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## **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVE**

### **BOB STOKES, President**

For a second year, Bob Stokes will serve as president of MGS. Would you like to know something about him?

Bob was born in Edmonton, and lived there until the mid 1940s when he moved to Fort William, for a few years. In 1948, the Stokes family arrived in Winnipeg and Bob has lived in the Fort Garry/Fort Richmond area almost continuously since then. Bob is a retired civil engineer whose career was spent with various departments of the Manitoba Government civil service, where his specialty was water and sewage management.

Bob and wife Kathy are keen genealogists, although Bob does not share his wife's enthusiasm for graveyards. Bob, however, does not spend all his time on family history. He is active in a political party at the local, provincial and federal levels. He plays tennis year round and golfs the summer away.

Speaking of golf, if we must, it is Bob's passion. He does not belong to one club, preferring instead to sample courses around the province. He is tough to take when his score breaks 80, and brags endlessly to family and friends, sometimes describing each hole.... FOR DAYS. On the other hand, if he "tanks" a few holes, he may only share the scores from the "good" holes with you.

He claims that no one has EVER beaten him (not strictly true - he gets cold feet in tournaments) in a golf game, so if any member has a desire to humble the president, feel free challenge and beat him. You will be doing the world, or at least his family, a large favour.

Bob and Kathy have three children, all boys, and five grandchildren. They consider themselves fortunate because all of their immediate family live in Winnipeg.

Written by one of Bob's sons, with support from the other two.

### **CHRIS IRWIN, VP Administration**

I was born Killarney, Manitoba and raised and schooled in Belmont, Brandon and Winnipeg. Just out of high school, I was selected to sit on a special committee project set up by the Federal Government as a Public Relations Officer that monitored street drug content. As a spin off,

many other projects were created and are a forerunner to many EAP Programs, teen centres, crisis lines, prevention etc some still in operation today. I attended Brandon University Arts Faculty, majoring in political science. While there, I also became the President of the McMaster Student Residence as well as the Senator of Arts which encompassed the chairmanships of sub committees of University Act, Extension and Counselling. After university, I went back into food management and moved to Alberta. While there, I changed vocations and entered the retail arena in the management side.

As promoted, saw transfers to larger stores and responsibility plus transfers to northern British Columbia, Vancouver, Vancouver Island and into Prince George. Here a change of firm took place. Again, I opened many stores for the new chain as well as more transfers into northern Alberta, into Ontario and each time as manager of a higher volume store. While in Ontario, I was selected to come to Winnipeg and serve in the Human Resource office as Training Co-ordinator. This job included much travel by air, touching down inspecting and delivering programs into 5 to 10 selected stores each week and returning home. The area I covered stretched from Victoria to Ottawa, all points in between and north. (Yes the trees do get shorter further north as sometimes the sun only sat for about two hours and it was daylight again. The opposite occurred in the winter months.) This position ended after ten years in a restructure.

As I like to be involved in volunteer organizations, I joined Kinsmen in various locations serving as a club treasurer and then a President in a different location. I helped raise much money for children and their causes. I also served on a Chamber of Commerce and then became its President. From there, I was appointed as Chairman of a Police Commission, hearing complaints against the officers from the public.

Loving to travel has seen me in many states to the south of us as low as Oklahoma, to many countries in Europe a number of times, the Bahamas and I plan to see what Costa Rica looks like shortly.

The interest of genealogy came when I returned to Winnipeg and started the hunt for the illusive ancestor. In MGS, I have served 2 years as a VP Communications, 2 years as President and Past President for another 2. Taking a sabbatical for from volunteering for a year, I was elected VP Administration this year. Just before taking the Administration job, I was given the prestigious

Florence Cox Award which I will hold dear. It was most unexpected.

### **WHAT IS THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY?**

**The Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. is a non-profit organization made up of people who share a common interest in family history. Members help themselves and others find their ancestors by using the MGS Resource Centre and by attending seminars and branch meetings.**

**There are many things you should know about the Manitoba Genealogical Society:**

**MGS has no paid employees and is run solely by volunteers.**

**MGS runs a resource centre where help is available for anyone researching family history.**

**MGS has a library of books, maps, microfilm and microfiche, CD ROMs, family history periodicals from many countries and other reference sources which can be used on the premises by the community and may be borrowed by MGS members, in person and by mail. If borrowing by mail, costs of postage will be born by the borrower.**

**MGS produces a quarterly journal Generations which contains helpful articles, book reviews and queries from those seeking contact with others researching similar surnames.**

**MGS has a website which describes our activities, describes our research policy, lists researchers available for hire and cemeteries which have been transcribed.**

**MGS has four branches – in Brandon, Dauphin, Swan River and Winnipeg – to assist with local research.**

**MGS holds a complete set of Manitoba censuses, the latest currently being from 1901.**

**MGS, through its ongoing cemetery transcription program, now has records of tombstone inscriptions from more than 1260 cemeteries within the province.**

**MGS has indexed births, marriages and deaths from early Manitoba newspapers from 1859 to the mid 1890's.**

**MGS maintains an index of current obituaries Winnipeg newspapers from 1970 to the present, and a partial index of rural newspaper obituaries from 1980.**

**MGS has handbooks, pedigree charts and other aids for recording research available for purchase.**

**Members of MGS welcome your interest and inquiries. Visit our Resource Centre or contact us by phone or E-mail.**

(Editor's Note: The above is given out with the new members packet.)

### **ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?**

By Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

A small white marble tombstone is not something one expects to dig up while gardening. And yet that is just what Wayne Bembridge did not long after he moved into his house on Henderson Highway some five years ago. In the garden at the back of his property, Wayne was surprised to excavate a broken but still readable stone.

Through a roundabout fashion, I was told of the stone and volunteered to try to identify the two children whose names had been broken off the stone. There remained the parents' names and the death dates and ages of the children, so I had many clues with which to begin my search.

The parents of the children were Henry and Jane Erasmus (Note that this surname in Manitoba's early history is also known as Eramus or Rasmussen.) Henry was born about 1830, probably in Norway, the son of Bastian Erasmus. Jane's maiden name was Stead. She was born in the North West Territories about 1840, the daughter of Abraham Stead. This was a Hudson's Bay family which settled in the St. Andrew's area at lot 264, down the river from the Red River settlement. They had several children who were baptized at St. Andrew's on the Red Anglican Church. Members of the family appear in the burial records of the church and were most likely buried in the graveyard surrounding the old stone church.

From the St. Andrew's church registers, I found a baptism for Sarah Ann Erasmus, daughter of Henry and Jane baptized 27 February 1870. However, she does not appear in the 1870 Red

River census. There is no burial record for her. George Peter Erasmuson was born 11 October 1877 and baptized 28 October 1877. The burial record indicates that he was buried 26 November 1878.

The lovely white stone, so appropriate for a child, is broken across the top, so that the child's name on each side is gone. The remainder of the stone reads as follows:

"---Henry & Jane Erasmuson/ who died/ 10 November 1874/ aged 4 yrs/ & 10 ms"

(This is Sarah Ann Rasmuson)

"--- Henry & Jane Erasmuson/ died Nov. 24, 1878/ aged 1 yr"

(This is George Peter Erasmuson)

Presumably this stone was once in the graveyard around St. Andrew's Church, although there is a slight chance that it had been placed on the family's land. Just how did it find its way across the Red River?

St. Andrew's Cemetery, unfortunately, has been vandalized on many occasions. It seems likely that during one of these raids, the stone was taken away. It is not a large stone and could easily have been lifted from its spot, removed from the graveyard, later to be thrown onto a rubbish heap or a pile of earth and covered up. Later, when landfill was required for the Henderson Highway land, the stone could have been scooped up with some earth and deposited there.

Probably the stone was moved many years ago. A transcription of the cemetery, done in about 1972 by a group of the Company of Young Canadians makes no mention of it.

What now for the stone? It has been returned to St. Andrew's Church and those in charge hope to find some record of where other members of the Erasmuson family are buried and to place this little bit of history nearby.

#### **President's Message**

By Bob Stokes, MGS # 432

The 2002 Seminar was a very successful endeavour! Congratulations are extended to Anne Morton and her committee for arranging what was our first seminar in three years. Not only did we all learn something from keynote speaker Ken Aitken of Regina who always has

something interesting to say, but our local group of speakers also helped us in one way or another with family history problems.

For next year, SouthWest Branch has asked to hold the seminar. Mark your calendars for October 18 - 20, 2003 in Brandon. We look forward to that weekend.

At the AGM it was noted that MGS volunteers have been more than usually busy this past year spreading the word about family history and our organization. Both urban and rural events have been held - meetings in libraries, talks to service clubs and other organizations, small "how to" sessions. Membership in MGS is static. We would like to see more people of all ages join our organization, so if you have some ideas about how to reach more people, or if you wish to help in this vital work of MGS, please call.

#### **PERIODICAL POTPOURRI**

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#### **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND**

***The Genealogist***, Vol. 10, #7

- Bligh family.

***New Zealand Family Tree***, Vol. 34, #3

- Woodford mansion.

#### **CANADA**

***Anglo-Celtic Roots***, Vol. 8, #4

- accessing the National Archives; the Borthwick Institute.

***Archivist***, #120

- online Archives – "Archivianet"; digitizing of the records.

***Connections***, Quebec FHS, Vol. 25, #1

- Joseph Laplaine.

***East European Genealogist***, Vol. 10, #4

- Ukrainian family names in North America; Bergthal colony.

***Families***, OGS, Vol. 41, #3

- Indo-Caribbean families in Ontario.

***Generations***, NBGS, Vol. 24, #3

- 98<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot 1803-18; several cemetery MI's; Philip Crouse, Nehemiah Hayward and John Caleff stories.

***Halton-Peel Newsletter***, OGS, Vol. 27, #3

- St. Peter's Anglican Church 1825-2000; Jamaican research, pt 3.

**Leeds & Grenville Branch OGS, Sept/Oct 2002**

- baptisms at Perth 1823-50.

**Newfoundland Ancestor, Vol. 18, #3**

- Garland family; Descendants of Jeremiah Collins; Newfoundlanders in the 1818 Cape Breton census; Elkins surname.

**Nova Scotia Genealogist, Vol. 20, #2**

- persons at the Provincial Penitentiary at Halifax 1841-80.

**Perth Co. Profiles, OGS, Vol. 20, #3**

- St. Mary's village & town; 1869 assessment roll of St. Mary's.

**PEI Genealogical Society Inc, #102**

- some 1861 census entries.

**Relatively Speaking, Alta GS, Vol. 30, #3**

- George Washington Cramer; South African ancestors; different religions in the same tree.

**Saskatchewan GS, Vol. 33, #3**

- Doukhobor census records; research in Belgium, pt 4.

**COMPUTERS**

**Genealogical Computing, Vol. 22, #1**

- England's A2A; 1880 US census.

**EASTERN EUROPE**

**Galizien German Descendants, #32**

- resettlement of Germans to Siberia.

**ENGLAND & WALES**

**Cleveland FHS, Vol. 8, #8**

- Elton parish; hangings at York Castle, cont; gypsy ancestry.

**Cornwall FHS, #105**

- Butsons, shipbuilders of the 19<sup>th</sup> century; Cheqwyn connection; Luzmoor family.

**Devon Family Historian, #103**

- workhouses & their records, part 2.

**Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 18, #11**

- surname research; hop picking; guardianship bonds.

**Genealogists Magazine, Vol. 27, #7**

- researching MP's 1386-1832; Jermyn family; John Loder ancestry.

**Glamorgan FHS, #67**

- David Davies, part 3; Jane Lewis murder; Melincourt Chapel.

**Metropolitan, Vol. 25, #1**

- French exiles in London 1792-1815; Carey family.

**Norfolk Ancestor, Vol. 3, #3**

- Elias Middleton & George Shourd; Caroline Rouse; Parrinder and Gott families.
- Northumberland & Durham FHS, Vol. 27, #3
- Easington Colliery miners; Sanderson family.

**Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol. 16, #2**

- Oxford workhouse.

**Suffolk FHS, Vol. 22, #2**

- Bramfield church; Parish family; Suffolk immigrants to New England 1620-50; William Napthen; Elizabeth Anderson, first female doctor.

**Sussex Family Historian, Vol. 15, #3**

- Thomas Weller, part 2; Wimble family.

**The Augustan, Vol. 27, #2**

- archeology, history & philately; chivalry.

**West Middlesex FHS Journal, Vol. 20, #3**

- Thomas Waters; Elizabeth Johnston; Chapel Royal.

**IRELAND**

**Irish Roots, #43**

- death at sea; employment of children in mines; DNA project; American civil war records.

**The Septs, Vol. 23, #3**

- Ulster Scots; James Mooney; Cloney family to NB.

**SCOTLAND**

**Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS, #65**

- poor houses of Glasgow; Kilgannon family.

**Scottish Genealogist, Vol. 49, #3**

- clan MacKellar, part 6; a Russian family name of Scottish origin.

**UNITED STATES**

**Family Chronicle, Sept/Oct 2002**

- civil war union records; some brickwall solutions; Ackerman family; prohibited marriages.

**New England Ancestors, Vol. 3, #4**

- missing friends – ads in early newspapers; Longfellow surname.

**New England Historical & Genealogical Register, Vol. 156**

- Mary Foxe; descendants of David Chesebrough; parentage of Clarissa Bingham; descendants of Richard Langford.

## **Red River Valley GS, July 2002**

- Ross/Bassett family.

## **Seattle GS, Vol. 51, #3 & 4**

- 1930 US census.

## **Winnipeg Branch Report**

By Wayne Neily, MGS # 430,  
President, Winnipeg Branch

The Winnipeg Branch has been plugging along at a modest pace during the past quarter, and we hope that the activity will increase during the months to come. Our main effort continues to be providing programmes that will be of interest to members and help us to more effectively research our family histories and to utilize the results of that research. Our plan this year is to have a programme on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening of each month, at the MGS Resource Centre at 19:30 (7:30 p.m.), unless you are advised otherwise. Visits to other locations or other special events may result in variation from this routine, but members in the southeastern Manitoba region (yes, that does include Winnipeg!) will be notified of changes by telephone or e-mail. Our Communications Committee, chaired by Second Vice-President Jack Rockey, needs e-mails for any members that have it and would like to be informed that way, as notices can go simultaneously to many, cutting down on the time needed for telephoning.

Programmes are usually preceded by a brief business meeting, but most Branch business is dealt with by the Executive, which normally meets at the same time and place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Executive meetings are normally open to any interested members and comments, new ideas and volunteers are always welcome. While on the topic of the Executive, I regret to have to report that our First Vice-President, Malcolm Dewar, has had to resign because of other commitments, and so we are looking for someone interested in filling that position. It should not be too onerous for the balance of this term, as the main responsibility is organizing programmes, and much of that has already been done for this season. Please contact me (204-422-8686 or e-mail [NeilyWP@hotmail.com](mailto:NeilyWP@hotmail.com) ).

The group at our meeting of 16 September enjoyed a very interesting follow-up by Gord McBean of his June presentation on using the CD-ROMs at the Resource Centre which included ways of getting the most out of internet resources. The October date was skipped to avoid overload in the Seminar month, and by the time you read this, the November 18 meeting

featuring a presentation by Kathy Stokes on church records in Manitoba will be past, but mark the following on your calendar.

On Monday December 16 at the usual time and place, join us for a Christmas Special. The topic is "Your Family's Holiday Traditions Remembered" and each member is invited to bring memories and a photo or other item related to holiday traditions, especially anything unique or special for your family. Perhaps a treasured gift or a special custom or family game, but most important, bring your own family memories of the season. We plan to have some refreshments, and donations would be welcome (of baked goods, for example). Daryl Dumanski is co-coordinating this meeting, so give her a call (668-9366) if you have any questions or would like to help.

Our programme plans for winter and spring of 2003 are as follows.

Jan 20: United Church Archives

- to be confirmed

Feb 17: Manitoba Historical Society?

- to be confirmed.

Mar 17: L'Héritage Français du Manitoba:  
a visit to the Centre du Patrimoine at  
Saint-Boniface and explanation of  
the resources available there – to be  
confirmed

Apr 21: Western Canada Pictorial Index –  
Family History in Photos

- to be confirmed

May 19: at the Costume Museum of Canada at Dugald, at 19:30. The museum's Education Co-ordinator Glenda Peterson and Curator Monique Brandt will be giving a fabulous programme called "Shall We Dance?" It is the history of 200 years of fashion change with the actual clothing and accessories. This also enables them to fairly accurately date a photograph according to the clothing worn, which could help greatly in your family research. Our Annual General Meeting is also in May, but details remain to be worked out.

June 23: - To be arranged.

The Branch Research Committee needs more members, especially since I am chairing it and have little time to put into it this year. We offer one hour's free research for Branch members living outside the SE Manitoba region or whose health prevents them from getting to the Resource Centre, but charge for anything beyond this. This brings in a small amount of money to the Branch, and expenses of the volunteer researchers are covered.

Our special project, indexing the Winnipeg portion of the 1901 census, is slowly progressing. More volunteers are needed, either to help with computer entry of the data. Please contact Geoff Lambert (284-4186) if you are interested.

In the outreach area, Daryl Dumanski made a presentation to the Manitoba Camera Club on preserving and presenting photos. Darryl and Gord McBean made presentations as part of Joan Whiston's genealogy course for Creative Retirement. Bill Burland made a presentation to the Age and Opportunity group in Saint Vital, and we continue to respond to requests as volunteers and time permit. Contact Carol Moore-Glenn (667-5699) if you know of a group looking for information on family history.

We are currently planning a full-day workshop for beginners in genealogy, tentatively on Saturday, 26 April, to be conducted by Daryl and one or two other experienced genealogists. This will be at cost of copies for Branch members, and open to others for a small fee, but space may be limited, so if you are interested, please contact Daryl or myself as soon as possible.

Remember that the Branch is keeping the M.G.S. Resource Centre open Wednesday evenings. Come in and make use of it -- if there is enough demand and enough volunteers are available, it could be extended to other evenings or other Saturdays. We still need one or two more volunteers for Wednesdays able to spend one evening a month, or at least help on those five-Wednesday months. Contact Louisa Shermerhorn (832-5041) if you would like to give a hand to others in this way. No experience required; some training is provided, but we all find that being on duty here is one of the best ways of getting to know the resources available, and of learning new techniques for solving those roadblocks in our own research.

A note on memberships - please remember that your Branch membership expires with your M.G.S. membership. The good news is that ours is still only \$5 a year and it can again be paid in a single cheque with your Society dues. For Life Members - sorry, but we still don't have a life membership category for the Branch, so please give your \$5 directly to the Treasurer Harold King at a meeting, or mail it to the Branch address (Box 1244, Winnipeg, R3C 2Y4).

## **Report on the Symposium Canadian Genealogy Online: Building an Innovative Model of Co-operation**

By Bill Burland, MGS #3727

The Symposium, co-sponsored by the National Archives and the National Library, was held at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau (Hull) Quebec from Friday, November 1 to Sunday November 3, 2002.

The purpose of the Symposium was to consult with the users of the Canadian Genealogical Centre (on-line) to establish a consensus on priorities for the CGC's online components, to study the issue of governance and funding methods, and to identify projects and means to be used in producing content.

Present were officials from both the National Library and National Archives (which it has been announced will be joined into one body), representatives of genealogical societies from all provinces, representatives of many archives across the country, some commercial genealogical organizations, among others. In all, there were about 85 -100 people present.

Friday evening began with introductions. Then there was a lecture on "Universal Access and Social Cohesion: Making Records Relevant through Digitization." A presentation of the improved viewing capabilities for the current 1901 Canadian census online was given.

Saturday morning was given over to a group discussion of a presentation on "Relationships between users and stakeholders providing genealogical services" by Robert Grandmaître, National Archives of Canada. We were divided into 3 groups to discuss the following questions:

- 1) Which consultation strategies and methods should the CGC adopt?
- 2) What are the needs of the users and service providers? What genealogical products and services do users and providers wish to have access to through the CGC?
- 3) What projects should be set as priorities in developing online CGC components and what partnerships would be required to achieve them?

These small group discussions were followed by a plenary session where each group reported and more discussion was held. The general feeling was that the CGC should concentrate on digitization of records.

Saturday afternoon was given over to a group discussion of the following questions:

- 1) What are the challenges (responsibilities, commitments, advantages) of participating in the CGC as a partner? What governance model would be most effective for the Centre under the leadership of Library and Archives of Canada?
- 2) What services should the CGC provide and what balance should there be between free services and billed services? What role could the private sector play in the CGC's activities as a whole?

These small group discussions were followed by a plenary session where each group reported and more discussion was held. Here, the consensus was that the governance model presented was not "democratic" enough. There should be an advisory board which has input at the top level. Saturday evening included a guided tour of the Gatineau Preservation Centre - a look at the holdings of the National Archives - including a tour of the vaults and restoration areas.

Sunday morning was given over to a group discussion of the following questions:

- 1) What projects could partners carry out together? (e.g. indexing, research tools and genealogical resource directory)
- 2) What's new in the exchange of genealogical information? (e.g. online collaborative tools such as *Meeting Place* and volunteer mobilization efforts)
- 3) What protocols would have to be put in place for quality control of the content?

These small group discussions were followed by a plenary session where each group reported and more discussion was held.

A sense of what was discussed and presented can be gained by going to <http://cgc-ccg.archives.ca> and clicking on Presentation.

Although no conclusions were reached (very few attendees had authorization to commit their organizations to any long-term projects), there was general consensus that the CGC should continue in digitizing documents from the Archives (such as it has done with the 1901 census), with a concentration on censuses, and the co-operative effort should begin with an indexing project - specifically of the 1901 census. In discussion with other invitees at the Symposium, I realized that although most were excited about the CGC, there was fear of the consequences at the local level. Such thoughts

ranged from funding to loss of control of data and searching aids.

#### LIBRARY LINES

By Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567

Some members may find that the newsletter Rootsweb Review is helpful. You can get on their e-mailing list by contacting [RWRon@rootsweb.com](mailto:RWRon@rootsweb.com)

The following note on 'birth vs. baptism dates' is taken from a recent issue. Each issue covers new mailing lists, sites, helpful notes, etc.

The following was submitted by Margaret Cullingworth and printed in *Rootsweb Review* Vol. 5 #36, September 4, 2002.

Birth vs. Baptism Dates I have for a long time been irritated by receiving computer generated family trees where the stated dates of birth are actually baptisms. Many a child has been baptised long after its birth and many a family has had more than one child, of different ages, baptised at the same time. All too many family historians assume that two siblings baptised on the same day were twins. Would they be so quick to assume they were all born on the same day if six or seven siblings were baptized together? I think not. I've also come across baptisms in local parishes (I live in the county of Sussex, England) that concern adults.

Checking with the parish register at the local Record Office often shows that the age of the person was given. No indication of such things appear, of course, on the IGI [International Genealogical Index]. After 20 years of family history and local history research (the latter involving looking into other people's genealogy) I have purchased a genealogy program. What do I find? Although there is a section for entering people's baptismal dates and places, this does not appear on print-outs of family groups, descendancy charts and so on. Unless you put a date in the "birth-date" section, no date will appear on such reports and charts. So I can now well understand why so many people treat baptismal dates as birth dates, as family trees need dates! But it means they are not showing the correct information.

Why, oh why do compilers of genealogical programs not get wise to this -- unless I'm unlucky in the program I chose to buy, but I understood it was one of best.

## **Donations to MGS Library.**

**Chain of Memories.** Maidstone Rural History Book Committee, Maidstone, Sask. c1984. Maidstone is a town in the RM of Eldon and is situated on Hwy 16 about 50 miles west of North Battleford, SK. This book covers the School Districts of Dee Valley, Halfway, Idandell, Keyworth, Maidstone Rural, Sewton and Tebo Corner. It is organized by School District followed by more general chapters on such subjects as Veterans, Electrification, and the Oil Story. Anyone with family from that RM will find something of interest here. There is map of the municipality showing homesteaders and at the beginning of each chapter on the districts there are maps showing all the owners and renters of each quarter section. The book is well illustrated, indexed and with good print.  
MGS Western Canada 971.24 West Can CHA

**The Kirkyard of New Machar,** compiled by Sheila M. Spiers, Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS, c2002. ISBN 1-900173-38-7. Another in the series of graveyard inscriptions of the Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS. A map shows the location of the graveyard on A947 and there is a diagram showing gravesites. The book is indexed and has complete memorial transcriptions. MGS library now has a quite large collection of the Aberdeen area graveyard inscriptions.  
MGS GB&IRE 929.5 Sco/Abe

**Woodlands School Memories.** Woodlands Reunion Committee, June 2002. This book was produced by the Committee for Reunion 2000 of the Woodlands School District No. 25, 1919-1967. For those years there are lists of Trustees, Teachers and Students followed by personal reminiscences and pictures. The Foreword gives a brief synopsis of the earlier school and lists many of the family names of early pioneers (1887): Broadfoot, Craddock, Dew, Harrap, Hogg, Hutton, Lower, Merchant, Milan, Naismith, Nankiville, Nichol, Nunn, Porteous, Proctor, Simpson. The teacher was Alida Baldwin. Another useful record of Manitoba people.  
MGS Manitoba 371 Wlan

**Eastlawn Cemetery.** Section 15. ISBN 1-55075-451-3 and **Bartonville Cemetery** ISBN 1-55034-119-7. Both transcriptions published by the Hamilton Branch of Ontario Genealogical Society, Wentworth Co. Ontario. Bartonville Cemetery is on King Street East and was transcribed in 1987. It contains an alphabetical list of surnames, plus transcription,

of the monuments, as well as another alphabetical list of names taken from other sources, and which sometime include names of nearest relatives. Eastlawn Cemetery Section 15, transcribed in 1993. The cemetery is located on Barton St. E at Nash Rd. N. in the east end of Hamilton and there is a map of the complete cemetery showing this section. The burials are all in the 20C but the entries include many born in the latter part of the 19C and will be a useful addition to our Ontario records.  
MGS East Can 929.5 Ont/Wen

**Reive Family History** by Zelma Reive, St. Catharines, Ontario. July 2002. The Reive family was originally from the County of Dumfrieshire in Scotland. The family covered in this family history were from the village of Bentpath on the Esk River in the parish of Westerkirk. There are still a few people living in the village and a library established in 1795 is open one day a month. The author visited there in 1999 and some of her photographs are reproduced in the book. Immigrating to Canada in the early 1800s this Reive family settled in Clarke Township, Durham County, Ontario in 1836-7. William Reive born 12 September 1852 in Clarke Twp. was the son of William Reive and Agnes Stark. William Sr. had been born in Bentpath and Agnes in Muirkirk, Ayrshire, Scotland. They were married in Clarke Twp., Durham Co., Ontario. William Jr. died in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1930. Other Manitoba family names to be found in this book are: Timlich/ Macmurray, Dryden and Hayward. There are many charts and a complete name index.  
MGS FH&BIO 929.2 Reiv

Mary Bole, our cataloguer is constantly working to make it simpler to use our library. Recently she re-catalogued the books on Jewish research. They are listed below with their new Call No. Note that while they all have the same number - 956.94 - they may be in different sections - Canada, Manitoba, Europe.

**Canadian Jewish reference book & directory**  
1965, Gottesman.CANADA 956.94 Got

**Family Who's Who.** Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem. CANADA 956.94 Fam

**Finding Our Fathers:** guidebook to Jewish genealogy,by Rottenberg. EUROPE 956.94 Rot

**Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel .** EUROPE 956.94 Gui

**Jewish Experiences in Early Manitoba**, by A.A.Chiel, MANITOBA 956.94 Chi [new]  
Jews of Canada. CANADA 956.94 Jew

**Who's Who in Canadian Jewry**, ed. Gottesman. CANADA 956.94 Got

**Yiddish in Canada**, by J. Thiessen. CANADA 956.94 Thi

**New Materials received and reclassified materials.**

**REFERENCE** - all materials in this section must be used in the Resource Centre.

Manitoba - books. Some of these are 2nd copies and there may be a circulating copy.

REF 282 Bran Bys Brandon city. **By Steps, not Leaps**. St. Augustine of Canterbury parish

REF 362.605 **Betel Home Foundation, 1915-1995**

REF 971.27 Macd San Macdonald RM. **Sanford-Ferndale 1871-1987**

REF 9712.27 Mint Min Minto RM. **Minnedosa Memories**

REF 971.27 Rive Riv Riverside RM. **Riverside Heritage 1896-1996**

REF 971.27 Rive Stf Riverside RM. **St. Felix de Valois Dunrea parish**

REF 971.27 Winc Del Winchester RM. **Deloraine Scans a Century: ...**

East Can

REF 971.3 Lan/Ins Lanark Co., On. **In Search of Lanark**

**CANADA**

REF 971.004 Han. **Handbook of Indians of Canada**

**GB & IRE**

REF 929.3 Ire/Ard **Index to Ardagh Wills**

**Manitoba Cemetery transcriptions**

REF 929.5 Port Dak Portage la Prairie RM. **Dakota Tipi First Nation Cemetery**.

MGS No. 1271

REF 929.5 Wesp Gle West St. Paul. **Glen Eden Memorial Gardens. MGS #1270**

**Manitoba Church records**

REF 929.3 Winn Kil Winnipeg City. **Kildonan Presbyterian Church Register**.

MGS ChR 094

**Microfiche**

MF 929.5 Dea Ontario vital statistics: death registration. Library has 2 reels covering 1869-1871

The following materials may be borrowed by members.

**MANITOBA (yellow section)**

**Books**

280 Ukr **Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church: Oakburn-Brandon Parish**

282 Bran Bys Brandon City. **By Steps, not Leaps: St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish**

283 Easp Jou East St. Paul. **A Journey Together: St. Catherine Anglican church, Birds Hill, Manitoba 1914-1989**

366 Kha Khartum Temple. **Winnipeg**

371 Hano Gru Hanover RM. **Grunthal Collegiate**

970.004 Ind **Indians of the North-west**

971.004 Met **Metis Makers of History**

971.27 Bran Mil Brandon city. **Millennium Memories: Family Focus, 2001**

971.27 Easp Her East St. Paul RM. **Heritage: story of East St. Paul**

971.27 Giml Int Gimli RM. **Interlake Petitions 1900-1912**

971.27 Hano Pre Hanover RM **Preservings: ...Hanover Steinbach Hist. Soc. journal**

971.27 Rhin Tow Rhineland RM. **Town of Altona Millennium Diary**

971.27 Saaa Bey St. Andrews RM **Beyond the Gates of Lower Fort Garry**

971.27 West Gla Westbourne RM. **Gladstone Then and Now: 1871-2001**

971.27 Winn Alo Winnipeg city. **Along the Red** (periodical) Fort Garry HS

**WESTERN CANADA (purple section)**

**Books**

970.004 Chr Ahtahkakoop: .. a **Plains Cree Head Chief, His People ...1816-1896**

971.1 Smi **Smile of Manitou**. (Naramata, British Columbia)

971.24 Dis **Discover Saskatchewan: ... Historic Sites**

**EASTERN CANADA (blue section)**

**Books**

929 Ont Ontario GS. **Proceedings of Seminar '86: ...footsteps of habitants**

929.3 Ont /Car Carlton Co. **Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms ..nd.**

944 Cha LeChainon (periodical) **Societe Franco-ontarienne**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS**

### **PRESIDENTS' REPORTS**

#### **MGS**

President: Bob Stokes, MGS #432

The Manitoba Genealogical Society has completed another successful year of operation. However there are several areas which should concern all members, and most of them you have heard mentioned before.

This past year our Outreach program was extremely active, reaching into areas not previously contacted. With the assistance of the Winnipeg Public Library we ran a one day Beginners' program which was attended by more than 100 people, to mention but one activity. In spite of all our efforts, however, this did not translate into a noticeable increase in membership. Correspondence and paid research requests are also down. The good news is that the number of patrons visiting and the number of volunteers is up slightly.

We are chronically short of members who are willing to take responsibility for chairing committees. Especially affected is the Finance Committee which lacks both Grants and Fundraising Chairs. We also need a new editor for *Generations*.

MGS members must show solid support for their organization by accepting positions on Council, by assisting in the running of the Resource Centre, or by doing data entry at home. As the old saying goes, "Everybody benefits when everybody gives," and time donated to MGS benefits all of our members.

#### **DAUPHIN BRANCH**

President: Connie Blackmon, MGS #3942

Dauphin Branch meets monthly, January to May and September to November, the last Thursday at 7:30pm.

This past year was a busy one. In January and February we made plans for a fundraiser raffle which ended in May. We had a "bakeless" bake sale to raise payment of insurance on holdings in the library. March was "show and tell" among members, with many ideas for all. In April we hosted "Digital Darkroom". We saw samples of photos digitally copied, repaired, and restored. Very interesting! In May, local author, Joe Robertson, spoke of his books, *From Prairie to Tundra* and *Grey Wolf* and told us much of the procedure to publish them.

Then our summer recess — a time to relax and/or gather more family history, etc. during the holidays.

On September 19 we held a "Beginners' Family History Workshop", hoping to acquire new members and learn more about ourselves.

Our regular meetings begin at the end of September and in October a committee will choose a new executive to be announced at our November meeting at which we have a potluck meal and enjoy a Christmas-theme evening.

Our branch receives a number of queries from many different places and one of our members deals with these. We keep busy as a group and have interesting meetings year round.

## **SOUTH WEST BRANCH**

Vice President Operations: Beth Wall, MGS #1622

Once again the South West Branch enjoyed a successful year. With the Heritage Dinner beginning our year in February, the winter does not seem quite so long. A very successful 12th Annual Dinner was held at the Prairie Oasis February 7, with President Lorne Hill acting as emcee. As usual, the Ruth Tester Award was presented for outstanding service to the Branch, and genealogy in general, in the area. The presentation was made to Jim Wall who has long served the Branch in many capacities and will certainly continue to do so in the future.

Guest speaker for the dinner was Dr. Bev Nicholson from Brandon University who spoke on "Pre-European Immigration in to Southwest Manitoba". Following his informative talk, a silent auction was conducted. As usual, it was a most interesting evening.

Throughout 2001 branch members were kept informed of the progress of Senator Lorna Milne's efforts in the Senate to have the 1906 and 1911 Censuses released. Margaret Goodman has been instrumental in this effort and has kept in touch with the committee that is spearheading the campaign via e-mail. The Branch will continue to support Senator Milne in any way it can in order to obtain the release of the Censuses.

During 2001 the Deloraine Cemetery was transcribed and the transcription prepared and submitted to Winnipeg for inclusion in the Library. Our thanks go to Past-President Lorne Hill for his work on this project and to the members of the Branch who took the time to do the transcribing.

During the spring the Branch was fortunate to receive publicity from the *Brandon Sun*. An excellent article was published on the work that Jim and beth Wall are doing for genealogists at large. we were also fortunate to have the Walls named as Citizens of the Week by *Sun* editor, Glen Johnston.

The Branch spring windup was held at Carberry. Visits to the Carberry Museum and the Thompson Seton Museum preceded a delightful potluck supper at the home of member, Eleanor Burch.

The Branch meeting in November was held at the Brandon Court House. Donna Scinocca, Clerk of the Court, was our guide and an excellent guide she proved to be. She took us through the newly renovated building, as well as through the newly completed addition. At each stop she gave us detailed information on the proceedings which occurred there. We received much information and Donna answered many questions before the meeting was adjourned.

We once again enjoyed an interesting meeting in December when even the weather could not prevent us from getting together for an interesting meeting with 5 generation pedigree charts on display, and. of course, some goodies to eat.

South West Branch continues to enjoy excellent participation by the membership and we look forward to further enjoyable "Rooting for our Ancestors" in the future.

## **SWAN VALLEY BRANCH**

President: Eric Neufeld, MGS #2410L

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Treasurer:	Helen Ellingson
Secretary:	Donna Fox

The Swan Valley Branch of MGS has completed another successful year. Our meetings are held at the Town of Swan River Basement office. Our meetings are conducted every second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Our branch takes a summer recess for the months of July and August of each year.

This year our Branch has been especially busy with the considerable amount of letters asking for information on various ancestors from the Swan Valley. We have had the pleasure of acquiring several very early publications of the history of our Valley by way of members attending a few local auctions. These publications were previously thought to be unattainable, as they have been out of print for a very long time. Several examples of recently acquired books are *Life in the Old West* and *80 Years in the Valley*. As our collection grows, we are more successful in answering the many queries we receive from around the country.

On the local level we have increased our pursuit of old obituary clippings from our members and various local newspapers. We are setting up a database of these and hope to continue this activity. Of course we continue to index births, marriages, and deaths from the *Star and Times*.

We have also decided to update some of our previous cemetery transcriptions and this year we have submitted a revised transcription of Alpine Cemetery. Next year we hope to update another local cemetery transcription.

In closing, our hope is that we can acquire and preserve any historical document that may assist anyone tracing his or her ancestors in the Swan River area.

## **WINNIPEG BRANCH**

President: Wayne Neily, MGS #430

The 2001-2002 year was one of limited activity for the Winnipeg Branch, mostly through lack of time on the part of key executive officers. About 100 MGS members chose to be Winnipeg Branch members and a few meetings were held during the winter to share ideas and solve problems in individual research. Activities revived by the summer 2002 with a meeting at the Resource Centre in late June where Gord McBean and Louisa Shermerhorn showed us how to effectively utilize some of the new CD-ROM resources at the Centre. An outing to the Mennonite Heritage Museum in Steinbach with an interesting presentation by George Neufeld followed in July, while our outreach efforts, notably the booth at the Scottish Pavilion at Folklorama, involved many members during August. Special thanks go to Carol Moore-Glenn, Chair of the Branch's Outreach Committee, and to Daryl Dumanski, Gord McBean, and many other volunteers for that. Also about ten volunteers have kept the MGS Resource centre open Wednesday evenings all year. Thanks to Louisa Shermerhorn who has taken on co-ordination of this, as well as to Linda White, Bryan Queau, George Glenn, Joan Whiston, and Bonnie Bileski, as well as to several of the Branch executive.

Other areas where activity has continued include research, although activity remains low because of a shortage of volunteers. We have responded to 10 research requests and could have done more had more volunteers been available to assist with research.

At the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Branch, May 31, the following executive for 2002-2003 was elected:

President:	Wayne Neily
1st Vice president:	Malcolm Dewar
2nd Vice president:	John Rockey
Secretary:	Daryl Dumanski
Treasurer:	Harold King
Councillors:	Gordon McBean and Carol Moore-Glenn

with Jim Oke succeeding as Past President since Susan Tremblay had resigned.

Special Projects has been revived, with Geoff Lambert taking on the Chair. The primary project remains indexing of the 1901 Census for Winnipeg, and some progress has been made although there is a long way to go. It was put on hold temporarily when we learned that some indexing of this has been done for a commercial genealogical source, but the consensus is that we should go ahead with ours anyway, to have an index available for the public.

Meetings are planned to be held monthly, at the Resource Centre on the 3rd Monday evening of each month unless otherwise arranged, with executive meetings (normally open to members) on the 4th Monday evening.

The structure of MGS continues to make functioning of branches difficult, especially for the Winnipeg one, where there is competition with the parent society for volunteers in almost every area, and many of the functions that should be those of a branch are done by the Society. Although the forces of inertia are great, mostly because of the way the Society has grown over the years, the best hope for a successful provincial organization is to continue working toward eliminating duplication of effort between the branches and the Society — to provide local services through the branches and to allow the Society to act as a coordinating body and provincial voice for genealogy. At present, far too many MGS members living in Winnipeg see the Branch as irrelevant to their needs, because these local services are being provided by the Society (often by Society members who are branch members). The Society continues to provide local services because it has always done so, and other branches sometimes feel that they are not gaining much from being part of MGS. I know that there are people of good will on all sides working to improve the situation, and hope that they are successful.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Jayne Paradis, MGS #45

Things have been quiet over the year, activity wise. We managed to keep the Resource Centre open the usual hours over the summer and are now back to our normal winter hours which includes being open Sunday afternoons.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked in any capacity over the year. Many go unnoticed as they are behind the scenes (i.e. indexing/typing at home). It takes many volunteers to keep MGS running, so, everyone, take a bow!

### **COMPUTER**

Chair: Bill Burland, MGS #3727

This year the focus of the Computer Committee was on the acquisition of computers to facilitate the increased use of genealogy sources on CDs.

We were able to acquire three used computers from MTS at a reasonable cost. They came complete with monitors and CD drives. They have now been installed and are in use.

As well, we have purchased a small printer for the main area of the library. This will allow the preparation of research reports and correspondence without removing a volunteer from the main area.

Computer projects which are underway include the continuing of indexing of the cemetery transcripts and the preparation of a computer index to the obituaries 1970-2001 of the Winnipeg newspapers. Many volunteers have given a great deal of time to these projects. I do thank them, as well as Bill MacDonald for his continued assistance with all computer projects.

### **LIBRARY**

Chair: Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L

MGS' Library continues to see increased use of Manitoba sources, thus underlining the value of continued and concentrated effort to compile more indexes of local interest. We will endeavour to add more printed (book, computer disc, microfiche/film) Manitoba materials, and the Library Committee would appreciate being informed of any such materials that members become aware of. We thank all volunteers, those daily ones who do so much to make our library a good place to work, and those who work behind the scenes at home or office.

#### Library Statistics:

- 74 periodicals are exchanged with other societies. We send them *Generations* and they send us their journals.
- 9 periodicals are received by subscription
- 415 periodicals were borrowed by 39 members. This represents a very small percentage of the periodicals and the members. Do take a few minutes to look at these the next time you visit the Library.
- Family Tree Magazine* was the most widely circulated periodical
- 1728 books were reshelfed. This does not include refiling of Cemetery and Church Register transcripts, microfilm and microfiche, or periodicals.
- 55 persons or archives/libraries donated over 405 books, periodicals, and other library materials.

- The library budget was \$3665.00
- 9 packages of books were circulated by mail to 3 members. This circulation is down this year. However, read on about mailing books to members. They are asked to pay the postage both ways, but due to the efforts of Joyce, we now have a special library postal rate which makes this a much cheaper arrangement. We hope this will encourage out-of-town members to borrow more books by mail. Sorry, we cannot mail these to members who live outside Canada.
- 328 items were added to the Library collection. This includes books, maps, Manitoba Cemetery transcripts, Manitoba Church Register transcripts, microfiche/films, and CDs.
- The usage of CDs is still quite low. Winnipeg Branch has had one meeting on using these CDs and another is planned. We are also marking the CDs with special logos, and near each computer there will be a list showing which logos are compatible with that computer. If at all possible, and in the interests of space and money, we will continue to purchase materials on CD rather than print.

The Library Chair salutes those who perform the library tasks, many of which can be tedious and time-consuming, but I never hear any complaints. Thank you.

To anyone who would consider helping with any of the MGS office or library tasks, we try to hold Orientation sessions each year. All volunteers are invited to attend. Besides learning experiences, these sessions are a good way for volunteers to get to know each other, as well as a time for airing concerns.

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Chair: Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L

The past year has again seen a steady use of the Library and Resource Centre with about a 3 1/2% increase in the number of patrons. Our volunteer base has been able to cover the demands but we are urgently in need of volunteers for some shifts. Please contact us if you think you could volunteer for a few hours, even once a month. Remember that we need persons to cover the three weekdays, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, as well as Wednesday evenings, and Sunday afternoons. Don't be afraid that "you don't know anything". We all had to learn — it is not difficult. Besides, everyone who comes to volunteer in the Resource centre comments on how it benefits his own research, as well as the social aspect in getting to know other members.

Office administration is the committee charged with seeing that the Resource Centre is run efficiently. Except for service contracts for major repairs to machines, all tasks are done by volunteers and these tasks include the following:

- Maintenance of premises: housekeeping chores including vacuuming, dusting, emptying wastepaper baskets etc.
- Machine maintenance: day-to-day service (adding toner, etc) of microfiche/film machines, fax, computer printers, etc.
- Mail clerk: incoming and outgoing mail picked up, recorded, mailed, postage purchased, etc.
- Volunteers: scheduling and training.
- Office operations: includes monitoring and purchasing office supplies, revising brochures and information pages, inventories, posting information, manning the telephone, compiling statistics, etc., often acting as Patron Assistants and helping patrons use the Library resources.
- Volunteer recruitment — an ongoing process

The following statistics show some of the volume of work:

- 2978 patrons signed our register. Allan, who compiles all the figures for these two reports, noted that the two busiest months for patron usage were October and November. During each of those two months over 300 persons signed the "Sign-in Register". All other months were well under 300 persons.

- 1439 volunteers signed in. This is also a slight increase.
- 1253 pieces of mail, by post, were sent from MGS. This total is down but much of the Research Committee's correspondence is now done by e-mail. This figure will probably be shown with the Research Committee report.
- 1829 pieces of mail by post were received by MGS. This includes faxes but not all e-mail and this figure will probably be shown within the Research Committee report.
- 471 incoming phone calls were recorded.

Our volunteers are a wonderful group of people — they put their hearts into making our Resource Centre one of the best, if not the best, venues for genealogical research in Canada. Thank you all.

## **RESEARCH**

Chair: Jim Rutherford, MGS #2632

The Research Committee consists of Connie McLeod, Bonnie Bridge, Hazel Runchey, and Jim Rutherford, with help part of the year from Rick McLelland. We responded to many e-mail queries about research from which about 30% eventually filled out the form from our web site and returned with the required fee. The Research crew ran the Resource Centre on Thursdays throughout the year with help from John McCrindle. We appreciate the others who have given additional help, including Nellie Larocque and Bill MacDonald. We also miss our long-time secretary, Eleanor Corbett, who moved to Ottawa.

During this past year we researched 115 paid queries from Canada, U.S., and the U.K. mainly. Revenue from this brought in over \$3,000.

While sources of information are more available for people who lived up to one hundred years ago, it is getting very difficult to find information on those who lived in the past century. It is more important than ever that we glean as much family history as we can from our elders while they are still with us.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

This past year this committee has concentrated on computerizing the many indexes we have which now exist on cards and books. This will allow us to make much better use of the existing space in the Resource Centre.

Work continues on the indexing of old newspapers. We will still be able to produce the 1887 volume of births, marriages, and deaths within the next few months when reading of the rural newspapers is complete. At this time we have completed reading the old Winnipeg newspapers to the end of 1895.

Records from more recent obituaries from Winnipeg newspapers now extend back to 1969, with current daily papers being indexed as always. Rural newspapers, when available, are indexed as well, in a separate file.

The cemetery transcribing program has concentrated on updating of cemeteries, some of which were done more than twenty years ago. Many of these have been put on to computer transcription for the first time. We plan to offer copies of the large cemeteries for sale on disc as this will save time and wear and tear on our photocopier. Cemetery transcription sales contribute significantly to MGS revenue.

Indexing of Anglican and United Church records has also continued.

## **COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031

The easy part of this position is that we are fortunate in having excellent and capable volunteers chairing all the positions in the Communications department. Without duplicating efforts please refer to the reports following, and to the Branch reports. It is always encouraging to hear of all the projects, workshops, and displays that the branches are working on or towards. Congratulations to all the branch volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

Publicity relates to all departments and our brochure is one of the first contacts with the public. It has been redesigned and is very hard to miss in bright green. We have printed 2,000 brochures from October 2001 to September 2002.

I have maintained our connection with our provincial Heritage Partnership with 11 other heritage organizations. As you can imagine, it has been a very long process for our chairman — David McDowell (P.P. of the Manitoba Historical Society) — to coordinate information from all 11 groups and finally get a finished product. Our "group poster" is going to press and we have been allotted 200 posters. I will be sending them out as soon as they are available.

### **GENERATIONS**

Editor: Jayne Paradis, MGS #45

- 4 issues published: September & December 2001, March & June 2002.
- Stiff cover and bound-in inserts were continued.
- Expenses were approximately \$6,100.00.

### **OUTREACH**

Chair: Myrna Mackey, MGS #3188

The following Beginners' Seminars were held in 2001-2002:

1. A noon hour presentation at the East Kildonan Senior Centre, September 21, 2001, with 12 attendees; given by Kathy Stokes and Myrna Mackey.
2. An evening Beginners' Seminar at McNally Robinson's Grant Park bookstore, with approximately 40 attendees, January 22, 2002; given by Myrna Mackey and Kathy Stokes.
3. An all-day genealogy workshop, "Out on a Limb", March 9, 2002, at Winnipeg Centennial Library, coordinated with Tannis Gretzinger. This was well attended and another is in the planning stages for 2003.
4. April 21, 2002: Lower Fort Garry informational tea for initial planning for Lower Fort Garry's 175th reunion in 2005; attended by Myrna Mackey and Joan Whiston.
5. June 13, 2002: Information seminar at Tiger Hills Arts Centre, attended by 10 participants; given by Myrna Mackey.

My goal for the coming year is to continue with our established relationships and broaden our horizons by taking our seminars to more rural communities. With that in mind, I have scheduled a seminar with a community centre in East St. Paul for September 21, 2002, and another with a rural tea room near Anola on October 26, 2002.

## **MEMBERSHIP / HUMAN RESOURCES REPORTS**

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

This year has seen our membership at about the same level as in the previous year. This should be viewed as a cause for concern, because, in order to sustain our programs, we must maintain and increase our membership. Many more people are researching their family histories, but many view the Internet as their major source of information. We must become more active in spreading the word about OUR resources, most of which are not on the Internet, and about the other benefits of MGS membership.

The New Members' Package is being revised and rewritten.

The Jonasson and Cox Awards will be given out this year, as usual, and there are several worthy recipients. Pins will be awarded to those who have completed ten, fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five years of continuous membership.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Chair: Betty Atkinson, MGS #2117

Current as of September 4, 2002

Member Type 1: Individual	528	
Member Type 2: Associate	41	
Member Type 3: Institutional	15	
Member Type 4: Life	48	
Member Type 5: Exchange	79	
Member Type 6: Deposit	16	
Member Type 7: Administrative Memb.	1	
Member Type 8: (not used)		
Member Type 9: No mail out	9	
Total	737	(2001: 755)

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### VICE-PRESIDENT

Nellie Larocque, MGS #2297

### TREASURER

Joan Whiston, MGS #1883

### THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

STATEMENT 1

#### BALANCE SHEET

(UNAUDITED)

JULY 31

	Operating Fund	Lifetime Memberships Fund	Publications Fund	Seminar Fund	Dedication Fund	COMBINED 2002	2001
<b>ASSETS</b>							
<b>CURRENT</b>							
Cash	\$ 7,537	\$ ...	\$ ...	\$ ...	\$ ...	\$ 7,537	\$ 43,251
Short term investments	47,056					47,056	12,000
Accounts receivable	1,490					1,490	3,735
Prepaid expenses	2,244	---	---	---	---	2,244	3,468
	58,327					58,327	62,454
DUE FROM OPERATING FUND		12,125	2,000	500	1,440	16,065	
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 3)	9,900	---	---	---	---	9,900	9,900
	\$ 68,227	\$ 12,125	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,440	\$ 84,292	\$ 72,354
<b>LIABILITIES</b>							
<b>CURRENT</b>							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,876	\$ ...	\$ ...	\$ ...	\$ ...	\$ 3,876	\$ 4,423
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	15,163	---	---	---	---	15,163	15,502
	19,039					19,039	19,925
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	16,065	---	---	---	---	16,065	
	35,104					35,104	19,925
<b>SURPLUS</b>							
FUNDS SURPLUS	33,123	12,125	2,000	500	1,440	49,188	52,429
	\$ 68,227	\$ 12,125	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,440	\$ 84,292	\$ 72,354

Approved by the Board

Director \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_

**THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

STATEMENT 2

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND SURPLUS  
(UNAUDITED)**

**YEAR ENDED JULY 31**

<b>OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>2 0 0 2</b>	<b>2 0 0 1</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Beverages	\$ 102	\$ 121
Donations	3,772	11,519
Generations	549	492
Grants	10,800	10,800
Interest income	1,835	2,463
Memberships	17,572	18,239
Other	3	710
Services	4,316	4,638
U.S. exchange	961	878
User fees	700	720
	<u>40,610</u>	<u>50,580</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES ( <i>Schedule 1</i> )	<u>48,810</u>	<u>53,375</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE	( 8,200)	( 2,795)
<b>TRANSFERS FROM (TO) FUNDS</b>		
Dedication fund	( 385)	
Publications fund	<u>3,729</u>	<u>3,241</u>
OPERATING FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	( 4,856)	446
SURPLUS, <i>beginning of year</i>	<u>37,979</u>	<u>37,533</u>
SURPLUS, <i>end of year</i>	\$ <u>33,123</u>	\$ <u>37,979</u>

**THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

SCHEDULE 1

**OPERATING EXPENDITURES**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

YEAR ENDED JULY 31

	2 0 0 2	2 0 0 1
Annual general meeting	\$ 81	\$ 687
Capital expenditures	691	4,197
Committee - outreach	95	12
- library	3,662	3,554
- special projects	455	2,447
- computer		586
- memberships	250	365
Conventions and meetings	70	
Equipment maintenance	1,771	1,009
Generations	5,556	5,958
GST	2,642	3,177
Insurance	1,005	916
Office and administration	4,246	4,367
Photocopying	222	359
Professional fees	1,750	2,050
Rent and common charges	22,717	20,242
Telephone	1,223	1,029
Utilities	<u>2,374</u>	<u>2,420</u>
	<u>\$ 48,810</u>	<u>\$ 53,375</u>

970.004 Van Vanished peoples: ...*Dorset and Beothuk People of Newfoundland*

971.024 Joh John *Schank's Navy* (UEL)  
971.024 Tru *True blue: the Loyalist Legend*  
971.024 Whi *While the Women Only Wept: Loyalist Refugee Women E. Ontario*  
971.3 Lan/ His Lanark Co. *History of Smiths Falls*  
971.3 Rai Ham *Flaming dance: .. Fort Frances-Rainy River Dist.* by G. Hambley  
971.3 Rai/ Rai Rainy River Dist. *Rainy River Country*  
971.3 Rai/Rai2 *Rainy River District/ Rainy River Valley Roots*  
971.3 Sto/Day Stormont Co. *Day of Crysler's Farm*. Upper Canada Village

CANADA (maple leaf section)

Books  
305.6 Nin 1918 *Census of Independent Doukhobors*, J. Kalmakoff  
338.7 *One 100th Anniversary, NW Commerical Travellers' Assoc.*  
355.3 Ren *No Place For a Lady: ...Canadian Women Pilots*  
929 Can *Canadian Genealogist* (periodical), 1979-1988  
929.9 Nat *National Flag of Canada; a Profile*

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND (red section)

Books  
016.941 Bib *Bibliography of early Irish books*  
304.8 Ken *Great shame: ... Emigration & Immigration* by T. Keneally  
320 Har *Scotland and Nationalism* by C. Harvie  
320.1 Dan *Mighty Affair: How Scotland Lost her Parliament*, C.Dand  
320.1 Sco *Scottish Debate: Essays on Scottish Nationalism*  
914.2 Bri Britain, *A Picture Book to Remember Her By*  
914.2 Fir *First Country Life Picture Book of Britain*  
929 Dis *Discovering Your Family History*. 1980  
929.3 Ire/Ard *Index to Ardagh Wills*.  
929.3 Ire/Clo *Indexes to Clonfert marriage licence bonds, wills and admin. bonds*  
929.3 Ire/Rap *Index to Raphoe marriage licence bonds, 1710-1755, 1817-1830*  
929.5 Sma *Small Book of Grave Humour*  
929.6 Sco *Scottish Clans*.  
941.6 Ley *Scotch-Irish: a Social History*  
942.2 Ken Kent Co., England. *Family History*

EUROPE (orange section)

Books  
943 Sch *Schweinfurt*. (Wurzburg)  
947 Bio *Biography of Doctor Stephanie Petryk Potoski*...Ukr. Centennial 1891-1991

GENERAL (green section)

Books  
289.7 Man *Mennonite Your Way*, directory 6.  
305.8 Fin *Finding Your African American Ancestors*  
910 Peo *People, Places and Things*: Vol.2 - places  
940.3 Gil *Black Hand at Sarajevo*  
954 Ind *Indiaman: Journal of the British Ancestors in India Society*  
974.02 Cro *Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists and the Ecology of New England*

FAMILY HIST & BIO (pink section)

Books  
921 Bak Baker. *Growing Up* by Russell Baker  
921 Fer Ferns. *Eighty-five Years in Canada*  
921 Fra Frank. *Man Who Would be Messiah*  
921 Macd MacDiarmid. *Hugh MacDiarmid and the Scottish Renaissance*  
921 Raf Raffles. (Sir Thomas Stamford 1781-1826)  
921 Sao Saogo. *Old Man Thunder, Father of the Bullet Train*  
921 Sch Schindler. *Schindler's List*  
921 Smi 4 Smith. *What Hath God Wrought:...Life and Ministry Oswald J. Smith*  
921 Van Vanderbilt. *Once Upon a Time*  
929.2 Buc *Buchanan and Watson Genealogy*. Computer disk + 8p.  
929.2 Gus Gustafson. *Descendants of Carl Oscar Gustafson*  
929.2 Har Harris: *Desc. of Thomas Harris 1780-1862 & Elizabeth Grey 1786-1862*  
929.2 Jar 2 *Jarvis Ancestry* including Edward Jarvis 1805-1864 and his three wives  
929.2 Lee 4 *Leeson Family Story*  
929.2 Mar 5 *Marcolin Migration: Italy to Canada*  
929.2 Rem *Remenda, 1800-1984*  
929.2 Topl Tolton. *Two Who Made Us Tell*

Other formats:

Video 778.3 Dig *Digital Imaging for Genealogy*. 1 videocassette

### **MGS Resource Centre Holiday Schedule.**

Last day open will be Thursday, December 12, 2002. We will open again on Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Other 2003 closures:

May 4, 2003 will be the last Sunday we are open until at least end of September  
Easter Sunday - April 20, 2003  
Canada Day - Tuesday - July 1, 2003  
Thanksgiving Sunday - October 12, 2003  
Remembrance Day - Tuesday, November 11, 2003

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Louisa (MGS #567) and Calvin Shermerhorn on the marriage of their granddaughter, Tara Michelle Shermerhorn, to Brian Lee Bouqout in Litchfield Park, Arizona on November 10, 2002.

Pat Tomashevski (MGS #0016) and husband Frank on the birth of their grandson, Thomas James Raymond Frank Thevenot on August 6, 2002. Proud parents are Judy and James Thevenot.

### **AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE MGS AGM**

It is customary for the MGS president to present awards to outstanding volunteers each year at the Annual General Meeting. This year, at a well-attended AGM, President Bob Stokes performed this pleasant duty.

The premier prize, the Eric Jonasson Award, for outstanding service to MGS and awarded to only one person each year, was given to Walt Mc Caw for his devoted service as a Tuesday volunteer, book and machine repairer extra ordinaire, and chair of the Grants Committee for several years. Congratulations and well done, Walt.

The Florence Cox Awards are given to volunteers who have spent an extended period working in the various positions MGS has to offer. Each year, several are presented. This year's winners are Allan Pickard and Lynn Francis, both Tuesday volunteers; Chris Irwin, a past president who guided MGS through its move to its current quarters in 1998; Maureen Corkal and Virginia Braun who served as VP Finance and Treasurer respectively during the mid 1990's. Congratulations to all.

Pins are given to those who reach certain milestones for consecutive years of membership. Jack Rockey was the only recipient of a 25 year pin.

20 year pins were awarded to Joyce Gravatt, Margaret Green, Isabella Dryden, Margaret Sheridan, Thelma Findlay, Hazel Runchey, Ann Leeson, Virginia Braid, June Helm, Mary Forsyth, Gayle Mann, Rhonda Glofcheski, Donna Smith, Eldon Ross, Dr. Harold J. King, Adele MacDonald.

15 year pins went to Walt McCaw, Douglas Favell, Allen Stacey, Lois Brockman, Muriel James, Donna Fox, Zelia Chevalier, Len Perron, Jim Bracken, Marilyn Anderson, A.J. Lemoine, Helen Norman, Blane Ryan, Al Yerbury, Norma Bristol, Marie Wotton.

Those who received 10 year pins were Gloria Hersak, Linda White, Betty Clark, Barbara Bradley, Pat Allan, Marion Eisler, Fred Harrison, Helen Ellingson, June Arnison, Jim Rutherford, Peggy Regehr, Walter Ritchie, Gail Grant, Jim Oke.

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## SNIPPETS

At its meeting of 16 November 2002, MGS Council reluctantly acceded to a request from the United Church Archives to return our copies of transcripts made from their church registers over the last 11 plus years by MGS volunteer Joyce Elias with assistance from time to time from other MGS members. We have retained the indexes of these transcripts.

At the same meeting, council voted to renew the lease on the Resource Centre for another five years. The lease would have expired in July 2003, but it was necessary for us to make our intentions known to our landlord by December 2002. The extension means that we will be in our present quarters at least until July 2008.

The federal government has agreed to bring forth a bill that will allow citizens of this country to view the 1911 (and presumably later) censuses. We have no idea when this bill will be debated. In the meantime, we understand that Statistics Canada is still fighting the census release and that, as a result, there may be stringent regulations attached to viewing of the census. We encourage you to contact your MP and request that the release of any more censuses follow the rules used with success for the past many censuses, that is, that they should be open to anyone, with no strings attached. It is important that the Members of Parliament know this and it is most effective if you make a personal contact with your MP.

The Winnipeg Public Library has subscribed to Ancestry.com. It is accessible at any branch of the Winnipeg Public Library. Included in this database are city directories, the digitized images of the US Federal Census from 1790 onwards, immigration records, vital stats, probate records and more. There is some Canadian content, including the 1901 Winnipeg census. Contact your branch of the library for more info.

### What Tree Did You Fall From?

Submitted by Barrie Atkinson, MGS #2116

What tree did you fall from? Find your birthday, find your tree and then scroll down... This is really cool and somewhat accurate, also in line with Celtic astrology.

Dec 23 to Dec 31 - Apple Tree

Jan 01 to Jan 11 - Fir Tree

Jan 12 to Jan 24 - Elm Tree

Jan 25 to Feb 03 - Cypress Tree

Feb 04 to Feb 08 - Poplar Tree  
Feb 09 to Feb 18 - Cedar Tree  
Feb 19 to Feb 28 - Pine Tree  
Mar 01 to Mar 10 - Weeping Willow Tree  
Mar 11 to Mar 20 - Lime Tree

Mar 21 - Oak Tree  
Mar 22 to Mar 31 - Hazelnut Tree

Apr 01 to Apr 10 - Rowan Tree

Apr 11 to Apr 20 - Maple Tree

Apr 21 to Apr 30 - Walnut Tree

May 01 to May 14 - Poplar Tree

May 15 to May 24 - Chestnut Tree

May 25 to Jun 03 - Ash Tree

Jun 04 to Jun 13 - Hornbeam Tree

Jun 14 to Jun 23 - Fig Tree

Jun 24 - Birch Tree

Jun 25 to Jul 04 - Apple Tree

Jul 05 to Jul 14 - Fir Tree

Jul 15 to Jul 25 - Elm Tree

Jul 26 to Aug 04 - Cypress Tree

Aug 05 to Aug 13 - Poplar Tree

Aug 14 to Aug 23 - Cedar Tree

Aug 24 to Sep 02 - Pine Tree

Sep 03 to Sep 12 - Weeping Willow Tree

Sep 13 to Sep 22 - Lime Tree

Sep 23 - Olive Tree

Sep 24 to Oct 03 - Hazelnut Tree

Oct 04 to Oct 13 - Rowan Tree

Oct 14 to Oct 23 - Maple Tree

Oct 24 to Nov 11 - Walnut Tree

Nov 12 to Nov 21 - Chestnut Tree

Nov 22 to Dec 01 - Ash Tree

Dec 02 to Dec 11 - Hornbeam Tree

Dec 12 to Dec 21 - Fig Tree

Dec 22 to Dec 31 - Beech Tree

**APPLE TREE (Love)** - of slight build, lots of charm, appeal, and attraction, pleasant aura, flirtatious, adventurous, sensitive, always in love, wants to love and be loved, faithful and tender partner, very generous, scientific talents, lives for today, a carefree philosopher with imagination.

**ASH TREE (Ambition)** - uncommonly attractive, vivacious, impulsive, demanding, does not care for criticism, ambitious, intelligent, talented, likes to play with fate, can be egotistic, very reliable and trustworthy, faithful and prudent lover, sometimes brains rule over the heart, but takes partnership very seriously.

**BEECH TREE (Creative)** - has good taste, concerned about its looks, materialistic, good organization of life and career, economical, good leader, takes no unnecessary risks, reasonable, splendid lifetime companion, keen on keeping fit (diets, sports, etc.)

**BIRCH TREE (Inspiration)** - vivacious, attractive, elegant, friendly, pretentious, modest, does not like anything in excess, abhors the vulgar, loves life in nature and in calm, not very passionate, full

of imagination, little ambition, creates a calm and content atmosphere.

CEDAR TREE (Confidence) - of rare beauty, knows how to adapt, likes luxury, of good health, not in the least shy, tends to look down on others, self-confident, determined, impatient, likes to impress others, many talents, industrious, healthy optimism, waiting for the one true love, able to make quick decisions.

CHESTNUT TREE (Honesty) - of unusual beauty, does not want to impress, well-developed sense of justice, vivacious, interested, a born diplomat, but irritates easily and sensitive in company, often due to a lack of self confidence, acts sometimes superior, feels not understood, loves only once, has difficulties in finding a partner.

CYPRESS TREE (Faithfulness) - strong, muscular, adaptable, takes what life has to give, content, optimistic, craves money and acknowledgment, hates loneliness, passionate lover which cannot be satisfied, faithful, quick-tempered, unruly, pedantic, and careless.

ELM TREE (Noble-Minded) - pleasant shape, tasteful clothes, loudest demands, tends not to forgive mistakes, cheerful, likes to lead but not to obey, honest and faithful partner, likes making decisions for others, noble-minded, generous, good sense of humor, practical.

FIG TREE (Sensibility) - very strong, a bit self-willed, independent, does not allow contradiction or arguments, loves life, its family, children and animals, a bit of a social butterfly, good sense of humor, likes idleness and laziness, of practical talent and intelligence.

FIR TREE (Mysterious) - extraordinary taste, dignity, sophisticated, loves anything beautiful, moody, stubborn, tends to egoism but cares for those close to them, rather modest, very ambitious, talented, industrious, uncontested lover, many friends, many foes, very reliable.

HAZELNUT TREE (Extraordinary) - charming, undemanding, very understanding, knows how to make an impression, active fighter for social cause, popular, moody, and capricious lover, honest, and tolerant partner, precise sense of judgment.

HORNBEAM TREE (Good Taste) - of cool beauty, cares for its looks and condition, good taste, is not egoistic, makes life as comfortable as possible, leads a reasonable and disciplined life, looks for kindness and acknowledgment in an emotional partner, dreams of unusual lovers, is seldom happy with its feelings, mistrusts most people, is never sure of its decisions, very conscientious.

LIME TREE (Doubt) - accepts what life dishes out in a composed way, hates fighting, stress, and

labor, dislikes laziness and idleness, soft and relenting, makes sacrifices for friends, many talents but not tenacious enough to make them blossom, often wailing and complaining, very jealous but loyal.

MAPLE TREE (Independent) - no ordinary person, full of imagination and originality, shy and reserved, ambitious, proud, self-confident, hungers for new experiences, sometimes nervous, has many complexities, good memory, learns easily, complicated love life, wants to impress.

OAK TREE (Brave) - robust nature, courageous, strong, unrelenting, independent, sensible, does not like change, keeps its feet on the ground, person of action.

OLIVE TREE (Wisdom) - loves sun, warmth and kind feelings, reasonable, balanced, avoids aggression and violence, tolerant, cheerful, calm, well-developed sense of justice, sensitive, empathetic, free of jealousy, loves to read and the company of sophisticated people.

PINE TREE (Particular) - loves agreeable company, very robust, knows how to make life comfortable, very active, natural, good companion, but seldom friendly, falls easily in love but its passion burns out quickly, gives up easily, everything disappointments until it finds its ideal, trustworthy, practical.

POPLAR TREE (Uncertainty) - looks very decorative, not very self-confident, only courageous if necessary, needs goodwill and pleasant surroundings, very choosy, often lonely, great animosity, artistic nature, good organizer, tends to lean toward philosophy, reliable in any situation, takes partnership seriously.

ROWAN TREE (Sensitivity) - full of charm, cheerful, gifted without egoism, likes to draw attention, loves life, motion, unrest, and even complications, is both dependent and independent, good taste, artistic, passionate, emotional, good company, does not forgive.

WALNUT TREE (Passion) - unrelenting, strange and full of contrasts, often egotistic, aggressive, noble, broad horizon, unexpected reactions, spontaneous, unlimited ambition, no flexibility, difficult and uncommon partner, not always liked but often admired, ingenious strategist, very jealous and passionate, no compromise.

WEEPING WILLOW (Melancholy) - beautiful but full of melancholy, attractive, very empathetic, loves anything beautiful and tasteful, loves to travel, dreamer, restless, capricious, honest, can be influenced but is not easy to live with, demanding, good intuition, suffers in love but finds sometimes an anchoring partner

See if this works for your friends. Pass it on!

## LOVE'S LABOURS IN VICTORIAN TIMES

By Kathy Stokes, MGS# 125

Today we are accustomed to learning the results of studies of every imaginable subject on a daily basis, either in the newspaper or on TV. We may think that this is a relatively recent practice, but from the *Manitoba Free Press* of 31 October 1892, we know that this is not so. DR McAnally Jr. read several hundred standard love stories of the day and, based on 100 instances, complied tables of "the conduct of both sexes of lovers at the thrilling moment of the avowal of the tender passion".

Just how did the gentlemen behave prior to, during and after their proposals?

The gentleman began all of a sudden (63), or made a formal prelude (9), or declared he could not live without her (81). He went down on one knee (4), or both knees (2), or stood on one foot (3), or sat in a chair or on a sofa (26), or lay on the grass (3). He may have fidgeted with a handkerchief (4).

Once the lady had accepted the proposal, the gentleman took the lady in his arms (36), kissed her on the cheek (4), on the lips (67), on her bangs (10), on her eyes (3), on her hands (2), on the top of her head (1), on her nose by mistake (1), on the edge of her shawl (1). He held her hand (72), or held it tightly (17).

And what other reactions did he display? He wept to some extent (3), had eyes calm and clear (5), had a lump in his throat (14), or qualms (14). He voiced his approval by saying "thank God" aloud (9), or was deliriously happy (7) or said that he was too full to make "utterances"(5).

And what about the lady in question? She knew something was coming (87), or was greatly surprised (4), sank into the arms of the gentleman (81), or into the arms of a chair (1), or rested her head on his shoulder (26), or his breast (61), or his knee (1). She clasped her arms around the gentleman's neck (11), or wept tears of joy silently (6) or aloud (44) or giggled hysterically (5), or fumbled with gloves, fan etc. (27). She was flushed and warm (18), or pale and agitated (3). Then she rushed from the room to tell someone (9) or referred the gentleman to papa (3).

But some proposals were rejected. Then what? The gentleman rushed madly away (31) or said he would go home (13), or become a soldier or

go to sea (5) or to the devil (1). He cursed his bad luck (4) or his supposed rival (9) or mentioned suicide (6). His body took a beating as he tore at his hair (3), wiped his eyes (2), wrung his hands (5), pulled at his moustache (7), cleared the lump from his throat (15), threw himself on the grass (13) or pounded a stone wall with his fist (1). He pulled up his collar (2) or pulled down his vest (1). The gentleman voiced his feelings in a variety of ways. He swore that life had no value (17) and he hoped never to see her again (4). He did not want her to be a sister (7) or a friend (4) nor did he want her to pray for him (1). One even declared that he would marry another.

The lady, on the other hand, appeared more graceful in her rejection. She rose to her feet (41), took his hand to explain (2), wished she could accept (4), told him she loved another (8) or was already engaged (3) or that she was unworthy of him (1) or that she was sorry she could not love him (9). She wept with the gentleman (7) or became sick and faint from having to refuse (4) or became much agitated at the necessity of rejecting him (7).

To let him down more easily, the lady promised to be a sister to him (17) or a friend (26). She hoped he would find another (11) and that he would always be happy (13).

Harsher rejections were for a variety of reasons. The lady told him he was too young (1), that he acted like a donkey (1), was cold and unmoved (2), laughed in scornful derision (2) or left the room in pretended anger (2), or told him that he wanted someone who would obey him and she was not that kind of person (1)

How quaint this all seems. It does, however paint a picture of real and imagined behaviour near the turn of the century. But well we may wonder at the reason the unknown Mr. Mc Anally chose to do such a study.

## SOUTWEST BRANCH

### WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!!!

The South West Branch of MGS will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2003.

You are invited to a Celebration Dinner to be held in conjunction with the Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at The Canadian Inn, Fifth St. & Princess Ave., Brandon, Manitoba at 6:30 pm. For further information, contact Shirley at 204-726-5344 or Beth at 204-278-2857 before January 30, 2003

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## **Generation Gaps QUERY**

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Include in query \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Include in query \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Note: Members are allowed one free query (printed once) per year. Additional queries \$3.00 each.  
Non-member queries are \$3.00 each. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ included.

Surname being researched \_\_\_\_\_ List first name, spouse, children, parents, dates known, location, year of event being searched. Maximum 50 words per query.

## GENERATION GAPS

### THORNTON/FORREST

Searching for:

-death date of John Thornton, husband of Gwen, who died in Winnipeg c1942.

-marriage of Phyllis Forrest, groom's name unknown, c1934.

Contact:

Kathy Stokes  
673 Kilkenny Drive  
Winnipeg, MB  
R3T 3E2  
Ph. 204-269-2733  
e-mail: [tstokes@mb.sympatico.ca](mailto:tstokes@mb.sympatico.ca)

### KNIGHT

Edgar, b15/02/1915, father Richard, died Gladstone 1926/27, mother E.M. (?), sister Lillian, d Winnipeg, 1967 or 1970? Younger sister died at 12. He and younger sister probably adopted. 1st wife, Margaret Mills, married Jan. 9, 1940. 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Lena? Had 2 daughters and son Edgar JR.

Contact:

Liz Anderson  
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### WALTON

John George Walton, b1878 (Eng.), d1952 (Dalbeattie, Sct), wife, Margaret Agnes Cook, b1884 (Ire) d1950 (Dalbeattie, Sct). Chn – John George Walton b1921 (Dalbeattie, Sct), emigrated to Canada 1940s; Margaret Joan Walton, b1923? Also emigrated to Canada?

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## **SYMPATHY TO:**

Lynn Francis (MGS #2656) on the death of her husband, James Francis, on September 17, 2002.

Judith Kelly (MGS #2750) on the death of her mother, Marion Hodgson (MGS#1480), on October 8, 2002.

# **PHOTO RESTORATION**

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