

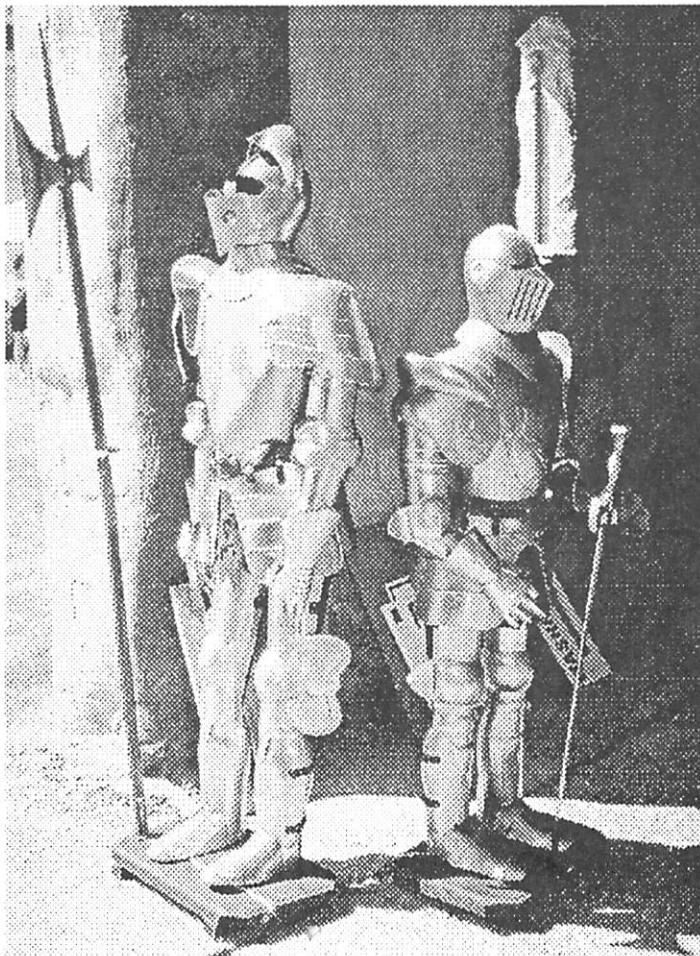
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From the Editor . . . A Merry Christmas Season to all of our members!!

On our cover is a picture of the suits of armour which were part of the "Land of Ruh" medieval festival at Cook's Creek this summer. See the write-up on page 3.

In this issue we have the annual reports of our committees as presented in October at the AGM. Thanks, Joyce, for preparing them again!

As well, we have a listing of our new officers and committee chairs (see inside front cover). There are still some vacancies, so how about a New Year's Resolution to volunteer??

MGS has finally bought its own domain name!! You'll now find our web-page at www.mbgenealogy.com. This has led to some new email addresses. We have eliminated our fax machine effective immediately as it was very seldom used. Note Joyce Elias's challenge on page 27!!!

From the President . . . As your newly elected President, I am looking forward to a year of opportunity for the Society to grow, and to working with your Executive, Council and volunteers.

There is still a vacancy on the Executive for the position of Vice-President - Public Relations. This position includes, among other duties, liaison with the Branches of the Society. Please contact me or a member of the Executive if you think you would like to serve in this position, or know someone else who would. The Society needs YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members the best of the holiday season and good health and happiness in your research for the coming year.

Joan Whiston



PIONEER ROYALTY . . .

In the hustling and bustling of our modern age, we are apt to forget the pioneers who blazed the trail for our progress. When we pause and look back at the foresight and courage with which they combatted the prairie wilderness, we are humbled and inspired. We deem it a privilege to pay tribute this month to the following men and women who pioneered in Manitoba:

Over Ninety . . .

Mrs. W. Brandt, Morepark, 96 years of age, October 26
E. Moore, Russell, 92 years of age, October 9.
Mrs. S. A. Quinn, Napinka, 91 years of age, October 11.
Over Eighty . . .
Joseph McKee, Minto, 89 years of age, October 11.
G. S. Goldsmith, Morden, 89 years of age, October 23.
D. G. Stevenson, Holland, 89 years of age, October 28.

W. D. Polloch, Neepawa, 87 years of age, October 8.
J. Moxley, Portage la Prairie, 87 years of age, October 8.
G. McDonald, Belmont, 86 years of age, October 26.
Mrs. D. Spear, Dominion City, 86 years of age, October 26.

Mrs. J. Leckie, Austin, 85 years of age, October 12.
Dave Cosgrove, Napinka, 83 years of age, October 3.
G. A. Blackwell, Neepawa, 83 years of age, October 27.
E. Matchett, Belmont, 82 years of age, October 14.
Mrs. Caroline Donald, Portage la Prairie, 82 years of age, October 28.
T. J. Smith, Oak Lake, 80 years of age, October 2.
Mrs. M. Pinkerton, Killarney, 80 years of age, October 3.

Anniversaries . . .

Mr. & Mrs. Abram Olmstead, Carberry, 66 years married, October 29.
Mr. & Mrs. H. Eggleton, Holmfield, 64 years married, October 16.
Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Blackwell, Neepawa, 62 years married, October 20.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Campbell, Holland, 61 years married, October 18.
Mr. & Mrs. James Dowsett, Minnedosa, 56 years married, October 24.
Mr. & Mrs. C. Calverley, Ninette, 53 years married, October 3.

Congratulations . . .

- to Archie & Barb (#2390) Greig on the birth of their granddaughter in August – Elana Martina Finkleman (Erbach)
- to Bill (#3727) & Sheila Burland on the birth of a granddaughter in September – Fiona Mackenzie Gunter-Smith
- to Bonnie Bridge (#3395) and Richard Mathis on the birth of a granddaughter (in Toronto) in November – Eloise Robyn Bridge-Molgat

Generation Gaps

Send Queries to MGS, Attention: Editor. Members are allowed one free query/year (printed once); additional or non-member queries #3.00 each. Please type or print on standard size paper, or e-mail to Generations@mbgenealogy.com.

COTTIER, Isabella, Isle of Man, 1885-1891. Searching for relatives of my grandmother who was a Home Child. Born Isle of Man, 1885, Shipped to Canada 1891. Mother – Eliza Cottier was an unwed servant in Douglas. Have been unable to establish Eliza's parents or Isabella's father.

Eileen Karponaiy, 619 Hamilton Ave, Winnipeg MB R2Y 1Z3. Tel: 889-3182 e-mail Kor1@mts.net

Summer Outreach for the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch

By David Sutherland, Branch President

During the summer the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch took part in two outreach programs.

The first took us to the Land of Rue for a day of medieval festival and feasting. We were approached by the organizers Gary and Darcia Senft and asked to attend a medieval festival on July 22nd, 2006. It was located at Cooks Creek Ukrainian Catholic Church and Grotto as a fundraiser for the church.



Festival Grounds at Cooks Creek Ukrainian Catholic Church and Grotto

We accepted and were duly transported back in time to the Land of Rue (named after Father Rue who built the church and grotto). It was a sunny and very warm day with the grotto walls decorated with banners to serve as castle walls. Various vendors were present as were the King and Queen of Rue, knights, ladies, and others. There was real jousting in full metal armour (which given the 85 plus temperature only lasted about 15 minutes) and various demonstrations of combat by the Society for Creative Anachronism. If you had traced family back to the medieval period this was a good chance to sample a small part of their life. The feast came later in the evening inside the Grotto, aka the castle but we were unable to stay.

We had an excellent display of books from the resource center courtesy of Mary and Louisa. This included the Doomsday Book and various books on the medieval period. We set up about 10 am and were there until approximately 5 pm. There were quite a few people of all ages who came by the table, and the branch may have acquired a couple of new members from these.

Also, from this display we received an invitation to Cook's Creek Heritage Day on August 27th. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend but it does show that a little exposure at events like this one can expand opportunities for outreach in the Winnipeg area.

The second event was participation in Folklorama at the Scottish Pavilion. My wife and I were there for the first shift on opening night. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves talking to various visitors about family history. Visitors to the booth included some teen ambassadors from other pavilions. There was even the young lady who did not think she had a history until she talked to my wife and was told that since she had parents, grandparents, siblings etc that she did indeed have a history! Others also shared their family history stories, like the gentleman who told us the story of how he was here because his pregnant grandmother and her children were not allowed on the Titanic. As well there is the music, food (note dinner for first shift volunteers is half price!), and entertainment which is always excellent. I heartily recommend to everyone to volunteer if you have the chance as it is a hoot.

My wife and I enjoyed both outreach events and I would recommend to all members to participate in outreach events if you have the chance. You meet very interesting people and get to hear their family history stories as well. If you are interested in participating please contact Kelly Southworth to find out what is being planned.



Cynthia Zimrose, branch president's wife, at Folklorama Scottish Pavilion

Library Lines

by Mary Bole

Manitoba

- 270 TES *Testaments of Faith, Manitoba's Pioneer Churches*, 2006.
287 WEST *Golden Stream United Church 75th Anniversary*, 1964.
287 WINN *Grey Street United Church*, 1951, 1981.
Rossburn municipality.
371 ROSS Brown, G. *Vista Tales...From Islay School District #733*, 2006.
See book review.
371 ROSS Zimmer, A. *History of Pelly Trail School Division #37*, 1996.
Covers Shellmouth, Boulton, Russell and Silver Creek municipalities as well.
617 STO Stone, T. *Story Behind Manitoba Names*, 2006.
929.2 ZIL *Wilma Zilm [Picture]*

971.27 Manitoba Local History Books

- Cameron Blay, C. *Portraits and Sketches of Hartney District Veterans, Great War 1914-1918*, 1920.
Grandview Webb, J. *Stats with Stories*, 1999.
The first fifty years of Grandview, 1900-1950.
Montcalm Rheault, Y. *Reflections-Reflects Ste. Elizabeth and Area*, 2003.
Mountain Mullaney, R. *History of Birch River and District*, 2001.
Rhineland Zacharias, P. *Reinland*, 1976.
[Reference]
Rossburn *Rossburn Collegiate Reunion: Graduating Classes of 1966-1970*, 1999.
Rossburn Memories, 2000.
Shellmouth Ross, H. *Backtrackin': a Moment in Time, Inglis and Area Memories*.
Stanley Chortitz Homecoming Celebration, 125 Years, 1999.
Turtle Mtn Morris, F. *Then and Now : a Condensed History of Turtle Mountain Municipality and the Town and Killarney, marking their 75th and 50th Anniversaries*, 1975.
WallaceHometown Virden : *Pioneers and Progress*, 2000.
Wt St. Paul *Changing Scene : a History of West St. Paul*, 1989.
Whitehead *Celebrating Beresford, 1880-2000*, 2000.
Whitewater Giffen, P. *Rural Life : Portraits of the Prairie Town 1946*, 2004.
Winnipeg Basham A. *Rising to the Occasion : a Community history of Wolseley, West Broadway and Armstrong's Point*, 2000.

- Winnipeg *Centennial Souvenir Book, 1874-1974*
Winnipeg *Images of our Past*, 1988.
- Canada**
026.7 SEI Seigried, C. *National Photography Collection*, 1994.
312 CAN *Canadian 1881 census*, 2000. [CD Rom]
383.2 ROY *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Museum*, 1982.
363.2 WIL Wilson, N. *R.C.M.P. Obituary Index, 1993-1989*, 1990.
385.06 YES *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, 1981. Canadian Pacific 100*.
625.1 GRE *Great Canadian Railway Stories*
658.87 GOL *Golden Jubilee, 1869-1919 : a book to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the T. Eaton Co. Ltd.*

Eastern Canada

- 070.1 UPP Martin, P. *Upper Canada Gazette, Thursday May 28, 1840*.
312 ONT *Index to 1871 Census of Oxford County, Ontario*.
971.3 KENO *Manitoba Link with Ontario*, 1988.
Dugald train (CNR) disaster of 1947.
971.3 KENO *Rat Portage Lumber Mill Crew of 1918 to 1920* [Picture]
971.3 OTTA Hirsch, R. *Upper Ottawa Valley Timber Trade*, 1985.
971.3 The following books are about Oxford county, Ontario
Assessment Rolls for Oxford County, 1812-1825.
Index to Guardianship Papers, Surrogate Court, 1859-1868
London District Marriages, 1800-1833
Marriages Performed by Robert Wallace, Presbyterian Minister at Ingersol and Vicinity.
Pay List of Oxford Rifles, 1865-1868
Rother, J. *Registry of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, Mission of Oxford UC (Ingersol-Beachville area)*
Voters' List 1903
East Zorra Wills, 1805-1870
971.3 WATE Beattie, J. *Along the Road, 1954. About Waterloo County*
971.3 YORK Walker, F. *Sketches of Old Toronto, 1965*.
971.31 HAL Hall, R. *Picture History of Ontario, 1978*.
971.4 BOU2 Bourguignon, Claude. *Les Censitaires de Saint-Colomban : document*

- d'accompagnement au Livre Saint-Colombar, 2006.
- About Irish in Quebec.
- 971.4 GRO *Grosse Isle*. Various items.
- 971.4 LOW *Lower Canada Land Grants, 1795-1848*, from "Lost in Canada".
- 971.7 IND *Fraser, J. Index to the Community Histories of Baltic, Clinton, Darnley, French River, Hamilton, Irishtown, Indian River, Long River, etc. on Prince Edward Island*, 1998.
- 971.7 LOC *Lockerby, W. Pathways to the Present : a Social History of Hamilton, Prince Edward Island*, 1989.
- 971.8 GAL *Galgay, F. Christmas Box : Holiday Stories from Newfoundland and Labrador*, 1988.

Western Canada

- 284 LUT *Lutheran Church in Western Canada*, 1979.
- 641.3 PRA *Malott, E. Prairie Gold: the First 60 Years of the Manitoba Cooperative Honey Producers*, 2001.
- 971.24 BATT *Battleford Herald "Progress"*, 1974 (10 issues)

Great Britain and Ireland

- 015 AND *Anderson, J. Book of British Topography : a Classified Catalogue of the Topographical Works in the Library of the British Museum*, 1970. Originally published in 1881, lists of books written about locations in Great Britain.
- 026 FRA *Francis Frith Collection of Victorian Photographs, 1822-1893*.
- 356 LIS *List of Wills, Administrations, etc. in the Public Record Office, London, England : 12-19 Century*, 1968.
- 912 SCO *Aberdeen and Banffshire, maps of 1826*. [Maps]
- 929.4 HIT *Hitching, F. References to English Surnames in 1601 and 1602 : with an appendix indexing the surnames contained in 186 printed registers during 1601*, 1968.
- 929.5 SCO *Monumental Inscriptions, Renfrewshire, Scotland*, 1992.
- 929.5 SCO *Tombstone Inscriptions, Offaly, Scotland*.
- 929.6 ALP *Alphabetical List of Scottish Names Associated with Clans and Families*.
- 929.7 KIN *Kings and Queens of Great Britain [Reference]*
- 941.1 SOU *Tait, C. Souvenir Guide to Orkney, 2003*.
- 941.2 ABE *Crathie Parish Church, Royal Deeside*.
- 941.5 EMI *Emigrants from Ireland, 1847-1852, 1993*.
- 941.69 BRE *Breifne, 1958-*
Periodicals from Cavan County, Ireland.

- 942.2 MON *Monumental Inscriptions, Hampshire, England*, 1994+. [Microfiche]
- 942.5 OXF *Harris, C. Oxfordshire: Parish Registers and Bishop's Transcripts*, 2006.

Europe

- 943 HAN *Hansen, K. Finding your German Ancestors : A Beginner's Guide*, 1999
- 943.9 DUR *Duruvar, Y. The Tragic Fate of Hungary*, 197?
- 947 BOZ *Bozyk, Panteleimon. Church of the Ukrainians in Canada 1890-1927*, 2006. As among other nations so also among the Ukrainians in Canada, the Church took first place – this is that history.
- 947.71 SMI *Smith, C. Smith's Story of the Mennonites*, 1981.

General

- 954 SMI *Smith, V. The Oxford Student's History of India*, 1908.
- 974.3 NIN *The 1976 Vermont Official Bicentennial Guide*, 1977.

Family History and Biography

- 921 BIG *Bigelow, W. Forceps, Fin and Feather : the Memoirs of Dr. W. A. Bigelow*, 1969. A pioneer Manitoban doctor and surgeon.
- 921 LEI Robertson, H. *Flying Bandit*, 1981. Ken Leishman pulled his first bank job in 1957.
- 921 Rom *Romstedt, Udo. The Immigrant*, 1997.
Story of Udo Romstedt, an immigrant from Germany who became mayor of Kenora, Ontario.
- 921 WIT *Wittick, M. The Doctor Who Never Refused a Call*, 1977.
An autobiography by Milton A. Wittick as told to Helen Maddeaux. He practiced for 47 years as doctor in the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts of Ontario.
- 929.2 DUC *Copy (original Text) of Florian Duczek's Turn of the Century Passport and other Documents Necessary for Immigration to Canada*. A very good way of presenting documents.
- 929.2 GIE *Isaac, H. Gerhard R. Giesbrecht Family Book: Born 1846 – Died 1907*, 2000.
- 929.2 GUN *Gantz, I. Pastel Portrait, the Gunnings of Castle Coote and Howards of Hampstead*, 1963.
- 929.2 KUL *Lomatski-Low, E. Kulbabas : From Skalat to Sand Hill*, 1997.
The history of two Kulbabas family descendants, Pawlo and Simon, who left Kam'ianky, Skalat, Ternopil, Ukraine in 1900 to settle in Sand Hill, Brokenhead municipality, Manitoba.

- 929.2 MacD MacDonald, Bill. *Confessions of a School Teacher and Other Stories*, 1993.
- 929.2 McK Letter from W.R. Gunn Concerning the Following Scrip Claims: Caroline, William, Edward Spencer, William Maria, Margaret McKenzie.
- 929.2 MIL3 Cady, J. *Millsap plus Millsopp and Matchett*, 2006.
- 929.2 MOL Hasluck, A. *Portrait with Background : a Life of Georgiana Molloy*, 1966.
- 929.2 MON Monkman, K. *Loon Straits Through the Years: the Monkman Ancestry : a history of Loon Straits*.
- 929.2 SHE6 Shermerhorn, L. *Shermerhorn Family History*, 2006.
A good example of genealogical numbering systems.
- 929.2 TIM Conger, I. *Timlick, Timleck, Timlake, Timlock family*, 1990
- 929.2 WYN *Wyness family from Monymusk, Aberdeen, Scotland*.

Pedigree Charts

- 929.2 WON *Wonnacott Family*.

Videos

- 929 FAM Family Tree Maker. *How to create a family book*.

ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

by Kathy Stokes

The Manitoba Free Press, in early July 1908, described a bizarre incident which occurred in Whitemouth, Manitoba. At first the newspaper said that a Galician, covered in blood and wounds and fleeing for his life from three assailants had drowned in the Whitemouth River after his cries for help went unheeded. It was thought that disputes over a right of way on some land which had provoked the incident. This, however proved to be untrue.

The incident actually took place about 25 miles north of Whitemouth, close to the settlement of Janow. The murdered man was M. Midinski who was known in the neighborhood to having more than once forced entry into the home of Kass Schichowski and assaulting his wife while Schichowski was working in Winnipeg. When Schichowski came home, his neighbors told him about the incidents so the wronged husband called upon two relatives, John and Kaynor Golenski (the father and brother of Mrs. Schichowski) and together with Schichowski's wife the group waited at Midinski's home until he arrived.

Midinski was a powerfully built man, but was no match for the four people who beat him with clubs, covering his head with wounds. Midinski ran to the

nearby river and jumped into it from a 15 foot embankment. The assailants refused to help him, even chasing him away from the river bank by using a raft, and he subsequently disappeared under the water. After this, the three men put on their best clothes and walked 25 miles to Whitemouth to surrender themselves to the police. They were described as serene, with no qualms of conscience. According to their beliefs, they had done what was necessary because Midinski was a depraved man who had likely committed other crimes. He was feared in the community. The group had not intended to kill Midinski, but only to give him a severe beating. The participants were all farmers with good reputations.

A few days later, an inquest was held in Winnipeg. The coroner found that death was due to drowning, even though no water was found in Midinski's lungs or stomach. Mrs. Schichowski gave evidence that Midinski had come to her house more than once and had removed her wedding ring and taken it away. When her husband had returned from Winnipeg, she had accused Midinski in front of her husband of spoiling her life and she had hit him with a stick. Midinski had threatened to shoot her. Other testimony was heard from Nicola Lupkowski, a 10 year old who had witnessed the drama in the river.

Murder charges were then laid against Kass Schichowski and John and Kaynor Golenski.

Midinski who was buried at Brookside Cemetery, was survived by a wife and two young children. Mrs. Midinski deserted the family and the children were currently in the care of neighbors.

More on this case in a subsequent issue of *GENERATIONS*.

A Book Review

by Enid Dorward

Millsap plus Millsopp and Matchett, final edition. San Diego, CA, 1996. 264 pages with 80 pages of photographs.

In the 1830s four Millsap men emigrated from Armagh County, Ireland, to Ontario and a fifth man went to the USA. This book is a detailed account of several lines of the Millsap/Millsopp/Matchett family who now live all over Canada and the US. Information is recorded by using a rather complex numbering system, but a comprehensive index makes it easy to locate individuals. The four Ontario families originally lived in Napanee, Simcoe County and Gray County. Some of them eventually moved to Manitoba, and there is reference to family members who lived in Virden, Brandon, Shoal Lake, McAuley, and other western Manitoba locations. If you have Millsap connections, this book is for you!

MGS Collection for Scottish Research

The majority of the following books will be found in the Great Britain and Ireland section of the library. Don't forget to surf the shelves around a book when you find it. AND don't forget to check out the card catalogue.

Cemeteries

929.5 Good collection - especially Aberdeenshire

How to do it books

941.1 TRA Trace your Orkney Ancestors
941.1 SCO How to Do Scottish Ancestry
941.1 STU Scottish Family History

Immigration and emigration

929.3 Scottish American wills, 1650-1900
929.3 WHY Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to USA
941 FAS Fast Sailing and Copper Bottomed - Aberdeen Sailing ships
941 SCO Scottish pioneers to Prince Edward Island

Maps, Atlases and Gazetteers

REF 910.3 Genealogical Gazetteer of Scotland
910.3 Topographical dictionary of Scotland
929 Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers
REF 912 Scottish Parishes and Dates (Map stand)

Names

920 SCO Scottish biographies
929.4 BLA Surnames of Scotland, their origin, meaning and history
REF 941 Directory of Landownership in Scotland c1770
REF 971.004 Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to Canada before Confederation

And don't forget to check out the periodicals on the West Wall.

Miscellaneous

Fun 929.6 Tartans and Clans
Serious REF 941.4 Highlanders of Scotland (no index!!)
Wow 941 SCO Scottish Clock and Watch Makers, 1453-1900

CDs

1881 Census Index of Scotland (not available free on-line)
Retours of Services of Heirs (1544-1699) (Land Records)
Services of Heirs in Scotland (1700-1859) (Land Records)

Online: <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Unfortunately the site is a paid site and is not available at the MGS library. It has 50 million records which include births and marriages, 1553-1854; births, marriages and deaths 1855 on; census records 1841-1901; and wills 1513-1901. It's well worth checking.

Diary of "Book"

Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L (aided and abetted by Mary Bole, MGS #884)

Dear Diary

It's me, "Book" – I've finally got time to write again. You won't believe what has happened. I have been so busy - I've moved to a new home.

A week ago I was resting quietly on a shelf in John Doe's house just collecting dust. John's wife decided to redecorate and a lot of things changed. Somebody packed me into a box (it was DARK in there, Diary!). When I woke up I found that I had been donated to the MGS Library. WOW! – it's a nice new home. Since I got here I've heard that some books actually have to be bought before they arrive here – Joyce does that after she checks with Mary, Louisa, and the Card Catalog. (Sometimes they already have one that looks like me!)

Anyway, Diary, it was Mary who popped me into an old gray file drawer whose label said "Dave, Donations". On Sunday when Dave appeared he wrote me down in a book and then sent a real nice thank you to John and his wife. Wasn't that nice?

Dave left me in Mary's Cataloguing drawer. (She's the Librarian and she does a lot of things.) On Tuesday she took me to her home in a box on wheels. The next day she looked at me through and through, checked how many pages I had, and whether I needed any mending; she even smelled me, Diary! I'm glad I was okay. She typed a lot of notes about me on the computer and then there was quite a racket while the old printer made cards and labels. I need them so MGS patrons can find me on the shelf and perhaps borrow me. Oh, I hope somebody likes me. Mary clipped the cards to my front pages – that didn't hurt – and took me for another car ride, back to MGS.

Well, Diary, guess who I met next? Lynn! She spent her morning putting labels on me and some other books. They went on my back, Diary, and they were STICKY. She also glued a pocket on my back page and stamped a middle page; that tickled my belly! Then she set me on the "New Books" shelf to wait for someone to notice me.

Judith identifies CDs in a similar way. Oh Diary, I hope Santa doesn't hear her complaining about that old typewriter! She does card filing and other tasks too.

My extra cards were left in the "Cards to File" drawer and maybe next week someone will put them into

the Card Catalog drawers so patrons can use them to find me. Louisa files cards in the Shelf List and I heard her saying she had a lot of jobs she should do. She used to be the Librarian before Mary so she knows lots of things.

Vivian works in the library too, Diary. She does other "fun" jobs and every couple of years she checks cards against shelves to see if anything is missing. Gee, Diary, can you believe that someone would take a book that didn't belong to him?

I think I'm going to be mentioned in the next issue of "Generations". I heard Enid say she might have to write a review about me. I'm going to try to be interesting.

My extra computer cards went to Pat. She sits all day in front of the computer in the office and types even more stuff – she's making entries for MGS' Library Holdings. It used to be printed every year but now they're going high-tech; they want to put all that book information on MGS' web site where nearly everyone looks these days.

I can be borrowed by any member who comes to visit MGS. I can even be borrowed by a member who writes in and requests me. Then I get to visit with Josie who mails books out to Canadian members. Diary, you should see her lovely handwriting.

There was one person I didn't get to meet. Lorna works with Periodicals, those magazines and newsletters. They're good too but they just aren't BOOKS, Diary.

When someone finally chooses me (yes Diary, ME!) they have to fill out the card on my back page and Allan assigns a return date. When I come back to MGS (hopefully on time) he will put the borrowing card back in my pocket before someone puts me back on my shelf (in the right section). I saw him mending books too. It sure was a treat to see another male in the Library!

Well, Diary, that's about it for today. I'm kind of tired....oh, I hope that next time I write you I can say that someone has read me.....
Love, "Book"

Gems Found in our Library

Turk, Marion G. *Quiet Adventurers in Canada*, 1979. This book is excellent for anyone with roots in the Channel Islands. Good maps of Jersey, Guernsey, and lots of names of islanders who settled all across Canada. GB&IRE 942.3 TUR

RURAL RAMBLINGS

by Kathy Stokes

From the *Saskatchewan Times* of 19 May 1904:

"Died at Lily Plain, on May 8, 1904, George Sanderson Sr. Mr. Sanderson was one of the oldest and first settlers of the district of Prince Albert. He had just passed his 90th birthday, having been born on the banks of the Red River, in the parish of St. Andrew's on May 4, 1814. He was probably the oldest of the old Manitoba settlers who are now in this district."

From the *Manitoba Free Press Weekly* of 20 December 1888

"The following most exquisite example of perfumed and gilt edged reporting we owe to the Brandon Times.

A TYPICAL NORTHFIELD WEDDING

The beautiful evening of December 13th found the spacious drawing room in the residence of K. S. O. Merrell crowded to its utmost with the flower of the aristocracy of the surrounding country, hither assembled to behold the ceremony of marriage of our host's fair daughter and Mr. N. Z. Thompson.

The bride, arrayed in a glittering robe of emerald silk and sky blue plush was pronounced "exquisitely beautiful." The bridesmaid, similarly attired, was wreathed in Juno's smiles. Slowly and emphatically, the clergyman proceeded with the binding ceremony and in less time than it takes to tell it, the two are one "till death do them part." Congratulations and good wishes rise spontaneously to the lips of the assembly.

Suddenly the notes of the piano in triumphant acclamation vibrate the perfumed air. They soar aloft, they warble along the roof, they render the silent corridors vocal. It ceased, and the well modulated tones of the assembly can be compared to nothing but deep echoing thunder blended with whispering raindrops.

Offering his arm to his beautiful, blushing bride, the groom leads the way to the electric - lit dining room where such a repast meets the eye, as we have neither power nor time to describe. Let it suffice to say that ample justice was done to every dainty.

This over, the echoing notes of the violin summon to the marble floored ballroom. Here, orderly and gaily, all things proceed for Mr. Wm. J. P. Merrell, uncle of the bride, acted as floor manager. The light fantastic toe was tripped till the gentle zephyr fondly caressed the blushing cheek of

day. The majority of the guests accompanied the happy couple to the station where they took the morning train to Jerusalem. The guests then departed to their numerous habitations, leaving behind them many beautiful and costly presents.

The groom presented the bride with a handsome gold watch and chain, flashing with diamonds. The mother of the bride bestowed on her a costly set of pearls. Her brother, H. N. Merrell, a solitaire diamond ring: Miss H. O. Thompson followed with a handsome lamp. W. H. P. Merrell presented the groom with an ivory cigar case heavily inlaid with gold: Mr. and Mrs. Angus a beautiful thirteen stop organ: Mr. And Mrs. O. Kennedy, a set of hand painted china; Mr. and Mrs. David Reid a very costly solid gold brooch. James V. Kennedy presented the happy couple with a beautiful lap-dog named "Lady", followed by many more (gifts), which the respect and esteem this neighborhood bears Mr. and Mrs. N. Z. Thompson."

Note: In the midst of this lavish description, the writer neglected to mention one of the most important facts, the name of the bride! Vital Statistics Manitoba's website indicates that her name was Minnie. Mr. Thompson's name was Newton B. The pair were married in the R. M. of South Cypress.

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New Challenges for Outreach

by Kelly Southworth, member #4534

My name is Kelly Southworth. I am the new Chair of the MGS Outreach Committee, and Chair of the Winnipeg and Southeast Branch Outreach Committee. I am new to MGS as well, having joined in June 2006. (A word of advice here—stay clear of our keen MGS Executive members, or you too could end up getting more than you bargained for!!!) While new to MGS I am not new to genealogy and family history. I caught the bug some 27 long years ago during a grade 11 family history assignment and my life has never been quite the same since, as I'm sure you all can relate to.

My adventure into genealogy while in my teens is not the experience of most. MGS, like other societies, is faced with the task of recruiting new members. Many people come to the hobby (or addiction!) of family history after they retire. Part of the Outreach role is to reach out to people who have not yet discovered the joys of ancestor hunting. I'm hoping over the next several months to develop strategies to reach out to all age groups. I need your help and experience to do so.

So, you want to help??!!

I've inherited a list of MGS members who have indicated in the past that they are willing to help out with Outreach activities. I will be contacting all of you shortly to confirm your ongoing interest. But I welcome anyone who would be interested in assisting. What would that mean? Well, Outreach consists of many things, including displays in public places and at events, such as the infamous Scottish Pavilion at Folklorama. It could also include giving short talks and presentations to groups who want to know more about MGS or genealogy/family history in general. For those who like a less public role, Outreach needs people to help design and create the visual materials for the public displays, or help to develop informational handouts for the displays and public education sessions.

Outreach will also work closely with other MGS committees, including Special Projects. It is my hope that we will eventually develop a series of one-page information sheets that will give advice to beginning genealogists and family historians on a number of topics. Such a series could be sold as a package to generate revenue for MGS and branches. I also have an interest in soliciting some corporate sponsorship to help us update our displays and present them more professionally. I have some ideas, but I am sure that there are many of you out there who have more! What would be a gargantuan task for one individual becomes manageable when we work together. I would love to hear from all of you, with your suggestions as well as

with offers to help! **No offer will be refused and no amount of time is too small.** Don't worry that if you speak up you will be responsible for attending all events, or even any events. As I've indicated, there are many opportunities for "behind the scenes" involvement in Outreach.

Family Photos Requested!

As a starting point, I am putting out the call for you to share family photos that we can use on our displays. People are drawn to pictures and they are a good medium to get people to notice and investigate our displays. If you have a picture, or several, that you would allow us to use, they will be gratefully accepted. The best way to submit them would be either electronically via e-mail, or as a 5 X 7 print. Pictures can be formal portraits or candid shots. We may want to use some with humorous captions in our displays. If you have a caption that you would like used with your picture, please include it. If you would prefer not to have a caption, please indicate that as well. And if you want your relatives identified by name with the picture, please indicate that. Photos from all time periods are welcome. Family history doesn't have to be ancient history. Prints can be sent to my attention at the MGS Resource Centre. Electronic prints can be sent to me at outreach@mbgenealogy.com

So please, if you have an interest in helping out with any Outreach projects, please contact me at outreach@mbgenealogy.com I will be happy to answer questions before making you sign your life away in blood! I would love to hear from you before the end of January 2007, after which I will likely call a meeting of all interested Outreach volunteers to discuss goals and strategies—baking will be provided, so you should volunteer!

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you over the next few months.

Gems Found in our Library

Hawkes, John. *Story of Saskatchewan and Its People*, volume 3, 1924.

Many portraits and biographies of early 20th century people in Saskatchewan. WEST CAN 920 HAW

Home Visits

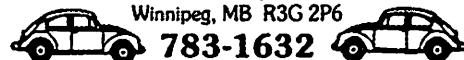
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

MGS

President: Jayne Paradis, MGS #45

Another eventful year has gone by. MGS continues to be active with our wonderful volunteers keeping the show going. I think we have the best volunteers ever but we are always looking for new ones. There is always a job that needs doing. So please consider volunteering — no amount of time is too small. As well, MGS needs to look at ways of increasing our revenue to help maintain the level of services that we do offer. MGS gives tax receipts for donations over \$5.00. When we are having fundraisers, please help out.

At this time I thank everyone who has helped me over the last three years as President — it has been a great experience.

BEAUTIFUL PLAINS BRANCH

President: Don McGillivray, MGS #4342

Firstly we would like to report that we have moved to a new location in the town of Neepawa. We have our own room now to display the ever-increasing library resource material in the Access to Books store (north side of the Co-op grocery store on Mountain Avenue). We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm.

At present this Branch is transcribing approximately 4,000 grave markers in Neepawa's Riverside Cemetery. We received a grant to help cover the cost of this huge project. The Town of Neepawa has indexed the cemetery's burial dates on its web site. See: www.town.neepawa.mb.ca Click on Resident Information - then click on Genealogical Database, and type in the name you are researching.

When our Branch has finished the transcriptions we will incorporate the data collected with the Town's burial dates for a complete resource aid for anyone seeking family history information in the future.

Membership growth continues as the Branch begins its third year. There are 31 members including two associates.

We had many inquiries as people became aware of the Branch's existence. Our members are eager to help with the indexing of the 1891 Manitoba Census by working on Minnedosa, Neepawa, Clanwilliam, Osprey, and Rosedale,

Our year was busy with tours, speakers, and presentations by members. The Branch toured MGS' library, the Beautiful Plains Museum, and LDS Family History Centre in Brandon last November, Manitoba's Provincial Archives in October, and the B.P. Museum again in March. Guest speakers were Jack Dodds, the South West Branch in September,

Cecil Pittman, Neepawa, in January, and Eleanor Burch, Carberry, in February. Branch members Victor Deacon, Norma Forsman, and Don McGillivray had a hands-on computer presentation at the Neepawa Library in October and then a great Family Tree Maker presentation by Norma at our regular meeting in April.

We invited Dauphin and South West Branches to visit us at our June meeting. We showcased the large amount of genealogical information and artifacts in the B.P. Museum followed by a dessert get-together at our new office.

Lastly, our Executive: Chair: Don McGillivray Treasurer: Victor Deacon Co-Chair: Hector Swanson Publicity: Darlene Perrett Secretary: Norma Forsman

DAUPHIN BRANCH

President: Allan Gray, MGS #2613

The year 2006 has been quite active and successful for the Branch.

The Executive saw some changes with long-time member Jean Tucker taking the role of Past President as a new slate of officers was elected.

President: Allan Gray Secretary: Tammy Zurba First Vice: Cameron Abrey Treasurer: Shirle McGimpsey Second Vice: Cheryl Komar

Several other members graciously allowed their names to stand for Chairpersons for the Branch.

The theme for the year is 'Back to the Basics', with an effort to get new members paired with veteran researchers to act as mentors. It is a difficult balance at times to keep the interest of the novice and the veteran simultaneously. The strength of any organization is first and foremost its members, and we continue to hope that we are providing our members with a valuable forum of learning and sharing.

In keeping with the electronic age, several members have solicited the Branch to provide basic computer skills training. There have been two workshops including "Computer Basics" and 'Navigating the Internet' so far. We hope to include a series of workshops on Family Tree Maker throughout the coming months.

Dauphin may soon be home to an LDS Resource Centre, and in February a representative attended our meeting to let us know of their plans. Work is progressing slowly but with luck it will be available for the 'cold-weather' researching season.

The Branch maintains a presence in the public eye

by attending displays held in the community as well as having brochures available at various locations throughout the city. Dauphin is fortunate to have an annual Recreation Resource Guide distributed to all area residents which gives the Branch another medium to attract members.

The importance of protecting and preserving documents and photographs is a topic that we cannot get enough of. Local photo expert Ray Lofgren graciously provided the members with an educational evening on how best to preserve documents and photos.

Members travelled to Neepawa in June and participated in their meeting and also were provided a tour of the Neepawa Museum. Members thank the Beautiful Plains Branch for their gracious hospitality. While in Neepawa, members took the time to tour the cemetery, the talk of the genealogical community.

With fall now upon us and the cold winter months to come it is hoped that we can get down to some serious genealogical endeavours. Planning for the upcoming season of meetings is currently underway. With fall now upon us and the cold winter months to come it is hoped that we can get down to some serious genealogical endeavours.

SOUTH WEST BRANCH

President: Eleanor Burch, MGS #2252

2005 was another busy and interesting year for the South West Branch during which we held 10 meetings. The main event of 2005 for this Branch was our Heritage Dinner, held February 2 at the Travelodge Canadian Inn. Fred McGuiness was our guest speaker, on the topic "Heritage, the Stories of our Ancestors". The Ruth Tester Award was presented to a very surprised Doug Freeman in recognition of his work in keeping the many cemeteries in the Virden area updated on a yearly basis and currently doing a matchup of people buried in the Virden Cemetery with the 1901 Census. In addition, we were entertained by an a cappella choir from Neelin High School, "Simple Green", under the leadership of Carolyn Gwyer. A good turnout of members and guests was present for an enjoyable dinner and evening.

We initiated the idea of circulating Family Chronicle magazines and a selection of other books at our monthly meetings as a service and convenience to members unable to visit the library on Wednesday afternoons. Paul Voorhis volunteered to do this and Beth Wall doublecarded a number of books for this

project.

We also initiated having coffee and cold drinks available at meetings. This seems to be popular. The idea of relocating the library first appears in the minutes of 1997 and has reappeared several times since. The main difficulty has been finding space that is within our budget and still maintaining control over our books and other material. The most recent effort involved several of us drafting a letter in the hopes of motivating the City of Brandon to provide a building dedicated to the Archives, History and Artifacts - and the SWB library. This letter was sent out October 26, 2005 to several Brandon politicians and leaders.

Several members of our Branch clip obituaries from the Brandon Sun and other area weekly newspapers. Six members volunteered to help index the backlog of obituaries but found that there were several obstacles to proceeding with this library project.

We investigated having a link to the SWB web site on the City of Brandon's site but there is a fee involved. The Manitoba Historical Society has a link to MGS already and so does the University of Brandon.

Our meeting room at Crocus Plains was changed from 123 to 102. The latter has tables instead of desks. It is a larger room and has direct access to the parking lot on the east side of the school.

Barb Andrew, with the help of Sheila Shearer, has done an excellent job of bringing a variety of interesting topics to our meetings. Jean Beattie, Barb Andrew, Maxine Twells, and Merle Darling are the ladies behind the phone and e-mail reminders of meetings. Shirley Erskine has very capably handled the memberships and filled in as secretary when Denise has been absent.

I take this opportunity to thank my executive — Barb Andrew, Denise Bromley and Vivian Privat for their support and efforts to bring us a year of informative and enjoyable meetings. Well done!

SOUTHEAST and WINNIPEG BRANCH

President: David Sutherland, MGS #4122

The 2005-2006 year has been a very busy year for the Branch.

The highlight of the year was the Branch purchase of a data projector which will be used for various presentations. Until now Gord McBean has had to borrow a data projector from Red River Community College. There has always been the possibility that one might not be available. The Executive felt that it would be beneficial for many reasons to own their own rather than be dependent upon always borrowing one. I thank the Winnipeg Foundation for

donating the amount needed to purchase the data projector. The Manitoba Genealogical Society and Southeast and Winnipeg Branch will make very good use of this projector in the future.

As well, there are also plans by the Branch to purchase a scanner for use at the Resource Centre. The scanner will have the capability to scan documents, photos (including slides) and other items. Members will be able to scan their materials into digital form and save to CDs.

Gord McBean did an excellent job of putting together presentations, speakers, and tours again this year. Tours included the Millennium Library with its family history area, Anglican Archives, Fort Garry Horse Museum, and City of Winnipeg Archives. Speakers included family history books by Country Graphics, Elizabeth Briggs speaking on Scottish Internet genealogy, and Neil Bardal speaking on funeral homes and their records.

This year Gord had a separate Computer Special Interest Group (SIG) for genealogy and computers. His presentations included using Family Tree Maker and other subjects. While it was well received there are no plans to continue as there is currently no one to coordinate the group.

Outreach included having Branch volunteers attend the Scottish Pavilion at Folklorama again this year. Also we received an invitation to the Land of Ruh in July to attend a medieval feast which included various booths, archery, and yes, even real jousting! The event was located at Cooks Creek Ukrainian Catholic Church and Grotto. We had quite a few people come by the booth and check out the display of books. A few were even interested in becoming members. The booth there led to an invitation to attend Cooks Creek Heritage Days later in the summer but regrettably we were unable to attend. Jim Oke and I took care of research requests this year. I thank him for his hard work on these requests - 20 or so this year from as far as England and Norway. Some even made donations for the work done.

I thank last year's Branch Executive for all their hard work — Jim Oke, Julia Hall, Judy Labossiere, Gord McBean, Daryl Frame, Virginia Braid, and Joan Szucs. With the exception of Daryl Frame all of the Executive have returned in the same positions. I thank them for their dedication and look forward to another great year.

SWAN VALLEY BRANCH

President: Eric Neufeld, MGS #241 OL

The Swan Valley Branch 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 each month at 7:00pm. Our Branch takes a summer recess for the months of July and August every year.

Our Executive: President: Eric Neufeld Secretary: Donna Fox Treasurer: Helen Ellingson This past year we were able to assist many people who were looking for family "histories" and "homesteads" in our area. We receive many queries for the Swan Valley area and are pleased to help in any way we can.

This year we were put on notice that we would have to vacate our basement office and so we are on the look-out for a new place. We will keep you informed. We continue to index births, marriages, and deaths from the Star and Times every year. This indexing has been done by Helen Ellingson and we thank her for this service to our branch. We continue to be on the look-out for old obituary clippings and notices from years gone by.

Branch volunteers have been on the prowl, looking for any historical publications at farm auctions and sales. Old township maps are our next must have. We hope to update our library with any historical books from this area.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT

Joan Whiston, MGS #1683

This position is responsible for the day to day operation of our Society's Resource Centre. Also our Office Coordinator, Library, Research, Membership and Special Projects Committees all fall under this Vice-President.

The daily volunteers who look after the Resource Centre on our open days - among their many tasks - keep the Centre clean and tidy for our patrons who visit to do research. The Chair of the Committees and all the volunteers who serve on those committees and the daily volunteers help make my job a most enjoyable one. To all of them I owe a big "Thank you".

We are always looking for volunteers for all areas of our Society's operation. Please keep that in mind the next time you come and visit or call our Society. Chat with our members about giving some time to help make everyone's load a little lighter, while making new friends and learning about genealogy.

LIBRARY

Chair: Mary Bole, MGS #844

Volunteers

A special thank you to all the volunteers who help with library tasks. The volunteer list is growing but

will never be too large. If you are willing to help, or know anyone who would like to assist us, please let us know.

Our major project for purchasing books this past year was to add to our Manitoba Local History section. We will continue with this in 2006-2007. Our volunteer project this year is to put our card catalog on-line.

Statistics

78 periodicals are exchanged with other societies. We send *Generations*; they send us their journals. 12 periodicals are received by subscription. 20 periodicals were donated by members on a regular basis. 278 periodicals (number is up) were borrowed by 90 members (number down). Family Tree Magazine from England continues to be our most popular loan.

1995 items (books, periodicals, cemetery transcriptions, CD-ROMs, etc.) were reshelfed. That is up from last year.

We must remember that the above two statistics are "artificial" because they don't take into account the number of books, CD-Roms and periodicals used in the library.

311 donations (books, CD-ROMs etc), given by 63 individuals and 2 organizations, were added to the library collection. This number is up from last year. 54 books were circulated by mail. This circulation is down this year so we have had an article in September's *Generations* explaining our special Library Postage Rate.

2903 patrons signed in this year, 520 doing research in Manitoba. Coming in close were researchers for United Kingdom and *Ancestry.com*. It is now difficult to get the exact number because those using Ancestry could also be doing Manitoba and UK research. *Ancestry.com* continues to be in high demand.

Donations

We would like to encourage members to donate a copy of their published research to the library.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Chair: Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L

This committee is charged with seeing that the housekeeping and "office type" tasks in the library are carried out. Except for service contracts for major repairs to machines, all tasks are done by volunteers.

The following statistics show some of the volume of work outside of the countless hours of work done specifically by other committees. Except for an increase in the number of patrons signed in, other statistics are down slightly:

- 2903 patrons signed our register: an increase of 77 from 2005

- 1430 volunteers signed in: an increase of 108
- 1029 pieces of mail were posted from MGS: decrease of 151
- 1498 pieces of posted mail (including faxes) were received by MGS: decrease of 49
- 508 e-mail messages were received: increase of 158
- 370 incoming phone calls were recorded: decrease of 60
- 23,750 photocopies were made: decrease of 5,768
- 28 MGS Publications + 61 charts were sold: increase of 1 publication, (Charts not counted in 2005.)

Use of the Resource Centre outside regular opening hours:

- MGS holds Executive meetings one evening/month and some Council meetings.
- Southeast and Winnipeg Branch hold monthly Executive meetings and many monthly membership meetings.
- MGS volunteers hold a Christmas gathering.
- UEL held one research meeting.
- Both Beautiful Plains and Dauphin Branch members came in for a research session on a Saturday.
- MGS held a very successful Open House in May.
- Creative Retirement held a research session.
- The weekend of the East European Seminar the library was open for their members to do research.

While postal replies to queries are down, due to e-mail, there are some who still use "snail mail". We should remember to include an SASE when we write someone and request a reply. Thus, we have British and American stamps for sale at the front desk. Outside of regular specialized tasks for other committees, many volunteers do mundane tasks such as photocopying, filing cards, mailing letters, vacuuming, emptying wastebaskets, keeping the kitchen clean and seeing that we have supplies for same on hand. I say to ALL volunteers: "Your help is invaluable. Believe me, you are appreciated."

RESEARCH

Chair: Jim Rutherford, MGS #2632

Unfortunately this past year saw a decline in research requests. Last year the total was 71 averaging \$35.00 each. This year we completed 61 for an average of \$30.00.

The total e-mail queries received and responded to by the Research department was 146 and 36 of these did finally come through with money and a research request.

The committee: Connie McLeod, Hazel Runchey, Jody Jones, Bonnie Bridge, Rick McLellan, and Jim Rutherford.

Also assisting on Thursdays were Bill MacDonald and John McCrindle.

As Chair of the committee I express my sincere thanks to the above people who spent many hours to seek out information for our clients. We received many thank you notes expressing how pleased most people were with the information sent to them.

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Betty Atkinson, MGS #2117

Current as of October 4, 2006:

Member Type 1: Individual	504
Member Type 2: Associate	36
Member Type 3: Institutional	17
Member Type 4: Life	55
Member Type 5: Exchange	84
Member Type 6: Deposit	15
Member Type 7: Admin. Memb.	1
Member Type 8: (not used)	
Member Type 9: No mail out	16
Total	728

(2005 : 702)

Dauphin Branch	13
Beautiful Plains	37
South West Branch	78
Swan Valley Branch	7
Winnipeg Branch	140

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT

Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031

This department includes the Branches, the Journal, Publications and Outreach. A great many things have been done despite the fact that some of the committees were missing chairmen for most of the year. Our journal continues to be a valuable resource to our members — although they sometimes forget how easy it is to get genealogical material published!

Our Outreach department has maintained its commitment to most of our annual events but, until recently, had not gone after any new forms of outreach. Fortunately we have just appointed a new Chair for Outreach — Kelly Southworth — who was able to attend our Council meeting in September. She will breathe some fresh new life into this department and we welcome it.

We have lacked a leader and direction for our Publications Committee and are still trying to define the role it may encompass with Special Projects. Activity and change is healthy for our branches and this year reflected it. So many dedicated member volunteers kept programming and resources for members a priority. A challenge for locating holdings was successfully undertaken by both the South West and Beautiful Plains Branches. A huge debt of gratitude is extended to Jim and Beth Wall for

allowing the use of their home for Branch resources for so many years. Attendance to educational programs seems to have been on the rise for the Dauphin and Southeast and Winnipeg Branches. Our dedicated northern members in Swan Valley just keep on enjoying the camaraderie in sharing genealogy. In all we are very fortunate to have the branches as representatives for Manitoba. Thank you to these great Executive Branch officers for their leadership!

We all represent the Society by word of mouth — which is one of the most valuable assets we can have. If there is something the Society should be doing for you as a member or you as an active Branch member to increase our membership, please let us know.

I have represented the Society for 4 1/2 years in this position and according to our constitution I have fulfilled all my annual term obligations. Thank you for allowing me to become involved with other heritage organizations in our common goals. Often it is not what you know — but whom you know! There is still a lot more to be accomplished in public relations — call our office (783-9139) or President if you would like to be a part of this 'meeting-great-people' aspect of our organization.

GENERATIONS

Editor: Bill Burland, MGS #3727

As usual, there were 4 issues published. We are averaging about 675 copies each issue. I thank Neil Haufek (our printer), Joyce Elias, Mary Bole, Kathy Stokes, Pat Sundmark and Lori Walker for their continued help with each issue.

OUTREACH

Acting Chair: Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031

Chair as of September 9, 2006: Kelly Southworth, MGS #4534

The Branch outreach volunteers in their geographical area facilitate most of the public outreach events as it is required. Please see the Branch reports for details. Some are handled by MGS.

For our second year MGS has had a display in October at the Manitoba Teachers' SAG conference (Social Studies departments) held at Winnipeg's River East Collegiate. Daryl Dumanski, Carol Moore Glenn and Joan Whiston fielded many queries regarding how teacher curriculum could include family history research.

In November Louis-Philippe Bujold, Local History librarian at the Millennium Public Library, visited our library and Resource Centre to get ideas for resources that would be valuable for the public library patrons.

In February we had a military-type display attended by Daryl at a one-time event for Manitoba - The Memory Project Road Show. This is a legacy project of the Dominion Institute and sponsored by Canadian Heritage that brought together veterans, youth, archivists, historians and community members to digitize the oral histories and personal memorabilia of 250 veterans living in Canada. It was absolutely fascinating and I was thrilled to partake in this one. Visit:

www.thememoryproject.com/roadshow for more information.

In the spring several members represented the Society at:

- a short presentation to the PC Users Group on MGS resources and making use of Family Tree Maker software for beginners by Daryl Dumanski
- Jayne Paradis was on CJOB fielding genealogical questions in regard to MGS
- Mary Bole and Joan Whiston gave library tours to a genealogy group from Creative Retirement
- Daryl gave a short presentation to the Sons of Scotland Benevolent Association

This summer we had a new display opportunity by participating at the East European Conference jointly held by the East European Genealogical Society and the Federation of East European Family History Society on the long weekend at the Victoria Inn.

Thanks to our volunteers — Mary Bole, Carol Moore Glenn, Kelly Southworth, and Joan Whiston for attending on our behalf. Both Mary and Joan were speakers and Daryl Dumanski represented MGS on the display planning committee. Mary and Louisa Shermerhorn also opened the Resource Centre to conference attendees on the Sunday afternoon.

We couldn't appreciate the summer heat without our annual display at Folklorama's Pavilion of Scotland. From August 13-19 we welcomed and chatted with many interesting people at our display. Thanks once again to our regular volunteers who have enjoyed this celebration of cultures before: Pat Allan, Jim Bracken, Bill Curtis, Malcolm Dewar, Daryl Dumanski, George and Carol Glenn, Eleanor Goffard, Jack and Yvonne Mavins, Mavis Menzies, Gord McBean, Jim McGregor, Jayne Paradis, Allan and Jeanne Pickard, Kathy Stokes, David Sutherland and Cynthia Zimrose, Gail Wahl, Joan Whiston, and Kerry White. For those who like statistics that is about 100 volunteer hours in one week!

I appreciate our volunteers and welcome new ones who will be assisting our new Outreach Chair, Kelly Southworth, achieve great things on behalf of our organization. If you haven't joined this group before — you are missing those surprise connections out

there!

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT Bill Burland, MGS #3727

Chair:

We are in need of a volunteer to become Computer Chair. It is not an onerous task - primarily being certain that all machines are up and running and that the peripherals are functioning. Occasional training is also a responsibility.

Currently we are involved in several projects:

- Indexing the 1870 and 1891 Censuses
- Indexing the Anglican Baptism records
- Indexing Obituaries from the Winnipeg Free Press
- Indexing the Cemetery Transcripts

All of these tasks involve many volunteers to whom I express my thanks.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT

James Beyette, MGS #698

FUNDRAISING and GRANTS

COMMITTEE

Geoff Lambert, MGS #3591

I have recontacted all the genealogical/history societies across Canada. In the absence of a national federation we might expect such a lack of collegiality. Many thanks to Saskatchewan who did respond.

I searched the web sites of other societies and culled some information. Minutes of annual meetings, balance sheets, etc. were nowhere to be found. A few observations:

- All associations were founded in the 1970s.
- Most count their memberships on the basis of membership in local associations. Most do not state their total membership but Saskatchewan and Alberta both claim about 1,000.
- Membership costs are \$35 almost everywhere, though PEI charges \$25US, and Ontario \$45 Canadian.
- Most have a resource centre, with some employing a part-time staff member,
- All seem to receive a modest amount of support from their provincial government, generally through tourism, heritage, etc.
- All seem to put out a quarterly journal, called variously Generations, Connections, etc.
- Alberta has a youth section! Most others complain that they are short of young people.
- PEI and NS both have an on-line store, selling various artifacts, books, etc.
- Ontario has an endowment fund, along with a

library fund and an operations fund.

In general it seems that we are quite typical of all the other societies.

So where does this leave us? I have interpreted the committee's mandate to include all income outside the government grant, payment for services, memberships, etc. Recently we have brought in monies from:

- personal donations • wine and cheese • yard sale • Entertainment Book • garden party • bequests

These tend to bring in rather small amounts, and are labour intensive. Also, there is some evidence that one can go to the well once too often. There are a few things we might do:

- Perhaps we could introduce an "adopt a book" or "adopt a journal" program whereby a member pays the subscription price.
- Is there any margin using electronic journals?

MGS Treasurer

John Christie MGS#3011

THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

STATEMENT 1

BALANCE SHEET

JULY 31

	Operating Fund	Lifetime Memberships Fund	Publications Fund	Seminar Fund	Dedication Fund	COMBINED 2006	COMBINED 2005
ASSETS							
CURRENT							
Cash	\$ 5,575	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5,575	\$ 2,626
Short term investments (<i>Note 3</i>)	37,121					37,121	35,260
Accounts receivable	13,376					13,376	17,736
Prepaid expenses	806	806	856
	<u>56,878</u>					<u>56,878</u>	<u>56,478</u>
DUE FROM OPERATING FUND	<u>...</u>	<u>13,075</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>2,695</u>	<u>18,270</u>	<u>18,270</u>
	<u>\$ 56,878</u>	<u>\$ 13,075</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 2,695</u>	<u>\$ 75,148</u>	<u>\$ 74,748</u>
LIABILITIES							
CURRENT							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,495	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,495	\$ 2,829
Deferred revenue (<i>Note 4</i>)	19,265	19,265	15,682
	<u>21,760</u>					<u>21,760</u>	<u>18,511</u>
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	<u>18,270</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>18,270</u>	<u>18,270</u>
	<u>40,030</u>					<u>40,030</u>	<u>36,781</u>
SURPLUS							
FUNDS SURPLUS	<u>16,848</u>	<u>13,075</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>2,695</u>	<u>35,118</u>	<u>37,967</u>
	<u>\$ 56,878</u>	<u>\$ 13,075</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 2,695</u>	<u>\$ 75,148</u>	<u>\$ 74,748</u>

Approved by the Board

Director _____

• Is there anything to be gained in opening up the web site to include an interactive or e-group component?

• Should we establish a rotation between the yard sale, the wine and cheese, and the garden party?

• What is a reasonable target for informal fund-raising in any event?

• Would it be worth it to have a one-time only fundraiser where we try to raise money from the local wealthy? (This to be a collaborative enterprise with the local branches.)

• Is there more to be gained through identifying local advertisers?

• Could we do better pushing the Entertainment Book more actively?

• Should we revive the Grey Cup ticket sale? I have managed to recruit a member for the committee!

MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

STATEMENT 2

STATEMENT OF LOSS AND RETAINED EARNINGS (UNAUDITED)

YEAR ENDED JULY 31

	2 0 0 6	2 0 0 5
REVENUE		
Beverages	\$ 67	\$ 86
Donations	3,427	4,054
Generations	180	20
Grants	10,915	10,800
Interest income	885	584
Memberships	20,833	20,623
Other	4,879	1,226
Services	5,275	6,209
U.S. exchange	173	437
User fees	<u>460</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>47,094</u>	<u>44,539</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Annual general meeting	56	87
Branch fees	1,478	
Capital Expenditures	267	
Committee	3,375	3,610
Conventions and meetings	280	139
Equipment maintenance	1,793	2,281
Generations	4,411	3,208
GST (recoveries)	1,580	(2,577)
Insurance	620	1,042
MGS seminar	2,285	350
Office and administration	4,500	5,008
Photocopying		128
Professional fees	1,370	2,260
Rent and common charges	24,862	25,802
Telephone	1,117	1,287
Utilities	<u>2,516</u>	<u>2,988</u>
	<u>50,510</u>	<u>45,613</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE	<u>(3,416)</u>	<u>(1,074)</u>
TRANSFERS FROM (TO) FUNDS		
Publications fund (<i>Statement 5</i>)	567	469
Dedication fund (<i>Statement 7</i>)	<u>-</u>	<u>(300)</u>
OPERATING FUND DEFICIT FOR YEAR	<u>(2,849)</u>	<u>(905)</u>
SURPLUS, <i>beginning of year</i>	<u>19,697</u>	<u>20,602</u>
SURPLUS, <i>end of year</i>	<u>\$ 16,848</u>	<u>\$ 19,697</u>

MGS's Annual Awards

The following awards were announced at the Annual General Meeting in October.

Eric Jonasson Award of Merit



Mary Bole (left) accepts
Jonasson Award from Joan
Whiston

Mary Bole, MGS #884

Mary joined MGS in 1983. When she later moved to Winnipeg she began working actively for MGS. Cataloguing incoming library materials became her "job". When MGS moved to St. James Street, Mary put in long hours before and during the move to help it go smoothly. It did.

In 2004 Louisa Shermerhorn stepped aside as Librarian and Mary took over, quietly and efficiently. Ever since, she has managed all aspects of the library - ensuring that acquisitions reach the patrons properly and promptly and overseeing the ongoing maintenance required to keep the library functioning in a neat and timely manner. This she does on Sundays and Tuesdays supplemented by many hours at home. She has contributed informative articles and reviews to *Generations* and has generously given of her time and genealogical and computer expertise to anyone who needed it, friend and patron alike, always with a smile.

Recently Mary has set up and is overseeing the use of a library computer program

which, ultimately, will enable MGS' Library Holdings to go on-line.

Besides her work at MGS she actively searches her own genealogy (have you ever heard her talking about her Dibdin family??!!) and has compiled several family histories, copies of which she has donated to the library along with other books and materials.

Mary is fun to work with and the library committee are all happy to call her "boss".

MGS Membership Awards

25 Year Pin

Audrey Harburn
Vera J. Hobbs
Beryl Robbins
John McCrindle
Bernice Simpson-Mandiuk
Isabella Dryden
Margaret Sheridan

20 Year Award

Marjorie Monlezun
Joyce Elias
Marv Wirth

Maureen Corkal
Dorothy Shipley
Douglas Freeman
Donald E. Carney
Beth Wall
Denise Neufeld
Douglas Grimsley
Janet Gosior
Carol Jones
Lorraine Mathers

15 Year Award

Linda White
Betty Clark

Barbara Greig
Allan Pickard
Jeanne Pickard
Sheila Shearer
Eric Neufeld
A B Tapper
Owen McKenzie
Joyce Anaka
Patricia Allan
P Moreau
Jean Klohn

10 Year Award

Bill Pooley
Jean Beattie

Lome Hill
Shirley Erskine
Lome A Wallace
Ian Wilson
A Ernest Epp
William Anaka
Josephine Herndl
Rick McLellan
Desmond Ireland
Bonnie Bridge
Vincent T. Ness
Merle Darling

Flo Cox Awards

John McCrindle

John has been a member of MGS since 1982 and a volunteer for the last 10 years with the Thursday group of volunteers. He looks after the front desk, filing away books, filing correspondence and is always cheerful and willing to help.

He has a phenomenal knowledge of Manitoba towns as well as a vast memory of people, which comes in very handy for the research crew as well as patrons.

Jean Lenderbeck

Jean has been a weekly volunteer on the MGS membership committee for well over five years now. She is a very diligent, competent and conscientious worker and is very friendly with all of us who see her regularly on Wednesdays. Jean works well both with the chairperson of the membership committee, and alone.

PERIODICAL POTPOURRI

Lori Walker – MGS #1145
Email: lj_walker@shaw.ca

AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Family Tree, Vol. 38, #2
- Westland history; coal mining stories.
The Genealogist, Vol. 11, #1
- all about weddings.

CANADA

Anglo-Celtic Roots, Vol. 12, #3
- Watts family of Dunfermline; Clack family.
B.C. Genealogist, Vol. 35, #3
- Ada Dowling.
Connections, QFHS, Vol. 29, #1
- Wyoming massacre survivors.
Families, OGS, Vol. 45, #3
- Roswell Mount; Little family; a tombstone discovery; Alexander Campbell; John Pullman.
Family Footsteps, Vol. 22, #1
- LDS family tree.
Generations, NBGS, Vol. 28, #3
- King's NB Regiment 1793-1802; Kent Co. history; Alex Clarke; Malbon family; Jacob Nye; Arnold family.
Heritage, Summer 2006
- register of historic places; Fontaine House in Montreal.
Leaf of the Branch, MGS, Vol. 18, #2
- Dooley & Matthews families entwined.
Newfoundland Ancestor, Vol. 22, #2
- Kelly family and list of members.
Nova Scotia Genealogist, Vol. 24, #2
- several bible entries; a separation agreement from 1750.
Okanagan researcher, Vol. 23, #1
- Marsh, Junck families.
Ottawa Br. OGS, Vol. 39, #4
- Cummings and Daley families.
Perth Co. Profiles, OGS, Vol. 24, #3
- Freemasons, Quirt family.
PEI Genealogical Society Inc., Vol. 31, #3
- some PEI vitals.
Relatively Speaking, Alta FHS, Vol. 34, #3
- a Chinese immigrant story; finding a biological father; Alberta homestead records 1870-1930.
Traces & Tracks, Wellington Co. OGS, Vol. 6, #3
- Wellington County Crown Land records.

EASTERN EUROPE

East European Genealogist, Vol. 14, #3
- two visits to eastern Europe.

Galizien German Descendants, #48
- schools & churches; Moritz von Lehmann.

Palatine Immigrant, Vol. 31, #4

- Germans to America; Lower Saxony towns.

ENGLAND & WALES

Ancestors, #49
- Domesday book online; Japanese POW's; last testaments; sport of bosing; life in Jamaica in the 17th century; Beechey family.
Ancestors, #50
- WWI records on line; migrants to Britain; black Americans to Britain; Irish records; church court records; William Westall; property registers; Cyndi's list.
Ancestors, #51
- marine records; prison hulks; Suez canal; George Ruthven; livery companies; Polish workers in Britain; National Register of Archives.
Banyan Tree, #107
- Batchelor & Starr families; surnames.
Cornwall FHS, #121
- Paddy surname; Annie & Mary Bowden; Emmett & Richards families.
Derbyshire FHS, issue 118
- Charles Fox; Drabble family; servants.
Devon Family Historian, #119
- Sluman family; John Fling; Pine family of Exeter.
Family History Monthly, #125
- some lesser known Christmas customs; Imperial War Museum; Workhouse hospitals.
Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 22, #11
- some fresh research ideas; ploughmen; WWI attestation papers; female immigrants to S. Africa, part 2; heraldic bookplates; John Buick; Scottish censuses; buying old documents; some entries from the murder Register of the Metropolitan Police.
Vol. 22, #12
- Irish ancestors; missionaries in S. Africa; Lincolnshire archives; WWI discharge papers; Victorian War resources; Workhouse masters; Olsson family of Sweden.
Vol. 23, #1
- Land girls of WWI & WWII; rector of Pitney, part 1; militia substitutions; Rowell family; medieval genealogy; brweers; missionaries in S. Africa, part 2.
Genealogists Magazine, Vol. 28, #10
- records of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers; researching on 'Origins'; Catholics of Stepney.
Hampshire Family Historian, Vol. 33, #2
- William Carter.
Lancashire, Vol. 28, #3
- Rostron Woollen Manufacturers; Dewhurst descendants; Blackburn Future Roll.
Metropolitan, Vol. 28, #4
- drovers.
Vol. 29, #1
- Mann family; Arthur Sullivan story.

- Northumberland & Durham FHS Journal, Vol. 31, #3
 - cabinet makers; Hindmarsh, Fordyce & Black families; William McIsaac.
- Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol. 20, #2
 - NHS Archives; cholera in Oxford; Oxford physicians & surgeons; Bossom, Gibbons & Fawdery families.
- Practical Family History, #94
 - Norman ancestors; research for Cornish ancestors, pt. 2; wife selling; Thomas family; millworkers; several FT programs.
- SIB Folk News (Orkney Islands), #39
 - Sanday isle; James Nicolson; George Inkster; Tinch family.
- Suffolk Roots, Vol. 32, #2
 - Beccles Parish Church; some Suffolk wills; Strange family.
- Sussex Family Historian, Vol. 17, #3
 - Three Oaks hamlet; Jordyn family; Henry Hampton; Fleet family blacksmiths.
- West Mdsx FHS, Vol. 24, #3
 - Alice German; Layton/Walton families.
- Wiltshire FHS, #102
 - Galvin family.

IRELAND

Irish Roots, #59

- common forenames; Adare Manor in Limerick; Noble surname; Irish archives in Spain; an Irish estate in Jamaica.

MISCELLANEOUS

Avison, Vol. 14, #2 (Norway)

- town of Oppdal and emigration to the US; Odel law.

ONE-NAME

Geer Family Assn. Newsletter, Vol. 23, #3

- spotlight on Samuel Geer Olin.

Journal of One-Name Studies, Vol. 9, #4

- indexes; Charles Booth Online Archive website.

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS, #100

- John Roger; Kirk Session Register treasures.

Borders FHS, #61

- Hepburn family; Scots in Antigua.

Dumfries & Galloway FHS, #56

- Gomory & McMillan families.

UNITED STATES

Cousins & Cousins, Vol. 26, #4

- LaValle family.

Family Chronicle, Sept/Oct 2006

- private archives; Civil War ancestors; a story from Duquesne, Penn.; settling at Jamestown; ancestor ships; DNA projects.

Minnesota Genealogist, Vol. 35, #1-4

- civil war records & burials.

New England Ancestors, Vol. 7, #4

- American seamen records; ob Bradford; 400th

Anniversary of a Pilgrim church.

New England Historical & Genealogical Register, Vol. 160

- Lettice Elliot ancestry; Edmund Marshall; William Chittenden; Joseph Turner family; Comfort Coggeshall, part 2.

Oregon Genealogical Society, Vol. 44, #3

- Edwin Worman; Walter family.

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Anne Rendall

Orkney Genealogy Society

P.S. Check out our website too at www.orkneyfhs.co.uk

AN ANCESTOR NO ONE REMEMBERS

by Kathy Stokes

In the last issue of "Generations", our editor asked for stories about our ancestors, not just the important ones, or the rogues, but someone with a story.

My ancestor, Richard Winn Rooke was born 12 August 1838 in South Shields, Durham, England. He had a sister, Isabella Mary, and a little brother, William Henry, born eleven years after Richard, who was my great grandfather. Their parents were James Rooke, a master mariner, and Annabella Winn. Richard must have grown up without a lot of contact with his father, for every time I have located the family on a census, Annabella Rooke is described as "wife of master mariner at sea". Annabella herself appears to have helped support the family by running a little shop with her widowed mother.

Richard must have apprenticed somewhere to obtain his master mariner's standing, but I have not yet found out where. In 1861 he was a mate on the ship "Anne". During the rest of the 1860s, there are records of his voyages out of northern English ports to the Mediterranean. Near Malta, he was forced to abandon ship with his crew, no reason being given. The crew landed safely in Malta.

Richard became a master mariner in 1865. On 24 December 1866, Richard was in port long enough to marry his sweetheart, Margaret Ann Wardell, in the parish church in Sunderland, Durham. Then his ship, "Rowena" was lost in 1867/68. There was good news, however, for on 20 May 1869, Margaret gave birth to their son, Thomas Nesham Rooke. Sadly, little Thomas was dead by June of the same year, cause unknown. In October 1869, Richard's mother died. I have not yet been able to find out what happened to his father.

There was, alas, worse to come for poor Margaret Wardell Rooke. According to information I received from the Guildhall Library in Aldermanbury, London, England, the following was reported,

"Hong Kong, 7 Dec. (1869) The ship "Crofton" has been abandoned in a sinking state near Macao, having been attacked by pirates, who murdered all the Europeans except the master (Rooke) and six men whom they took prisoner.

Hong Kong - The "Crofton", Rooke from Saigon to Yokohama, with rice, has been abandoned and is supposed to have foundered near Macao."

The Guildhall librarian mentions that they have only a notation "dead" across Captain Rooke's entry in Lloyd's of London's Captains' Registers. So what actually happened to Richard Rooke we do not know. He may have been murdered by the pirates

who took him captive.

And what about his widow, Margaret who had suffered two such grievous blows in one year? In the 1871 census she is living with her parents in Sunderland and working as a house-keeper. She remarried in 1875.

We genealogists trace our ancestry in many ways. Some of us are interested only in collecting names and dates, or we search only our direct lines. And some of us collect stories about anyone who happens to be on our ancestral tree. I often think of Richard Winn Rooke and his short, hard life. Why? Perhaps it is the poignancy of it - a young man able to spend so little time with his family and then to lose his only child. I didn't know about Richard Rooke when we named one of our sons Richard, but now I am glad that we chose that name. It commemorates an ancestor who left no direct descendants, no one to think about him more than a century after his death.

I have at least two other master mariners among my ancestors. Other family members were shipwrights, and so my connection with the sea is a strong one. However, long before I learned about my early relatives, I knew that I loved the water, Lake Winnipeg and the oceans on both sides of our country, and that I was comfortable when I was near them. There is a native belief that we are all part of the environment which shaped our ancestors, so this may explain my affinity for the water. What is unexplained is why I continue to live about as far from an ocean as it is possible to be.

Sent in by Mary Bole – Our Librarian:

I shouldn't be in the business of pushing web sites – everyone knows a book is so much nicer - but there are a few that I would like to let you know about.

Hudson's Bay Company Archives Biographical Sheets

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/hbca/biographical/index.html>

These sheets have been created by Hudson's Bay Company Archives staff to provide employment information on individuals who were employed by the Hudson's Bay Company and/or the North West Company. The site is still under construction.

Our Roots / Nos Racines

<http://www.ourroots.ca/>

This site has many Canadian local history books. For example I put the surname *Marcolin* in the search line and pressed go. Two books were found. I chose Crowsnest and Its People. On the right hand of the next screen are listed (as a link) pages where the name is mentioned.

Icelandic names in the 1891 Census of Manitoba

by Brian Laxdal

An accurate transcription from a census document is dependant upon the correct execution of all sequential activities of the process. The enumerator must have been able to correctly understand and spell the names provided; the enumerator's handwriting must be legible; the fiche copy must be legible; and the transcriber must be able to understand and correctly replicate the records provided. A further implication with respect to Icelandic names is how the names themselves were treated.

For centuries in Iceland surnames were derived from the given name of the father. For example, the surname of Jon's son was Jonsson and that of Jon's daughter was Jonsdottir. In North America, however, surnames were family names passed on from generation to generation regardless of the given name of the father or sex of the child.

Facilitated by the transition from one naming convention to another, many Icelanders decided to not retain the surname they had when they emigrated. Some selected a surname reflecting the area in Iceland from which they were migrating. For example Bodvar Gislason, who emigrated from Laxardalshreppur, chose Laxdal as his surname. Some anglicized their surname; e.g. Jonsson became Johnson. Some chose to use a given name as their surname, such as Sigurdsson who became Sigurdur. Others chose a surname for some other reason, or ended up with a surname that happened to be written on an immigration document by a processor who did not understand Icelandic.

This latter problem, i.e. misunderstanding or misinterpreting an unfamiliar name, was prevalent in the enumeration of Icelandic names in some Sub Districts of the 1891 Census of Manitoba. A name written on a census document was often derived from how it sounded, resulting in names that make no sense in any language. Or, the enumerator may have understood Icelandic but decided to anglicize the names as they were being recorded, as appeared to have happened in one Sub District where every Jon was recorded as John, every Jonsson became Johnson and every female, even if unmarried, had the last part of their surname changed from dottir, to son.

During the transcription of the 1891 Census of Manitoba surnames were not revised but were transcribed as written, even if they were obviously wrong. Any changes would destroy the integrity of the index.

Transcribing the 1891 Census November Report

by Elizabeth Briggs

Thanks to enthusiastic volunteers we are making progress with transcribing the 1891 census for Manitoba. We have many sub-district packages prepared waiting to be transcribed and we have two experienced genealogists checking the transcriptions - Kathy Stokes and Hazel Runchey. I will finish entering corrections to the second sub-district this week and it will be sent to Bill Burland for adding to the database. The work is well done and there are relatively few corrections even though some of the entries are challenging to read and interpret.

A list of all the sub-districts and the volunteers is attached to this update (pages 24-26) and I am delighted with the progress being made. Jody Jones told me of the *Thursday Census Club* at the MGS Centre with many people transcribing their section of a return in between their volunteer duties at MGS. Someone takes in a cake and interesting entries are shared over a cup of coffee or tea.

John Steele offered a suggestion for reading some of the difficult pages covered with too much of my toner. He holds the sheet to a strong light and is sometimes able to read the pen mark through the sheet.

I had a telephone call from Mary Munk at Library and Archives Canada who offered some suggestions on some of the French occupations which cannot be found in our modern dictionaries. She is very pleased that we are doing a true full transcription of the census. I am collecting all terms where we need some further explanation and I plan to send them to LAC in December as we leave for Europe soon and I will not return until Christmas. Of course I will take a sub-district with me to transcribe or I will not be able to look the *Thursday Club* in the face when I return!

Some sub-districts I had downloaded were particularly black and totally impossible to read either from the paper entry or the computer. Mary Munk kindly arranged for me to order specific rolls of microfilm she had checked which I have now downloaded and these are quite clear and much easier to read. LAC and Archives Manitoba have been most helpful assisting me with the project. With Best Wishes for the Holiday Season.

Condolences:

To the family and friends of Margaret (Halliday) Green, long-time MGS member, # 795, who died in September.

District Number	District Name	Sub-District Number	Sub-District Name	Transcribed	Excel Done	Checked	Done	Corrections Made
6	Lisgar	a	Assiniboia	Bev Smith	EB	Kathy Stokes	EB	
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6	Lisgar	s-2	Woodlands	Jody Jones				
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7	Marquette	h	Cypress South	Eleanor Burch				
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7	Marquette	ii-2	Westbourne	Brian Laxdal	EB			
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