1Z5
www.labossiere.org

Excerpted in part from The
LABOSSIERE Family Association
website

**2003 William Henry Guest &
Elizabeth Guest Family Reunion
Saturday July 26th – Birds Hill
Park, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

RSVP & questions can be directed to
Jean Kitching 204-745-2924 or Bill
Guest 204-661-8745.

William Henry Guest was born January 1, 1856, the son of James and Susan (Robinson) Guest of Innisfil, Ontario. James Guest and his wife had a family of eleven children who lived to maturity: Thomas, Frank (Francis), James Fitten, Joshua, Martha, William, John, George, Annie (Susannah), Edward and Evelyn. As well, Susan's niece, Min Neely, was raised as their own and was known as Min Guest.

William traveled to Manitoba and worked in the Stonewall stone quarries. In late 1881 or the early months of 1882 William returned to Ontario and on March 15, 1882 he married Elizabeth Nightingale of Craigvale (October 25, 1863 – February 28, 1931). Elizabeth was a daughter of George Nightingale and Mary Anne Forester.

The young couple moved to Stonewall after their marriage. They had nine children; Mabel, Gertrude, Maggie/Margaret, Eva, Lula, Nell (had a twin brother who died at birth), Oliver, Lila and Gordon.

Excerpted in part from *The Guests of Innisfil* by Ross Wallace.

ARKANSAS FAMILY TREE OR YOURS?

Many many years ago
when I was twenty three,
I got married to a widow
who was pretty as could be.
This widow had a grown-up daughter
who had hair of red.

My father fell in love with her,
and soon the two were wed.
This made my dad my son-in-law
And changed my very life.
My daughter was my mother,
For she was my father's wife.
To complicate the matters worse,
Although it brought me joy,
I soon became the father
Of a bouncing baby boy.
My little baby then became
A brother-in-law to dad.
And so became my uncle,
Though it made me very sad.
For if he was my uncle,
Then that also made him brother
To the widow's grown-up daughter
Who, of course, was my step-
mother.

Father's wife then had a son,
Who kept them on the run.
And he became my grandson,
For he was my daughter's son.
My wife is now my mother's mother
And it makes me blue.
Because, although she is my wife,
She is my grandma too.
If my wife is my grandmother,
Then I am her grandchild.
And every time I think of it,
It simply drives me wild.
For now I have become
The strangest case you ever saw.
As the husband of my grandmother,
I am my own grandpa.

Sent by Barrie Atkinson, MGS #2116.

SOUTH WEST BRANCH REPORT Beth Wall, MGS #1622

With Seminar 2003 fast approaching,
the South West Branch Seminar
committee has been extremely busy,
but not too busy to take part in the
regular meetings.

The Annual meeting of the branch
took place at the March meeting at
which time the election of officers
also took place. Jim Wall will once
again lead the Branch for the coming
year. Shirley Erskine and Lloyd
Duncalfe will continue as Secretary
and Treasurer respectively and Beth
Wall will once again try to fill the
shoes of the VP Operations. It is
really too bad that we were not able
to get a VP Administration as it
means the other officers must take
on added duties and as a result their
own research time must be cut
down. It also means that since Jim
and Beth do the majority of research
for incoming correspondence, those
making requests do not get the
attention they should.

Following the business meeting the
Seminar 2003 Chair, Marg Goodman
showed a video concerning the DNA
testing which has become a part of
genealogical research and gave an
explanation on how this subject
would work into the upcoming
seminar.

Our April meeting took place at the
Brandon University Library. Branch
members who reside in the city and
currently pay city taxes are able to
obtain Library User's cards and are
able to borrow books from this
extensive library for a 2 week

period. Our guide for the tour was Reiner Schria who toured us through the many sections and explained some of the workings of the information that is available to us. We have visited this library before as well as the McKee Archives which are a part of the Library, but it is interesting to note how much has been added to the library and also to see it from the perspective of someone who came to Canada to complete his high school education, and has returned with several university degrees to work locally. He can certainly be an asset to anyone who has roots in Germany, which was Reiner's place of birth. The website for the Brandon University Library is:
www.brandonu.ca/library.

Our May meeting also proved to be extremely informative when Don Gordon of Rosewood Memorial Cemetery here in Brandon was on hand to answer questions. When inviting Don to speak to the Branch, we promised to give him some ideas of the type of questions he could expect to be asked. Fifteen questions were submitted to Don ranging from questions about records retained by the funeral home to others which involved the burial of cremated ashes in private columbariums. Don was well prepared and an hour and a half programme passed in what seemed like 20 minutes. Hopefully all our members were able to have their questions answered.

As the summer approaches, it is expected that members of the Branch will be assisting in the

transcribing of the Grund cemetery in the Baldur area. Full details will be available for this programme at the June meeting. Other than that programme, we will each continue on our own research and the Seminar 2003 committee will finalize the plans for October 17, 18, & 19th at the Travelodge Canadian Inn in Brandon.

Have a happy successful summer researching your ancestors.

OXFORDSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OPEN DAY 2003

This society's 2003 Open Day will take place on Saturday 4 October 2003, commencing at 10.00am and finishing at 4.00pm. This year's Open Day will be at our usual society meeting venue:

Exeter Hall
Oxford Road
Kidlington, Oxford, OX5 1AB

Full details of the Open Day are still being formulated at the time of writing, but it is likely to feature:

1. a demonstration and workshop on the scanning of old photographs.
2. an assortment of visiting societies, dealers in second hand books and postcards, sales of microfiche readers and the like.
3. the society's library and search services.
4. a beginners' helpdesk.
5. computing demonstrations giving advice on such things as which genealogical software package to choose, and the use of the internet in family history.

As the arrangements for the day begin to take shape, updates will be placed on the society's website at:

www.ofhs.org.uk

Admission to the Open Day is free, whilst light refreshment will be on sale at reasonable prices. The venue is situated on a frequent bus route, and is easily reached by public transport. Those travelling by car will find Kidlington close to the main A34 and A40 trunk roads. There is adequate free car parking on site.

Paul Gaskell
Publicity Officer
Oxfordshire Family History Society
e-mail: publicity@ofhs.org.uk

GENERATIONS GAPS

MAWSON/DERBY

Seeking desc./acquaintances of MATTHEW MAWSON who m. (1) JANE MOWAT and (2) FRANCES DERBY. Matthew worked for T.Eaton Co. for 33 yrs retiring in 1940, member of Old Kildonan Council for 20 years, a member of Kildonan Presb. Church. He d. 1962. His obituary stated he was survived by wife Fanny, son James of Toronto, & 3 daus. Mae (Grubb) Of ON, Mary (Thurling) of West Kildonan, and Bette (Shadwick) of Old Kildonan. 9 grandchildren and 17 gt. grandchildren. Matthew was a nephew of my grandfather, information which has only recently come to light. Would appreciate hearing from anyone who may have known this family.

Contact
Fern Muirhead
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Dunmore, AB T0J 1A0
e-mail: fmuirhea@memlane.com

JOSEPH

Samuel Joseph, b. Feb 2, 1866, came to Canada c1892. Wife Pauline (nee Rosen) d. b/t 1902 and 1908 (em. to US, widower by 1908). 2 of 4 chn b. in MB – Elmer in Winnipeg in 1893 and Patricia in 1902 in Waldersee. Parents, George Louis and Christine (nee White) also came to MB. Any info. Contact:
Brandt Gibson
1505 N. Canyon Rd #123
Provo, UT USA 84604
e-mail: bjg@cmail.byu.edu

MANDIUK/MANDZIUK

Parents of Mary, b1890, d Dec 28, 1960, died Dauphin, MB, married Jan 26, 1914 to Victor Witicki. Contact:
Donald Witicki
198 Paddington Rd
Winnipeg, MB
R2N 1H4
Ph. 256-9288
e-mail: d.witicki@shaw.ca

DONALD

Need pars of Wm Donald, b. Moose Factory, ON, 1788. M. Nancy Bollen. Contact:
Marianne Soltau
930-23rd St
New Westminster, BC
V3M 4Z2
Ph 604-526-8896
e-mail: msoltau@shaw.ca

SMITH/SCHMITH

Charles and Margaret b Germany 1800s, lived in Ontario. Charles d. Ontario and Margaret d. MB 1919. Chn; Minn + Charles stayed in ON. Louise, George went to Winnipeg; Emma (Houston), John + Margaret (McLatchie) to Ninga + Brandon area. Looking for any desc.

Contact:

Vivian Privat

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Brandon, MB

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e-mail: 1439vks@mb.sympatico.ca

OKALUK

Need info on Dora Okaluk, lived at Lot 166, Gonor, St. Clements, MB January 1915 where son Michael was born. Her name changes to Dora Okaluk Brosko by 1959.

Contact:

Al Michals

5200 West 14th Ave

Kennewick, WA

USA 99338-1726

e-mail: sagehill@gte.net

McCARTHY

Thomas Henry McCarthy, b May 29, 1864, Peterborough, ON, d July 18, 1938, Winnipeg, MB, m. Jane Estelle (Jennie) Morgan, b Peterborough, ON and d. June 25, 1947, Winnipeg, MB. He was president of the Portage la Prairie Hockey Club b/t 1918 and 1921. Is anyone aware of any sources regarding this club?

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Requests for refunds must be received in writing and
postmarked by no later than Monday, September 15, 2003

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Diane Martineau, Genealogical and Personnel Records Consultant, Researchers Services Division, National Archives of Canada.

Marie-Louise Perron, Content Specialist, Canadian Genealogical Center Project, author of works on Francophone history, ethnology and distance-access development.

Tom Mitchell, University Archivist of McKee Archives at Brandon University, a historian and co-author of the recent book "Walk Towards the Gallows: The Tragedy of Hilda Blake - Hanged 1899"

Caroline Kaus, is Chief Operations Officer for Vital Statistics Agency of Manitoba.

Ted Miller, is a History Book "Agent" for Friesen Yearbooks Division of Friesen Corporation.

Beth Clark, a researcher for many years, has frequently conducted Beginner Sessions on behalf of the Southwest Branch.

Bill Burland, is the present chair of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Computer Committee.

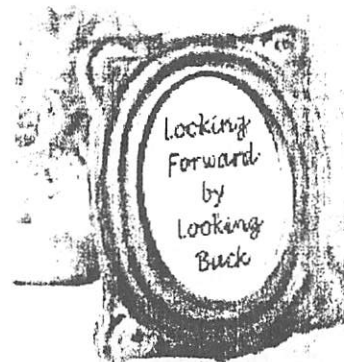
Brian Ranville, is a teacher with Brandon University Northern Teacher Program. He has been researching his roots and has found many connections to his Aboriginal and European ancestry.

SOUTH WEST BRANCH

Manitoba Genealogical Society



GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR 2003



OCTOBER 17 TO 19, 2003

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Friday, October 17**6:00 - 7:00 pm Registration****7:00 pm Opening Ceremonies Princess Room****Gut Feelings, Blind Luck and Hints--Dave Obee**

When all else fails, don't give up--just try something else. This talk has hints to increase your chances of success and danger areas to avoid with a central theme of advancing your Canadian research.

Reception**Saturday, October 18**

8:00 - 8:45 am--Ugo Perego--Collection of pedigree charts and tongue swabs. To participate you need to provide a complete biological pedigree chart with names, places and dates of birth with four or more generations on paper or diskette. With this and a quick tongue swab become part of a worldwide study which could be a vital link in research for future generations. Collection can also be done at your convenience up until 2:30 pm.

8:30 - 9:00 am Registration

9:00 - 10:00 am Molecular Genealogy--Ugo Perego
A presentation about The Center for Molecular Genealogy at Brigham Young University, constructing a broad data base that will link an individual's genealogy and DNA sample to compare it with others.

10:00 - 10:30 am Break

10:30 - 11:30 am Using Newspapers in Family Research --Dave Obee-- Here's how to go beyond the basics of obituaries and birth announcements. Newspapers are a wonderful source for people looking to find out about their ancestors' lives. This session provides tips on finding the right paper and using it wisely.

11:30 - 12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions #1**A Just Beginning? --Beth Clark**

This session will give you tips on the "who, what, when And where" to get you started on your family research.

B Hudson's Bay Company -- Elizabeth Briggs

Explore the Hudson's Bay Company Archives with Elizabeth. Discover the resources at our finger tips and what we are missing.

C Ontario Records -- Steve Young

If you're out of ideas on where to search in Ontario this talk will reveal resources not as well known and which records do or do not exist.

D German/East European --Laura Hanowski

Where can you find the records and when you do, how do you understand them!

12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch**1:30 - 2:30 pm. 1881 British Census ---Steve Young**

This talk will be about Steve's experience with supervising the 1881 British Census Indexing Project.

2:30- 3:30 pm. Concurrent Sessions #2

A Manitoba Department of Vital Statistics --Caroline Kaus--Get your Vital Statistics on-line. This session will tell you what's available and how to access it.

B Crossing the U.S./Canada Border --Laura Hanowski

An overview of available records, how to find these records and how to use them to further your research.

[Concurrent Session #2 continued]**C Preparing to Publish --Ted Miller**

The do's and don'ts on preparing your photos and a comparison of different methods of publishing your Family history.

D Computers --- Bill Burland

Here's a session that will give you tips on how to find and use on-line genealogy resources

3:30 - 4:00 pm. Break

4:00 - 5:00 pm. Mining the Canadian Census--Dave Obee
A review of the census records that are available, with a history of the Canadian census and a summary of some of the major indexes available.

5:00 - 6:00 pm. Browse**6:30 pm. Banquet and MGS Annual Meeting****Sunday, October 19****9:00-10:00 am. Researching Female Ancestors**

---Dave Obee---Odds are, that about half of you ancestors are female--and Dave believes it makes more sense to research the females than the males. It is tougher because the records aren't as complete, but that doesn't mean it can't be done!

10:00 - 10:30 am. Break**10:30 - 11:30 am. Concurrent Sessions #3****A Record Keeping -- Jean Tucker**

This session will get you and your information organized so that you can find what you are looking for and know what you have already found!

B United Empire Loyalists-- TBA

Where did the United Empire Loyalists that left Ontario go?

C Photographic Essay of Brandon -- Tom Mitchell

The focus of the talk will be the content of photographs drawn from the McKee Archives with various themes in Brandon's history prior to 1914.

D A Personal Experience--Brian Ranville

Brian will share the story of his Ranville/Rainville roots. They were one of the first families in New France. His line became fur traders, married aboriginal women and eventually settled in Manitoba.

11:30 - 12:30 pm Canadian National Archives--Diane Martineau--This session is about the just released 1906 Census as well as World War 1 and 2's Service Files.

12:30 - 1:30pm. Lunch

1:30 - 2:30pm. Canadian National Archives-- Marie Louise Perron--Come and hear about the implementation of and what can be accessed on The Canadian Genealogy Centre web site.

2:30 - 2:45pm. Break**2:45 - 3:45pm. The Errors of Our Ways --Dave Obee**

Are you at a dead end in research? Have you taken a wrong turn? The inspiration for this session comes from a rule about business: Stories of failure are more helpful than stories of success.

3:45 - 4:30pm. Wrap up & Adjourn**ACCOMMODATION**

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHOICES OF CONCURRENT SESSIONS BELOW.**MARK ONLY ONE FROM EACH GROUP.**

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B___Canada/U.S. Cross Border
C___Preparing to Publish
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D___A Personal Experience

Are you going to participate in the Molecular Genealogical Project? _____Yes _____No

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