



# GENERATIONS

Volume 43

Number 3

September 2018



## In This Issue:

- **A Win for Researchers, page 19**
- **Revisionist History, page 25**
- **2 Days in Winnipeg 1912, page 9**
- **Maintaining Ties to the Homeland, page 16**
- **Old Documents Available On-line for Family Historians, page 27**

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

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

## **MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**

**www.mbgenealogy.com**

**e-mail: [contact@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com)**

**<https://www.facebook.com/Manitoba-Genealogical-Society-Inc-7054423205>**

### **LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE**

**Unit E - 1045 St. James Street**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 1B1**

**Telephone 204-783-9139**

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 - 3:00**

**Please check the MGS web site (above) for additional Wednesday evening and Sunday opening times**

The MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC. is a registered charity, formed in 1976, and incorporated in 1982. The Society promotes and encourages interest in genealogy and family history in Manitoba.

**Membership and Branch Information is available in this issue, on our website or on our Facebook page.** Full members receive four issues of *Generations*, general mailings, and are also entitled to one free Query per year, plus library privileges. Our preferred method of contact is via e-mail to one or more of the addresses indicated below.

### **OFFICERS AND COUNCIL 2018 - 2019**

#### **Executive**

President	<i>Jayne Paradis</i>	<a href="mailto:president@mbgenealogy.com">president@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Past President	<i>Jim Oke</i>	<a href="mailto:past_president@mbgenealogy.com">past_president@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Vice President - Administration	<b>VACANT</b>	
Vice President - Finance	<i>Jim McKerchar</i>	<a href="mailto:vpfinance@mbgenealogy.com">vpfinance@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Vice President – Information Technology	<i>Gayle Mager</i>	<a href="mailto:vptechnology@mbgenealogy.com">vptechnology@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Vice-President – Communications	<i>Janice Butcher</i>	<a href="mailto:vpcommunication@mbgenealogy.com">vpcommunication@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Member-at-Large	<i>Mona Phillip</i>	<a href="mailto:mal@mbgenealogy.com">mal@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Recording Secretary	<i>Rick Walker</i>	<a href="mailto:secretary@mbgenealogy.com">secretary@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Treasurer		

#### **Committees**

Library	<i>Mary Bole</i>	<a href="mailto:library@mbgenealogy.com">library@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Membership Services	<i>Kenda Wood</i>	<a href="mailto:membership@mbgenealogy.com">membership@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Office Coordination		
Research	<b>TO BE APPOINTED</b>	
Special Projects	<i>Jim Rutherford</i>	<a href="mailto:research@mbgenealogy.com">research@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Education and Outreach	<i>Kathy Stokes</i>	<a href="mailto:special-projects@mbgenealogy.com">special-projects@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Journal	<i>Bill Curtis</i>	<a href="mailto:outreach@mbgenealogy.com">outreach@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Publicity	<i>David Farmer</i>	<a href="mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com">generations@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Social Media	<i>Daryl Dumanski</i>	<a href="mailto:promotion@mbgenealogy.com">promotion@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Fundraising	<i>Janice Butcher</i>	<a href="mailto:socialmedia@mbgenealogy.com">socialmedia@mbgenealogy.com</a>
Grants and Applications		
Computer and Network Operations	<b>TO BE APPOINTED</b>	
MANI Management/Operations	<i>Daryl Dumanski</i>	<a href="mailto:grants-applications@mbgenelaogy.com">grants-applications@mbgenelaogy.com</a>
	<i>Aleta Foreman</i>	<a href="mailto:computer@mbgenealogy.com">computer@mbgenealogy.com</a>
	<i>Gord McBean</i>	<a href="mailto:mani@mbgenealogy.com">mani@mbgenealogy.com</a>

#### **Branches**

##### **Beautiful Plains**

P.O. Box 2620

Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0

204-867-3532

Co-Chairs:

Norma Forsman (204) 476-5230

[rforsman@mymts.net](mailto:rforsman@mymts.net)

Carol Bray (204) 476-2687

[cbray1@mts.net](mailto:cbray1@mts.net)

##### **Dauphin**

Box 128

Ste. Rose du Lac, R0L 1S0

(204) 638-8103

President: Virginia Fox

[justamer@xplornet.ca](mailto:justamer@xplornet.ca)

##### **SouthWest**

451-18<sup>th</sup> Street

Brandon, MB R7A 5A9

(204) 728-2935

President: George McKay

[info@swmanitobagenealogy.ca](mailto:info@swmanitobagenealogy.ca)

##### **Southeast & Winnipeg**

Unit E – 1045 St. James Street

Winnipeg, MB R3H 1B1

(204) 783-9139

President: Virginia Braid

[vbraid@mts.net](mailto:vbraid@mts.net)

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

## Contents

From the Editor.....	2
President's Message.....	2
MGS Award Winners .....	3
Our Library .....	4
Library Lines .....	4
Book Reviews .....	7
Periodical Potpourri.....	8
Two Days in Winnipeg 1912 .....	9
Maintaining Ties with the Homeland!.....	16
Branch News.....	18
A Win for Researchers .....	19
Research - Record Searchers 2018.....	20
Features .....	22
FROM THE PAST .....	22
Rural Ramblings.....	22
Are These Your Ancestors? .....	23
The Stories You Find.....	25
Old Documents Available Online For Family Historians.....	27
THE LAST LAUGH.....	34

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

**Deadlines: Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, Nov. 1.** Please give appropriate credit when reprinting excerpts. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy; however, MGS does not accept responsibility for errors found in *Generations*, nor does it necessarily endorse opinions expressed therein. *Please be sure to spell-check your submissions, and attach appropriate permissions for reprints and your contact information.*



## From the Editor

*David Farmer #2277*

Thank you for all the kind words on the June issue of *Generations*, which was the first new format, all electronic issue in the history of MGS. It seems it was a hit, with readers enjoying the new format, colours, easier reading and content. I hope this issue meets the same new standards and you all enjoy it.

This issue has our regular features such as *Our Library* (Page 4); *From the Past* (Page 22) And *The Stories you Find* (Page 25). Many thanks to all the contributors who spend much time and effort on bring this information to life and sharing stories with us.

We also welcome back to our pages, two contributors we have not seen for awhile: Kelly Southworth (*Maintaining Ties with the Homeland*, page 16) and Elizabeth Briggs (*Old Documents Available Online for Family Historians*, page 27). Welcome back; we look forward to more articles in the future.

And for those who are wondering, my new look is still in place.

Enjoy the issue.

---

## President's Message

*Jayne Paradis #0045*



By the time you read this, summer has come to an end. I hope that everyone had a good summer and enjoyed the heat!

Thanks to Bill Curtis for organizing the schedule for our booth at the Scottish Pavilion for Folklorama and to the volunteers that manned the booth.

The MGS Open House for will be on September 29th. Please look to our website and Facebook page for more details. Janice Butcher does a great job of keeping our Facebook page and website updated with new information and upcoming activities.

Speaking of volunteers, MGS relies on volunteers to make sure that we can keep things running - from reading and indexing cemeteries to making sure our Resource Centre is open to the public , and countless other tasks. MGS has several members who have volunteered for many years. Without these long term and our new volunteers, MGS wouldn't be able to operate. So, I'd like to thank ALL the volunteers - whether you have been only volunteering a short time or have been volunteering from the start for your dedication and support.

## The Cover Page

Finding suitable photos for the front page of *Generations* can be a challenge sometimes, especially so, where there is no overall theme to the issue. I like sunflowers (and I am pretty sure on a fall issue in the past, sunflowers are on the front cover too). Sunflowers represent fall and yet still provide a hint of sunny days to come. However in this photo, the highlight is really the bee (yes there is one), showing us that not all bees are disappearing and there is hope in the world (ok maybe a bit dramatic), but it is a nice photo. (*Photo borrowed from www.Pexels.com*)



## MGS Award Winners

In the June issue of *Generations* (V43I2) we presented the annual MGS Award winners as presented at the Annual General Meeting. Traditionally to recognize these winners a book at the MGS Resource Centre is marked in each of their names. This information was not available at the June issue deadline, so we present it here. Congratulations again to all the winners, your efforts are outstanding:

<u>MGS Award</u>	<u>Award Winner(s)</u>	<u>Books selected to honour these awardees:</u>
Jonasson Award	Enid Dorward	<i>Ox Trails to Blacktop, Oak Lake Manitoba</i>
Cox Awards	Elaine Chadney	<i>Ukrainian Genealogy</i>
	Bonnie Batchelor	<i>Historical Glimpses of Lennox and Addington, Eastern Ontario</i>
	Kathy Kristjansson	<i>Newfoundland Directory for 1871</i>
	Kenda Wood	<i>Historical Maps of Ireland</i>
Whiston Award	Stephanie Wood	<i>Islandingadagurinn, Icelandic Festival of Manitoba, Gimli MB</i>



## OUR LIBRARY



**MARY BOLE #0884  
MGS LIBRARIAN**

### Library Lines

To access KOHA , the MGS Card Catalogue, please use the following link:

<http://koha-opac.bole.ca/>

The following new books were received recently at the MGS Resource Centre. All are available for lending:

#### Eastern Canada

**929.5 Ont**    *Wentworth County, Ontario, Cemeteries.* [Includes 24 cemeteries in 2 volumes]

#### Canada

**026 Pac**    *Public Archives of Canada – Report Concerning Canadian Archives for the Year 1905.* [Includes genealogy of families of La Beauce, QC, Genealogy of the families of Island of Orleans, and Acadian genealogy]

**286 Gri**    Griffin-Allwood, P. *Baptists in Canada, 1760-1990*, 1989. [Bibliography]

#### Great Britain and Ireland

**929.3 Stp**    *Index (with images) to the Baptism Registers of St. Patrick's Livesey St., Manchester, 1832-1860* [CD Rom, England]

**941.1 Sco**    *Monumental Inscriptions – Kilmuir Burial Ground, Black Isle*, 1995. [Scotland]

**941.3 Mon**    *Monumental Inscriptions. [Pathhead Feuars, Sinclairtown Feuars, Boarhills, East Wemyss, Anstruther Wester]*, 2002.

**941.3 Sco**    *Crailing & Nisbet Monumental Inscriptions*, 1993. [Roxburghshire, Scotland]

**941.4 Hut**    *Old Parochial Records, Deaths and Burials Index*, 2004. [Hutton and Corrie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.]

**941.5 Gra**    Gardner, D. *A Genealogical Atlas of Ireland Compiled from Original Maps*, 1964.

**942.3 Fin**    Lewin, R. *Finding Index for Avon Monumental Inscriptions*, 1990. [England]

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

## Europe

920 Dic

*Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography, Pioneer Settlers of Manitoba, 1891-1900*, 1975.

## **Family History and Biography**

**929.2 Gen2** Gendreau, P. *Gendreau-Rousseau 1560-2017*, 2018. [Gendreau, Rousseau families]

**929.2 Mac3** Poulter, G. *A History of the Clan Mac Crimmon [or MacCrimmon]*, 1939.

**929.2 Mac4** Poulter, G. *The Mac Crimmon [or MacCrimmon] family, 1500-1936.*

## World War I is OVER! (Well, 100 years ago this year)

With 2018 being the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the conclusion of the First World War, it is appropriate to include something about that in the December issue (since there is no November issue).

*Generations* is looking for stories of home coming: fathers, husbands, brothers, sisters, uncles or whomever; short stories that we can include in a collection of articles in the December issue.

The stories can be short, in fact, short works great for a collection; photos of the individual(s) involved can also be included. The deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. This can be a great tribute to those who fought and returned home to help make our country what it is today.

*There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh.  
No pun in ten did.*



**MAVIS GRAY #0008**  
**ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN**

## **Researching the Poor**

Throughout human history more people have been poor than have been rich. There is likely no one researching family history and genealogy who does not have at least some poor ancestors. Such people didn't own, or buy, or sell property; they didn't make wills; the churches, although they recorded baptisms, marriages and burials, often recorded too little information to help us now, and in some cases, the records haven't survived. The result is that it can be very difficult to find information about poor people.

One possible source of information about poor people in England and Wales is the "parish chest records." From Tudor times to 1834, poor relief in England and Wales was the responsibility of individual parishes. Considerable effort was spent in trying to ensure that only people entitled to support from the parish, or "settled" there, received such support. This effort generated written records, which may include settlement certificates, removal records, workhouse records, minutes of meetings, etc.; these were kept in the "parish chest", and are therefore referred to as "parish chest records."

In 1834 the Poor Law Amendment Act was passed and remained in effect until 1948. It established Poor Law Unions, i.e. groupings of parishes which shared expenses and raised money for the operation of a workhouse. Records of Union Workhouses and Union Boards of Guardians may include minutes of meetings, registers of admissions and discharges, registers of births and deaths, records of infirmaries and schools, and staff records.

The MGS Library has some materials relating to research in the surviving parish chest and poor law records. Some of these are:

### **General**

**An Introduction to Poor Law Documents before 1834** by Anne Cole. Great Britain & Ireland 305.5 COL

**Poor Law Union Records** by Jeremy S. W. Gibson. Great Britain & Ireland 942 GIB

**Researching English Poor Law and Parish Chest Records** by Penelope Christensen. Great Britain & Ireland 942 CHR

### **Particular Locations**

**Rich Man, Poor Man [county of Devon, England – computer file].** CDROM 942.3 RICH

**The Poor Law and Settlement Documents of the Church of St. John, Hagley, Worcestershire.** Great Britain & Ireland 942.4 WOR

**Lincolnshire Poor Law Index.** Great Britain & Ireland 942.5 LIN

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

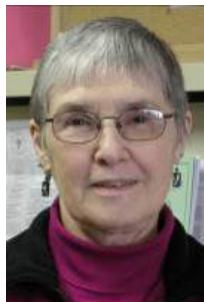
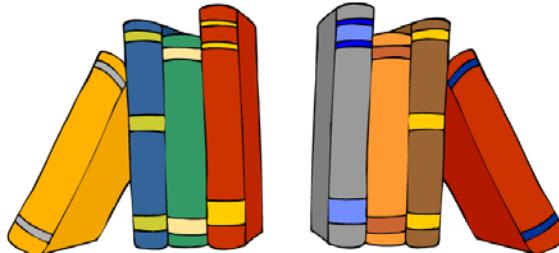
## The Poor outside England and Wales

There is even less information available on poor people outside of England and Wales, but a few titles in the MGS Library collection are:

**The Dark Side of Life in Victorian Halifax** by Judith Fingard. Eastern Canada 971.6 DAR

**Poor Relief in Edinburgh** by K. Fairweather. Great Britain & Ireland 941.3 POO

**Kelso Poor Law and Ragged School Records [computer file].** Great Britain & Ireland 941.3 KEL



**ENID DORWARD #4502  
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN**

## **Book Reviews**

*These books have recently been added to the MGS library collection and are available for loan.  
(Ask about low postage rates for out-of-town Canadian members.)*

These are recent additions to the MGS library, and they are available for loan by members.

**Measured Words: An Anthology** ed. By Barbara J. Becker. C2010-2013. 3 vol. MGS library call number MAN 818 MEA. Various paging, illus.

This is a collection of stories, poems, photos, and even recipes, written by a variety of Manitoba authors.

**A List of Parishes in Boyd's Marriage Index.** London, Society of Genealogists, c1992. MGS library call number GB & IRE 942 LIS.

Boyd's index includes marriages from 1538 to 1837. Although this is not a complete index, it is nonetheless, a very useful resource.

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

**Mastering Online Genealogy** 4<sup>th</sup> edition, by W. Daniel Quillen. Cold Spring Press, c2015. 143 p. illus. MGS library call number General 004.6 QUI

This edition includes information regarding current genealogy websites, a variety of subscription services, popular message boards and useful genealogy software.

## Periodical Potpourri

**Important reminder -** When you visit the MGS Resource Centre, please check the publications that are received by e-mail and are only available to read on MGS computers. Here's how to find them:

**1. Click on MGS indexes icon**

1.1. Click on Journals shortcut

1.1.1. Select desired journal title

1.1.1.1. Click on the edition you want to see.

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

### WESTERN CANADA

**British Columbia Genealogist** (June 2018) New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club (1917-18) Includes names noted in minutes for 1917-1918 (page 62).

### ENGLAND

**Cleveland FHS** (July 2018) A tale of highway robbery, transportation and murder (page 46).

**Cornwall Family History Society** (December 2017) The story of Wesley Rock Chapel in the village of Heamoor in Cornwall (page 20).

**The Devon Family Historian** (November 2017) Newton Abbott VAD Hospital (page 19).

**The Journal of the Gloucestershire Family History Society** (Summer 2018) The stonemason Cliffords of Gloucester Cathedral (page 26).

### EUROPE

**East European Genealogist** (Spring 2018) An extensive article about the Central Archive of Historical Records in Warsaw (page 8).

**Mennonite Historian** (June 2018) Common misconceptions and errors in Mennonite genealogy (page 3).

**Your Genealogy Today** (July/August 2018) Finding Balkan roots: searching for family beginnings in Croatia (page 31).

### ONTARIO

**Leeds & Grenville Branch News & Views** (May/June 2018) Two cemeteries revisited: Caintown Cemetery and St. James Cemetery. (p. 66).

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

## SCOTLAND

*GALLUS* (Glasgow) (June 2018) Poor law applications (page 38).

*The Scottish Genealogist* (June 2018) Edinburgh City Archives and what they hold (page 60).

*Sib Folk News* (June 2018) A look at the Orkney surname Hercus and its many variations (page 17).

## USA

*Minnesota Genealogical Society* (Summer 2018) Using military records to identify a photo of a World War I veteran (page 10).

## WALES

*Glamorgan Family History Society* (June 2018) The Rest Convalescent Home, Porthcawl (page 129).



## Two Days in Winnipeg 1912

Mary Bole (#0884)

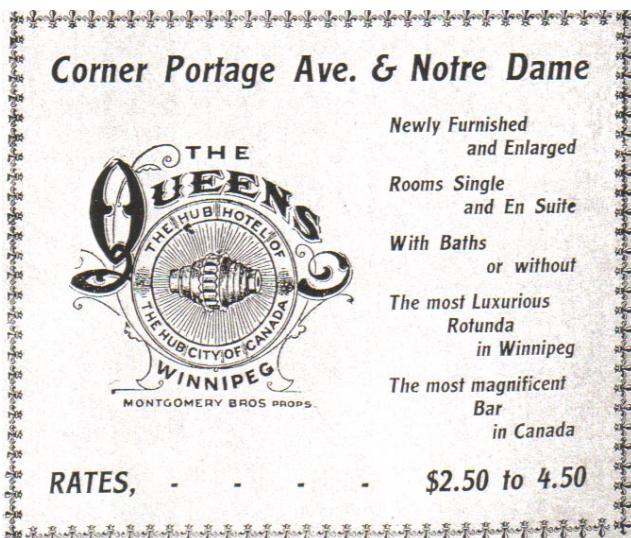
*On February 29, 1912, leap year, in New Brighton, Cheshire, England, my grandparents married and set sail for Canada the next day. Hugh Oliver Westrup, born 29 Jan 1882, Rockferry, Liverpool, Lancashire, married Mary Rosalind (Audrey) Dibdin, born 23 Aug 1885 at Wallasey, Cheshire, England. Hugh wrote a number of letters back to the folks left behind describing the journey. They arrived in Halifax, boarded the CPR train travelling to Vancouver. They were in Winnipeg from the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> March until the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>. I became very confused when I transcribed this as to what were the actual temperatures. (Perhaps below freezing (32 degrees F).)*

*Following is an excerpt from those letters highlighting the two days the couple were in Winnipeg on their trip to Vancouver. For a complete copy of the letters see: Westrup, Hugh. Voyage to Their New Home in Canada. [MGS library at 929.2 WES].*

Winnipeg is a wonderful town! Everywhere one turns something new meets the eye. Here the electric light sign is seen on every shop making all kinds of fantastic patterns, the most striking being a hideous snake chasing round and round in a circle. This is where the West bound traveler gets her first insight into the real hustle of the Western Provinces, as the eastern littoral is, if anything, more sleepy than a small Irish town. We got our first [insight] at dinner when we got into the Queen's Hotel, where we had to order our relish, fish entree, joint, pudding etc. all at once and they arrived together on several small dishes with one large one to eat the meats and fish off. They are all placed round in a circle and one has to hurry up to get through before they get cold. Only iced water is served at meals, but after, tea is served and I saw men drinking four or five cups of it. The Canadian never takes intoxicants with his meals. We had a stroll round before turning in but as I am frightfully sleepy I will leave it over till tomorrow.

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

Temperature 7 below zero and probably go down to 40 below later in the night. Goodnight from us both.



courtesy Manitoba Archives

Queen's Hotel, 1900

## Saturday 16 Mar 1912

Shortly after getting in yesterday I went over to the P.O. and we were delighted to get several letters from New Brighton [England] and a copy of the *Chronicle*, which up to now I have never appreciated, but you can hardly grasp what a ray of light it is 4,000 miles away. We both read it right through including the advertisements. Another pleasant surprise last night was a phone message from Tom Turnbull who is coming to see us today. Last night when we turned in, the hot water pipes had made our room like an oven so I opened the inside window and pushed open a small flap, about 6 inches square, on the outside. About 12 a.m. I awoke with a feeling as if my head was being pulled in with iron hooks and for some time couldn't think what it was until a draught like a knife cut me and then I thought of the window. I got nearly frozen in going over to close it and this morning learned that there was 59 degrees of frost last night.

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society



African House  
6 Water Street

Liverpool. 2 March 1912.

My dear Hugh,

It is difficult to grasp that you are now a manhood man & have left the nest to fight for yourself & wife & to make a nest of your own.

After seeing you off from the Landing Stage Elsa & I hurried over to New Brighton & taking Ma with us (also Lizzie) we went down to New Brighton pier. It was rather misty when you passed but we saw that you answered our signals & you no doubt imagined the having good wishes which we were sending you. I am sorry that the salute was omitted

which I had arranged that the Coast Guard man should attest to but he had cleared off for a few minutes & the Engineer came out of the mail & was past so quickly that I had no opportunity of fetching him in time. Charles & Eric joined us just as you were passing.

I am rather afraid you will have a somewhat stormy passage at any rate to start off with but hope you will fare better in mid-Atlantic.

I am going round to see Mr. Dudden tomorrow to have a smoke & chat & we will endeavor to mutually cheer each other up.

I have been very busy today clearing up after two day absence from the office.

With love & all good wishes to you & Audrey Believers, my dear boy mail to, Ed. Westrup Your affectionate father

## One of the letters received in Winnipeg This one from Hugh's Father: Oliver Frank Westrup

Breakfast is served here between 7:30 and 9:30 and when Audrey and I got down at 9:40 we found the door bolted and not all the cajoling on earth could have got us in, so we had to get our coats on and go to a restaurant for breakfast. Everyone starts breakfast here with an orange cut in half and eaten with a spoon and iced water to drink, tea or coffee not being served until the meal is finished. Had a stroll round the streets afterwards and there saw the first signs of thaw setting in, the roads are 12 inches thick with solid ice and hundreds of workmen are busy all over the town with picks getting the gutters clear and thawing open the grids. The streets are magnificent, being about 40 yards wide and here the beastly motor is again in evidence though most of the carriages are of the steam car type as the country is so flat all round.

When we got back to the hotel, Tom Turnbull<sup>1</sup> was waiting for us and I can tell you we were glad to see him and he us. I never thought that when I said goodbye to him in Liverpool that I

<sup>1</sup> There were 3 Tom Turnbulls in Winnipeg: in 1912: civil engineer (probable friend); physician of Good and Turnbull and clerk at Thompson Sons..

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

should so soon run across him so far away. He is coming to have dinner with us tonight and then we are all going to a music hall. After lunch we trod over to Eaton's Store, a place about four times the size of Lewis's where one can buy everything imaginable. Audrey had a good chance to compare English prices with those out here first hand, and, apart from some clothes, seems to think there is not much difference. From Eaton's we walked along a long pretty avenue to the Red River, which is frozen solid, and had a slide. We passed some dried up grass plots on the way with frost cracks in them six inches wide and deeper than my walking stick<sup>2</sup>.



## ORPHEUM.

The management of the Orpheum theatre is to be congratulated upon an excellent bill this week. Among a number of excellent turns three stand out prominently. Chretienne and Louisette present an act which is as original as is claimed for it. It is prefaced by a moving picture film which shows Louisette running away from her home in Holland to accept an engagement in America. The act itself consists of a series of clever impersonations of performers of many nationalities. The Gertrude Van Dyke troupe gives an amusing and novel number, ending with a duet Monalise and Ray Fern. It is an original composition of Max Vincent the pianist. Blanche Walsh in "The Thunder Gods" is good. The other numbers are worth attention.

The Vaudeville show Hugh, Audrey and Tom attended

<sup>2</sup> The Winnipeg heavy clay soils develop cracks when drying out in the late summer or fall.

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

Eaton's advertisement in the March 16<sup>th</sup> Winnipeg Free Press

Tom Turnbull called at 7 p.m. and then we went to the Orpheum Music Hall which reminded me of the Hippodrome and which I found out after is affiliated to that place and under practically the

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

same management. Outside London, I have never seen a better show; not a single bad turn and better still to my way of thinking, no knock-about Irish comedians. Ada Reeves was here last week, Cecelia Loftus next week. Got back to the hotel at 11 p.m. and sat talking to Tom until 1:30 a.m. The way in which Tom sat and absorbed all the little tittle-tattle we had to tell him of old friends would have done you good to have seen.

## THE ORPHEUM



That gifted daughter of Great Britain, Miss Cecilia Loftus, greatest of mimics, and of most charming personality, will begin an engagement of one week at the Orpheum next Monday. Winnipeg will welcome her heartily. Miss Loftus' fame and popularity are international. Her inimitable imitations are realistic to the highest point of finished and refined artistry. Gifted with an incredibly great power of mimicry and of a charming personality, Miss Loftus is able to entirely sink her own individuality at each imitation she essays, giving the character that is being portrayed to the life in the finest detail of mannerism, gesture, inflection of voice and peculiarity of style. At times, added to this is a delicate vein of caricature, giving a spice to the artistry that improves the flavor. Her portrayals are not caricatures of an artist's weaknesses or mannerisms; however, she seeks not to exaggerate or ridicule the absurdities of speech and action, but gives to them the clean-cut cameo relief of reality. Miss Loftus includes in her present repertoire Ethel Barrymore, Julia Marlowe, Nazimova, Caruso, Raymond Hitchcock, Rose Stahl, Sarah Bernhardt, Vest Tilley, Maude Allen, Harry Lauder, Marie Dressler, Ada Reeve, Bert Williams and Carrie De Mar. Her enviable reputation, however, was not gained entirely on her merits as a mimic. She has done much creditable work both as the principal support of well-known stars and at the head of her own company. Her last trip to the coast was with E. H. Sothern in "If I Were King" and her starring tour in Israel Zangwill's "Sister Comic Governess" was a creation of the highest order. Her performance in London of "Peter Pan" caused J. M. Barrie to write "Her Peter Pan is my Peter Pan."

### The Orpheum Vaudeville show the week after the Westrups left Winnipeg

I did not mention earlier how drinks are served here. Say I go into a bar. I put down 25 cents which entitles me to three drinks; if I have one it is my loss as I get it no cheaper. The bar attendant gives me a glass about as large as a pony beer glass and puts a bottle of any brand of whiskey in front of me and if I like I can take my glass full of Scotch next. I get one go at it then he removes the bottle until I require a second one. I should probably have a soda for one of my drinks and split it between the two legs of the cratur [carafe?]. Of course if I take a couple of friends in with me 25 cents pays for a swig all round. The beer here is very poor being like water that has washed out a few casks. A chap coming out on the train said that when he goes back for a holiday he will arrange to be met on the landing stage by a cask of Bass. Road traffic keeps to the right and train cars are boarded from the right which is very upsetting at first.

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

Sunday 17 Mar 1912

We called upon Mrs. Drinkwater to whom we had a letter and had our first look round a real Canadian House.<sup>3</sup> In the hall is a large stove which keeps the whole house warm with pipes, it seems strange to walk into a nicely heated room and find no fire. As well as the stove in the hall is the refrigerator, where everything is kept in the hot summer months. Apart from these two things I did not notice much difference between this house and an English one. The streets are getting very slushy at midday as the sky is quite clear and with the sun it is like a summer day but in the shade 20 degrees of frost.

When we got back to the hotel we found Tom Turnbull arrived to lunch with us and afterwards we went and sat in the upstairs hall but found conversation quite impossible so adjourned to our room where we could talk without being interrupted. It is a great weakness of the Yank and Canadian that they must join in any conversation they overhear and I can tell you if you meet a friend 4,000 miles away from home it is awfully annoying to have some chap who hears you discussing England join and start telling you of a trip he took over there 20 years ago. We sat and talked till dinner time and then sat and talked again until 10:30 when Tom went home.

I always thought Wales was bad enough on a Sunday but Winnipeg is awful. There is practically nothing to do in the winter except play billiards or go from bar to bar and on Sunday when all these places are closed everyone just stands about the street doing nothing. In the summer I believe it is much better, people go to Winnipeg Beach of Lake Superior every week end or down to Lake Winnipeg<sup>4</sup> or by steamer up the Red River.

<b>Home Visits</b>	<b>Office Visits</b>	
Service at <i>YOUR PLACE</i> of convenience		
your "MOBILE LAW OFFICE"		
Wm. B.K. Pooley B.A., L.L.B.		
837 Downing Street		
Winnipeg, MB R3G 2P6		
	<b>783-1632</b>	
Lawyer, Notary Public		
Day, Evening and Weekend Appointments Available		

ian hanke design  
GRAPHIC DESIGN + BOOKBINDING

MGS@ianhanke.ca

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA  
204 295 0450  
[www.ianhanke.ca](http://www.ianhanke.ca)

<sup>3</sup> Probably Mrs. W. H. Drinkwater of 610 Balmoral St., Winnipeg

<sup>4</sup> Actually Winnipeg Beach of Lake Winnipeg and maybe Lake of the Woods to the east

## Maintaining Ties with the Homeland!

*Kelly Southworth #4354*

Recently, while searching through the British Newspaper Archives for something completely unrelated, I came across a list of Winnipeg children's names in a newspaper from Berwick on Tweed, in Northumberland.

*The Berwickshire News*, from October 8, 1907, reports that the "Border Children's Club Members' Roll" now stands at a grand total of 4,942! It goes on to list new members, from Canada. These members were from Elmwood, now part of Winnipeg. Perhaps your ancestors were among them?

- 4943 James Stalker, Union Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4944 Annie Stalker, Union Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4945 Annie Stalker, Union Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4946 Magdline Stalker, Union Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4947 Flora Moir, Union Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4948 John Moir, Union Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4949 Janet Knox, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4950 Mary Knox, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4951 Isabella Knox, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4952 Hector Bennet, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4953 Alex Learmouth, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4954 Agnes Ritchie, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4955 Ema S. Martain, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4956 Muriel P. Martain, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4957 Phylis A. Martain, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4958 Albert Jackson, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4959 Raymond B. Marsh, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4960 Irene P. Marsh, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4961 Beatrice A. Marsh, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4962 Mary G. Steele, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4963 Cissy E. A. Steele, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4964 Richard C. Steele, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4965 Mabel Griffin, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4967 Evelyn Maud Griffin, Central Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4968 Jeanie M. Wither, Ayrshire Dairy, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4969 David Wither, Ayrshire Dairy, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4970 Carrick Wither, Ayrshire Dairy, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4972 Andrew James Wither, Ayrshire Dairy, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4973 Eugene Beale, Higgins Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4974 Charles Beale, Higgins Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4975 George Beale, Higgins Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4976 William Nichol McFarlane, 17 Johnston Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba
- 4977 A. Wilson, 200 Johnston Avenue, Elmwood, Louise Bridge, Manitoba

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

Later, on the same page, there is a note that says: "Wherever Border folks go, there will be found the *Berwickshire News*."

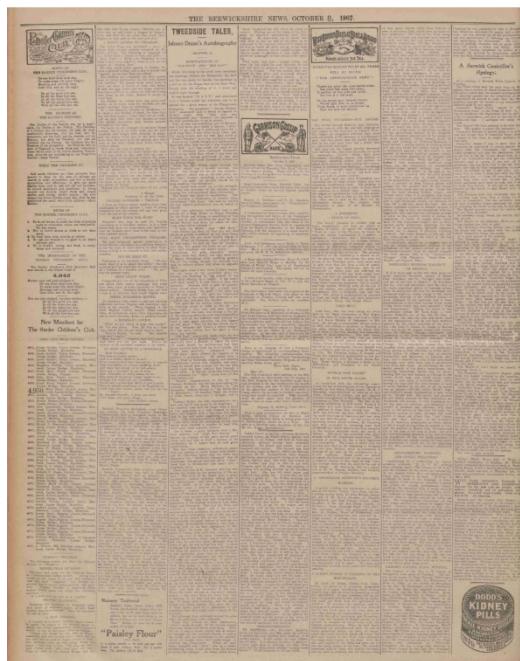
This suggests that someone in Canada regularly received the newspaper, and several children in the neighbourhood liked the ideals of the Border Children's Club and wrote to join.

The motto of the club was:

Do one kind deed each day,  
To make some life more bright;  
Morning and evening pray,  
Love God, and do the right.  
Do all the good you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
With all the love you can.

The rules of the club were:

1. To do all we can to make the lives of animals (pets or otherwise) under our care, healthful and happy.
2. Not to throw stones at birds or rob their nests.
3. To feed them with crumbs in winter.
4. To ask our friends to be kind to all dumb animals also.
5. To be helpful, loving, and kind, to everything and everyone.





## **Manitoba Genealogical Society Branches**

Just a reminder that MGS has four very active Branches throughout the Province of Manitoba. Along with your MGS membership, for a small additional fee, you can also be a member of any or all of the Branches. Each Branch has many activities, research projects and interesting meetings. They would welcome all new members. Here is a listing of the Branches, whom to contact and their websites (click on the Branch name to reach their web site):

### **[Beautiful Plains Branch](#)**

Located in Neepawa, MB.

Contact: [beautiful-plains@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:beautiful-plains@mbgenealogy.com)

### **[Dauphin Branch](#)**

Located in Dauphin, MB

Contact: [dauphin@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:dauphin@mbgenealogy.com)

### **[Southeast and Winnipeg Branch](#)**

Office located in Winnipeg, MB.

Contact: [se-winnipeg@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:se-winnipeg@mbgenealogy.com)

### **[Southwest Branch](#)**

Located in Brandon, MB

Contact: [southwest@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:southwest@mbgenealogy.com)

## A Win for Researchers

Bonnie Batchelor #3686

MGS has a group of dedicated researchers who toil away every Thursday at the local Resource Centre. They receive requests via e-mail and snail-mail from people in Canada and around the world, who need help breaking down brick walls in their genealogical endeavours.



A recent example of their work ended in a success story. A request was received from England from a lady looking to connect with her Canadian cousins. Her grandparents had immigrated to Canada separately, married here and then returned to England. The grandfather's sister had also come to Manitoba, married and raised a family.

Manitoba privacy laws make finding someone born after 1918, married after 1938 or dying after 1948 somewhat difficult. Since the client's great aunt came to Manitoba in the 1920/30s time-frame it meant her children would be born in the 1930/40s and her grandchildren would be from the 1940/50s era. So, how to find them?

First a family tree needs to be made. MGS has a subscription to *Newspaper Archives* on one of our computers. This is a valuable resource as Winnipeg's newspapers appear on it. We also have a subscription to *Ancestry* available for research.

By looking at *Passenger Lists* on *Ancestry* the great aunt's entry to Canada was found. Some of the questions asked of newcomers were, "Address of where you are going?" and the "Name of a contact already living here?" In this case the great aunt said she was coming to meet up with her future husband. This gave us both his and her name and where he lived. The last Canadian census available to the public is 1921, so that wouldn't help in this case. This now led us to the *Newspaper Archive* site to look for any announcement which contained the name of one or both of these people. Luck prevailed and we found numerous engagement and wedding announcements and obituaries.

We now had names of some of the children of the immigrant couple and where they lived. Now we had to find their children. As difficult as it is for me to acknowledge, it is a fact that it is easier to trace men than women because of the name change when women marry. So we concentrated on the sons first and went back to the *Newspaper Archives* site. Again luck was on our side and we found announcements for marriages and obituaries. Obituaries usually provide a great deal of information concerning family connections. The deceased person's name is listed of course, their children and where they live and the grandchildren and even great grandchildren. By matching names of grandchildren with their parents we now had a "current" generation.

We then checked the *Henderson Directories*. These books were printed each year and contain the names, occupations and addresses of adults. In the late 1800s these directories covered what was called The Territories, meaning areas west of Ontario. As the population grew and provinces formed, the books reflected this and listed individual cities and towns. We looked for the families in some of the places listed in the obituaries. Next we checked *Canada411* and the USA equivalent on the computers. It always helps your search if your family has a distinctive

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

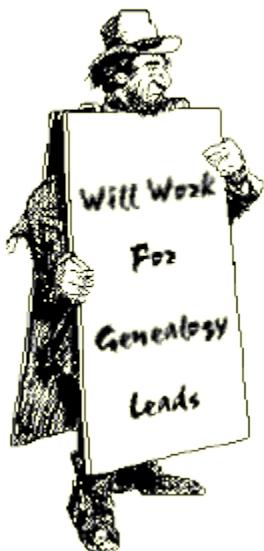
---

surname or is living in a smaller city or town. If you are looking for a John Smith living in Winnipeg, forget it. The surname of the grandson living in Manitoba was fairly common, but he was living in a small town south of Winnipeg, so our 411 search gave us only one possibility. Now comes the part where you need to be bold. We needed to make a ‘cold call’ to this person to ask if he was the grandson of our immigrant couple. With so many warnings to the public concerning phone scams it can be tricky getting someone to admit their identity. Fortunately, our fearless leader, Jim Rutherford, sounds fairly sane and reassuring on the phone so he dialed the number.

We got him! Our suspect confirmed that he was indeed the grandson of our immigrants and therefore the 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin of our client. Our English client is coming to Canada in September and we were given permission to give her the phone number of her long lost family.

During our searching we had also traced a couple of other people that seemed to be of the same family but since we had contacted the relation here in Manitoba it wasn’t necessary to confirm other relatives. We only needed one connection for our client to find her family.

Being a genealogy researcher is great fun!



## RESEARCH – RECORD SEARCHERS 2018

The following individuals have submitted to the Manitoba Genealogical Society that they are willing to conduct research for a fee. Individuals wishing to engage the services of a searcher must correspond directly with the searcher of their choice. The Manitoba Genealogical Society will not recommend individual searchers nor do we take responsibility for the performance of a searcher hired by you.

### RICK MCLELLAN

10 Frost Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3K 0E2.

Phone (204) 832-0033. E-mail at [familyfinder @hotmail.com](mailto:familyfinder@hotmail.com)

**Research areas:** Winnipeg and Rural Manitoba, City directories, census, newspaper obituaries, local histories, cemeteries, homestead and headstone photos.

### GEN-FIND Research Associates, Inc.

#101 – 5170 Dunster Road, Suite #521

Nanaimo, BC V9T 6M4

Tel: (250) 390-1766 Fax: (250) 390-1787 Toll-Free Tel: (877) 390-1766

E-Mail: [info@GEN-FIND.com](mailto:info@GEN-FIND.com) Website: [www.GEN-FIND.com](http://www.GEN-FIND.com)

**Research Area:** Certified and accredited genealogists with many decades of experience, local to the Manitoba scene and nationally, will conduct hourly and daily research for family history and forensic/legal clients in all areas. We specialize in all English-speaking countries involving complex multi-regional pedigree developments. With our network of agents, we will also conduct work in other foreign countries. Please review our website and contact us for further information.

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

## **JAYNE PARADIS**

34 Blackwater Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2N 1N8.

Phone (204) 254-6926. E-mail [jparadis@mymts.net](mailto:jparadis@mymts.net).

**Research areas:** Winnipeg and surrounding areas, city directories, obituaries, cemeteries, local histories and Provincial Archives.

## **SARI FIELDS, BA,MA**

Silver Harbour, MB.

Phone (204) 642-7108. E-mail [sari.fields@gmail.com](mailto:sari.fields@gmail.com)

Finding History, Herstory & Your Story.

**Research areas:** Winnipeg and Manitoba – census, birth, marriage and death records, newspaper searches and obituaries, ships' passenger lists, HBC Archives, Manitoba Archives and Library, Government Records, Private Records, etc.

## **LISA C. BOBBIE, M.A.**

Morden, Manitoba.

Phone 204-997-3626.

E-mail: [lbobbie@northrootsresearch.ca](mailto:lbobbie@northrootsresearch.ca). Website: [www.northrootsresearch.ca](http://www.northrootsresearch.ca)

**Research Areas:** Family research and genealogy; First Nation and Métis ancestry; Fur Trade; Land claims; Social, cultural, and political History; Western Canada and Ontario; Traditional Knowledge and mapping.

## **MGS Research Services**

Having trouble with your research, or just don't know where to start? MGS offers [Research Services](#) (for a fee). Our talented researchers are available to help you break down those walls. Call the MGS office on Thursday at (204) 783-9139 for further information.

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

Donations can be made to the Memorial Fund, the Library Fund, or the General Fund. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$15.00 and are much appreciated

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

**THE  
WINNIPEG  
FOUNDATION**



## FEATURES



KATHY STOKES #0125

**FROM THE PAST**

### Rural Ramblings

*Winnipeg Tribune September 1, 1927*

Miss Grace TUCKER, a Portage la Prairie teacher, died in Winnipeg recently after being given an anesthetic in a dentist's office. She was the daughter of Mrs. R.G. Tucker and sister to Ethel and Edna Tucker.

Bernard HALSTEAD, 13 years old, of the 10<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Troop was on a camping trip recently with other members of his troop. He heard screams coming from the nearby lake and rushed to help. By doing so, he rescued 3 year old Kenneth COOK of Whitemouth and saved the child's life by giving him artificial respiration which he had learned through the Boy Scout program.

*Winnipeg Tribune September 3, 1927*

Thomas G. MORGAN, a farmer in the Glenboro area, died after being trapped in a burning granary. Neighbour Nicholas WAYTE rushed to assist Morgan, but could not rescue him.

Laurie, 39 years old, wife of Percy D. MINNIE, died on September 1st. She was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland and had been in the Westbourne area of Manitoba for 25 years. Surviving are her husband, 6 children and brothers William and S. MOWAT all of Westbourne.

Hslldor KERVELSON of Gimli drowned in Lake Winnipeg on August 26. He had lived in Manitoba for 40 years, including 25 years in Winnipeg. A carpenter by trade he is survived by sons Harvi of Gimli, Leifur of Flanders, Ontario, daughter Mrs. P. Magnusson of Winnipeg and step-daughters Mrs. J. Nordal of Lundar and S.J. Bjornson of Ninette.

*Winnipeg Free Press September 1, 1938*

FRYER, Harry 53 years, a bachelor, was killed on Highway #4 when he fell under a gravel truck driven by Louis GALANT. Harry had been working on a government relief project repairing the highway near Neepawa.

GALE, Goddard, a pioneer of the Antler district, died in Oakland, California recently. He is survived by his wife Ada (nee SADLER), and children Fred and Claudia. He had come originally from England in the 1880s and had moved to California more than 30 years ago. His paintings had achieved international recognition.

DAVIDSON, William J., 60 years, died in Neepawa on August 27. Born near Glencoe, Ontario, he had come to Manitoba in 1900. In 1904 he married Dolly RALPH of Franklin. In 1911 the family moved to Neepawa where he was the night foreman for the CNR until ill health forced his

## The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

retirement in 1933. He was survived by his wife and daughter Merle, as well as his brothers, Fred in Detroit and E. of Calgary. He is buried in the Neepawa Cemetery.

Cranberry Portage held its first Flower and Garden Show on August 25. The combination flower and vegetable contest was won by S. Sonnichen and R. Southward. Mrs. F. Constabel and Mrs. T. Tadda won awards for flowers and the vegetable honours went to Mrs. B. Pearson, C. Smith, W. Slade and Paul Martel.

The Elite Theatre in Portage la Prairie opened recently. At a cost of \$40,000, the theatre will hold 500 people in its red leather seats. Owners are A.E. and Jane MELLON and their sons Owen and Edward.

### *Winnipeg Tribune September 2, 1938*

Lt. Col. David W. BEAUBIER, M.P. of Brandon, died there on Sept. 1, after being in ill health for some time. Born in St. Marys, Ontario, he came to Brandon in the 1880s. He fought in WWI in the 181 Battalion CEF. In 1930 he became an M.P. He is survived by sons Beatty F. of Wainwright, Alberta, Jerry of Collingwood, Ontario, Jack of Regina, Saskatchewan and Edward, George and Philip of Brandon.

FINLAY, James, a pioneer of Killarney, died in Portage la Prairie on August 28. Born in Forfar, Scotland in 1849, he came to St. Marys, Ontario in 1871. In 1882, with his wife, the former Annie BROWN of Kerriemuir, Scotland, they came west and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1922. He is survived by sons W.J. of Portage, D.N. of Killarney and James B. of Seattle, Washington. A daughter, Mrs. J.F. Brown lives in Winnipeg.

### *Winnipeg Tribune September 3, 1938*

SOLVASON, Mr. and Mrs. S., were honoured at a public farewell recently before departing Westbourne where Mr. Solvason, who was born in Blonduos, Iceland, in 1862 had been the postmaster since 1917. They will live in Winnipeg.

COLLINS, Grant Wesley, son of W.J. of Pilot Mound, married Mary HIGHFIELD, daughter of P. Highfield of Foxwarren on August 29. They will reside in Pilot Mound.

ZOLLEN, Frank P., eldest son of Michael, of Russell married Annie Helen ZELLER, the daughter of Frank Zeller of Russell on August 27. They will reside in Montrose, Manitoba.

## **Are These Your Ancestors?**

Being pressed for time this issue, I went to the nearby Dafoe Library at the University of Manitoba to check Winnipeg newspapers for rural items of interest. I just open a drawer of microfilm and pulled out a microfilm reel which turned out to be from the *Winnipeg Tribune* of September 1927.

The first item which caught my attention was a headline noting that all Sunday Schools in Winnipeg were to be closed for two weeks because of a severe infantile paralysis outbreak. The total number of cases for the summer had reached 91 in Winnipeg, most of them children.

Following the *Tribune* for a week, I learned that the number being reported each day was lessening and that doctors considered that the worst was over. The total number of cases reported for the province on September 7, was 128 cases and 9 deaths.

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

From Toronto's Connaught Laboratories, blood called "convalescent serum" from those who had recovered from the disease was processed and was being sent to Winnipeg by train because it was felt that flying the serum may affect its quality. A *Tribune* summary noted the research into how the disease spread. Some 65% of cases were of children under five years. It did not usually spread from one family member to another. There was no evidence that the illness was spread by insects. Food was not thought to be the cause of the disease. Some thought that it spread more like typhoid fever. Infantile paralysis usually became evident in July, peaked in late August and then disappeared in the early autumn.

This article was of special interest to me because two family members had suffered, admittedly not to a very serious degree, from what we now call polio. As a child in Winnipeg, my mother became ill and her leg was affected. My grandfather had been a masseur and he massaged her leg daily, years before this treatment was commonly accepted. She did not suffer any permanent disability, but had recurring bouts of pain and discomfort which became worse in her later years. In the early 1950s, not long before the Salk vaccine was used, my brother became ill. Luckily his was a mild case, affecting the lower part of his back and, with exercise, he too became healthy again.

The article made me pause and be glad yet again for the patience and brilliance of those who work to protect our health and develop the medicines which keep us safe. Sometimes we just take them for granted. Now we hardly ever think of that horrible disease which condemned so many to lives in iron lungs or to suffer other permanent disabilities.



## Puns for Educated Minds

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."



ANNE LETAIN

## **The Stories You Find**

### **Revisionist History**

*(revisionism - asking questions about and trying to change existing beliefs about how events happened or what their importance or meaning is)*

It was one of those unholy scorching prairie summer days where the air is so still that even the mosquitos go AWOL. Under that hot, bright sky we had gathered to celebrate the life of the last of my paternal uncles. We were not a large crowd, yet it had been so long since we had seen each other that identification was largely a struggle.

I've become the de facto family historian through all the genealogical research that I've done over the past half-decade. What is certain from my work is that none of us there beyond me knew very much at all about our parents' childhood and youth. Still, I was in no way surprised when a cousin informed me that our uncle, not long before his death, had told her not to believe what her mother had said about the past.

I've sort have become a kind of repository for the few recollections that my paternal cousins actually have. I am the current legacy holder of their memories - fragments that I've carefully knit together into a narrative. I know where all the fault lines are and sadly I've come to know where the anxiety, abuse, alcoholism lived and where they linger even now. Unfortunately, there is a troubling thread of dark behaviour in this family which seems to rear its head unbidden and unwanted through each generation.

So, after years of digging, I now know why my generation knows so little and why there are so few photographs or mementoes from the generation that preceded us.

There was no deliberate conspiracy of silence, but our parents simply chose not to talk about their childhood because they wanted to forget it. Perhaps their reticence was also about shame.

It's likely that our grandfather was his family's remittance man when he arrived in Canada from England around 1912. From very early on, in the records he appeared as problematic. In Winnipeg in 1915, he enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and when the regiment was to go overseas, he deserted. A year later in Saskatchewan, he enlisted once more only to desert again, forfeiting all pay and reputation. The major consequence of this was an alteration of the family name that we all carry.

By 1917, he had met and married our grandmother whose family background was also replete with poverty, mental health issues, alcoholism and criminal activity back in Yorkshire. With 20/20 hindsight, it seems that this young couple was destined for difficulty. Within eleven years they had nine children – four sons and five daughters. Life was hard especially after a fire destroyed the family home and all eleven of them moved into a 450 sq. ft. house on the south side of the river in Saskatoon – a house where the whole yard was a vegetable garden.

## The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

While our grandfather was employed during the Depression it's pretty evident that he drank away a lot of what he earned. His behaviour became increasingly erratic and extreme often involving extra hours of church attendance and rigid discipline directed towards the children. One day his mental instability became so pronounced that he was sectioned to the Provincial Mental Hospital in North Battleford, where he died of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 50.

Our grandfather's enforced hospitalization in 1937 left the family destitute and in financially dire straits. To get by, shoes were confiscated at the end of school and heads were shaved. Inadequate winter clothing and boots led my father to have a lifelong obsession with proper footwear. The older children forfeited any chance to complete school, arbitrarily being sent out to be hotel maids and delivery boys. They were likely often hungry. The pantries of my aunts were so overloaded in my childhood – as if they were preparing for some personal apocalypse.

It is no wonder that my dad and his siblings never spoke of their childhood. In the forty-one years I shared with my father, I never once heard him speak of his own father. For my siblings and me, it was almost as if his life began after World War II. The war was a topic that was never spoken of, parked in another private cubbyhole.

Has all this newfound information changed my own version of my father?; Definitely yes and definitely not. Today I am more sympathetic to some of his demons, and there is more clarity about the “why” of some of his personal behaviour. But understanding doesn't necessarily make coping with some of the genetic legacies come any easier. It just makes things more explicable and better understood, in context. Not always forgivable.

Some of my generation are deeply uncomfortable with what I have uncovered, and I am very careful about what I expose and to whom. Yet, deep in my heart, I believe that we would have been all better off had we known the reality of our parents' childhood; the truth about our grandfather. In knowing we could have potentially been better prepared when some of the big issues knocked on our doors too.

While this story cannot be construed as a happy one, strangely the family also shares one trait that I always enjoyed and admired in my dad. My father had a wicked, sly sense of humor. It was never malicious or mean. He had a highly developed sense of the absurd.

As we swapped stories and reminiscences on that hot Saskatoon evening, I was so appreciative of that sense of humor that was obviously part of our common inheritance. It was wonderful!



## Old Documents Available Online For Family Historians

Elizabeth Briggs #0484

As we trace our families for three or four hundred years, there is a paucity of records particularly during the Commonwealth period, 1649-1660 in Britain. Charles I was beheaded on January 30, 1649. Later, Oliver Cromwell dissolved Parliament and ruled Britain. At this time clergy were lax and did not keep parish registers in good order. Some Christening, Marriages and Burials are lost forever and so it is necessary to rely on other sources to identify family members. The monarchy was restored in 1660 and the incumbents attended to the duties of the church and kept necessary records.

### **Protestation Returns**

Charles I was Roman Catholic and England and Wales were Protestant. Parliament in 1641-1642 required all males over the age of 18 to take an Oath of Allegiance to live and die for the Protestant Religion, the liberty of rights of people and the privilege of Parliament. Every male over the age of 18 years was required to support the oath and allow his name to be added to the return. Returns were made for each parish within a hundred and each hundred collected the returns for each county. Generally in the north of England the term hundred is replaced by wapentake. A scribe wrote the names of each person taking the oath but in Cornwall individuals who could write added their own names to the document. Returns were collected and sent to the House of Lords. They are now held in the archives and have been digitized. Those who refused to take the oath are identified on the returns.

Not all Protestation Returns have survived. I am not lucky as there are no returns for Gloucestershire. If the return cannot be located on the website it is a good idea to check with the County Record Office or Archives to see if some have been found and are held locally. As the writing is old many have been transcribed but the Protestation Rolls from the House of Lords are as they appear without a transcription.

These Protestation Returns survived for about one third of all counties and they can be searched on line.

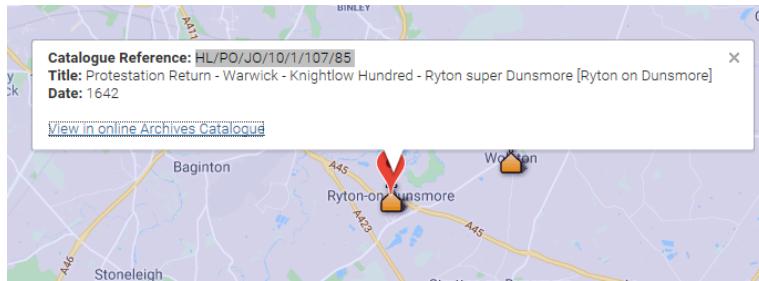
#### *To Access the Protestation Returns*

- enter this web address in the search engine  
<http://archivesmapsearch.labs.parliament.uk/mapsearch>
- enter the place where your ancestors lived e.g.: *Ryton-on-Dunsmore Warwickshire*
- on the map, click on the house under the balloon
- at the bottom of the box, select:      *view in online Archives Catalogue*
- in the next window, select the url at the bottom  
<http://digitalarchive.parliament.uk/HL/PO/JO/10/1/107/85>
- in the violet box at the top of the screen, instructions to select cookies      Select: I agree
- the next screen shows - loading [I went out of this screen and then returned to it, the parish appeared on the bottom and I selected: *Ryton-on-Dunsmore*]
- A digitized image of the parliamentary document appeared, I located Bonaventure Dafferne and his father William Dafferne who was Churchwarden

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

---

Select the "house" under the balloon, copy the catalogue reference



Select the url line at the bottom of the chart:

Ref No	<a href="#">HL/PO/JO/10/1/107/85</a>
Title	Protestation Return - Warwick - Knightlow Hundred - Ryton super Dunsmore [Ryton on Dunsmore]
Date	1642
Level	Item
Extent And Form	1 item
Record Category	Protestation Returns
Access Status	Open
Note	A digital copy of this record is available. For information about how to view it, which may include online access, please follow the link below.
URL	<a href="http://digitalarchive.parliament.uk/HL/PO/JO/10/1/107/85">http://digitalarchive.parliament.uk/HL/PO/JO/10/1/107/85</a>



Open Ryton on Dunsmore

---

## **HL/PO/JO/10/1/107/85 - Protestation Return - Warwick - Knightlow Hundred - Ryton super Dunsmore [Ryton on Dunsmore]**

View the record by clicking on the link(s) below. There may also be a high-resolution digital copy available for purchase. Alternatively, you may wish to make an appointment to view the original (non-digital) record. Please [Contact Parliamentary Archives](#) for further information.

This record contains the following:

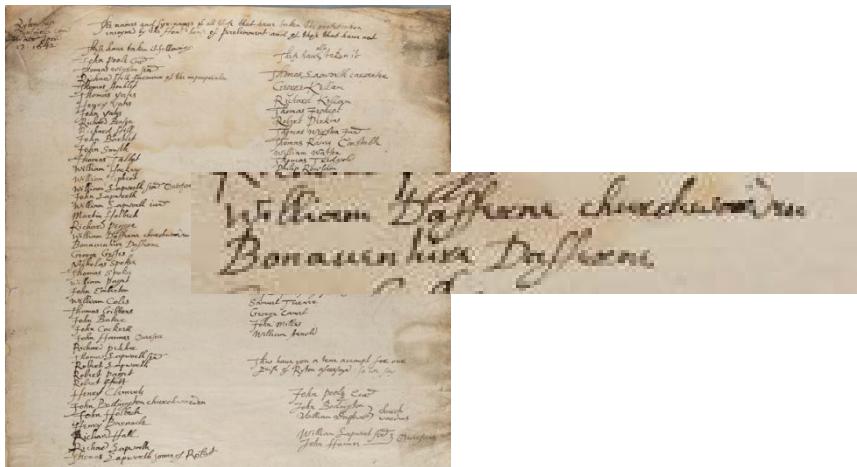
[View Book](#)



[Ryton on Dunsmore](#)

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

Here is the digitized image of the Protestation Returns for the parish; recorded in 1642 for all men over the age of 18 years. Women were not included. I collected all names I was searching in the area which include the Lapworths.



Counties may have their own database for Protestation Returns, plus other information. The OPC [Online Parish Clerks] for Cornwall can be checked for transcribed Protestation Returns amongst other records.

<http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/extras-searches/protestation-returns/index.php?parish=&forename1=forename&surname1=Bray&t=protestation&bf=Search>

In this section		Search Protestant Returns							
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> show tips & information <b>Parish</b> Name: <input type="text" value="BRAY"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Search for exact surname (no wildcards) <span style="font-size: small;">2</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Include similar surnames <span style="font-size: small;">2</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Include nearby parishes <span style="font-size: small;">2</span> <input type="button" value="Search"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/> 31,043 available records							
<b>Showing 1 to 50 of 117 records found</b>									
<a href="#">Pages</a> <span style="font-size: small;">1</span> <span style="font-size: small;">2</span> <span style="font-size: small;">3</span>									
Parish Or Reg District		Name	Forename	Surname					
Advent		William	BRAY		<small>more</small>				
Blaizey, St.		Arthur	BRAY		<small>more</small>				
Blaizey, St.		John	BRAY		<small>more</small>				
Bisland		Humphry	BRAY		<small>more</small>				

PCC Wills at The National Archives, London England [TNA]

Prior to January 12, 1858 all Wills were proven by the church courts. Local Wills were probated through the Archdeacon's Court or the Bishop's Court [Consistory Court]. These served local people who owned land in a small area. There were two higher courts to hear probates'; they

# The Journal of the Manitoba Genealogical Society

were the Prerogative Court of York and the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. The ecclesiastical courts were powerful until the government took over this duty in 1858 in Britain.

Wills from 1384-1858 were copied into books by clerks. These Wills have been digitized and are available on the website of TNA. To access them follow this link:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/wills-1384-1858/>

Most of the Wills are written in English but the probated clause is usually written in Latin. A downloaded Will cost £3.50 or about \$6 and it is accessible for approximately one month. The Will can be saved and printed on a home computer and printer. However the good news is Ancestry carries the PCC Wills, use the following address: <https://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=5111>. Ancestry is accessible at the Manitoba Genealogical Society Research Room and all Winnipeg Libraries.

Search > Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal

## England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858

**Search**  Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)  Last Name   
 Exact...

Death Day  Month  Year  Location

Lived In  Berkshire, England  
 Exact to...

Any Event    e.g. London, England

Keyword   
e.g. teacher or "Tower of London"

Probate Date Day  Month  Year

**Search** [Clear search](#)

**Browse this collection**  
To browse this image set, select from the options below.  
Class Description   
Year Range   
Piece Description

**Related data collections**  
[England & Wales, National Probate Calendar \(Index of Wills and Administrations\), 1858-1966, 1973-1995](#)  
This is a directory of probates for England and Wales. Volumes in this collection cover years 1858-1966 and



Name: John Johnson  
[Johannis Johnson]

Probate Date: 5 Jan 1670

Residence: Ashbury, Berkshire, England

In the Name of God Amen The  
 last day of October anno die 1640 John Johnson of Bishill Water  
 in the parish of Ectonour in the County of Berks a young man being unwell  
 in body out of goods and perfect memory named he given to God I do  
 make and ordaine this my last Will Testament in manner and form  
 as follows

This shows part of the Will of John Johnson from Ashbury Berks.

### City Pedigrees

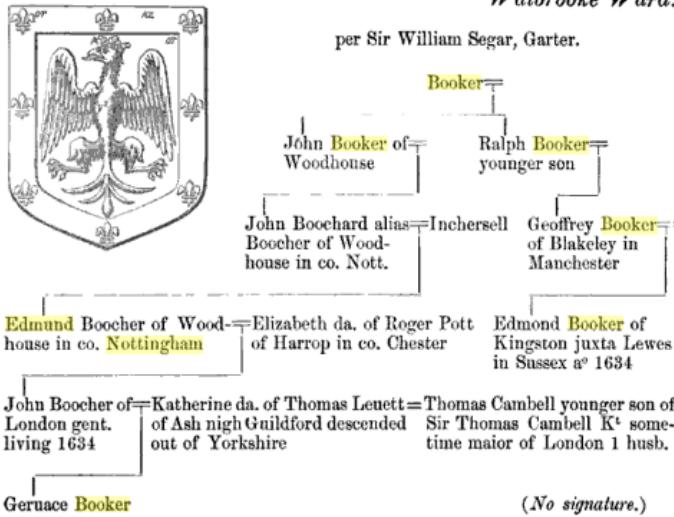
THE VISITATION OF LONDON.

87

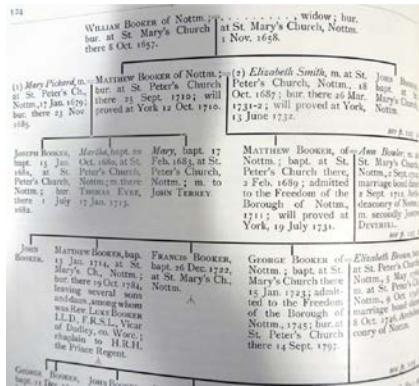
### Booker or Booher.

*Walbrooke Ward.*

per Sir William Segar, Garter.



We spent some time in the Local Studies Library and the Archives in Nottingham in May. Both places had a name index which led to more information on the families I was searching. I was lucky tracing my Matthew Booker ancestors. I had worked online but some items were confusing, how could Matthew be a Master Framework Knitter with apprentices and a Schoolmaster with Apprentices! The problem was solved, he was both and I have a list of his apprentices for both careers. The most important item was a copy of the Pedigree for three generations of Matthew Booker.



Upon returning home I checked the Heraldic Visitations. These were visits between 1530 and 1688 to all parts of England, Wales and Ireland to collect pedigrees from those who were entitled to bear arms. These Pedigrees appear in a number of published books. I located a Pedigree for the Booker family of Nottingham.

John Booker, living in 1634 was the brother of William Boocher and the son of Edmund Boocher. I located the baptism of William in the parish registers for Blyth in Nottingham. The family originated in Manchester before moving to Nottingham. Some of this information is confirmed through the Will of Roger Pott, father of Elizabeth Pott, who married Edmund Booker. Our summer vacation proved to be rewarding!

## My Favorite Genealogy Story: Just a scrap of paper

The following story is from the MyGenShare.com Archives of the Everton Genealogical Helper as told by Rozella Parrow in September 2000.

Please don't overlook that small scrap of paper in your grandmother's dresser drawer. It could contain the clue you need to continue your genealogical research. This is my experience with a small piece of paper found while I was going through my maternal grandmother's belongings.

In 1880, when she was two years old, my grandmother, Catherine (Wagner) Boruta, immigrated to the United States with her parents, Henri and Regina (Steffgen) Wagner, and her younger sister. I knew the sister had died aboard ship and was buried at sea, but I had no name or date of birth for her. That is, until a paper was found in 1983 – over 100 years later. The date of August 1880 on the document has led me to believe my great grandparents may have requested this record of baptism for their two daughters before they left Germany. Since they were Catholic, they would have needed the records of baptism later for the girls' first communions or marriages.

But this isn't the end of the story! The baptismal transcript gave the name of the parish as Salmrohr. I sent a copy of this to a cousin who is also researching the family. On her trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, it enabled her to pinpoint her research in the correct parish, and she was able to trace the family back another generation on the Wagner line, and another generation on the Steffgen line, as well as provide many dates and names of additional children in the families.

All this new information came from clues on one little piece of paper, folded and treasured for over 100 years!

Taken from Genealogy by Barry ([genealogybybarry.com](http://genealogybybarry.com))

## MGS Welcomes Our New Members

The Manitoba Genealogical Society would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have joined the society between May 2018 and July 2018.

Mark Andrews	Bill Jackson	Alan McTavish
Derek Andrews	Pat Jarrett	Cathy Miller
Ruth Burkholder	Shauna Kapusta	Donna Odell
Bernard Cairns	Samantha King	Janice Parker
Shirley Clement	Janetta King	Lee Perreault
Patricia Douglas	Timothy King	Lois F. Pilot
Beverley Gorenstein	Rob Knight	Ian Sutherland
David Hayward	Lawrence Kolmatycki	Doug Towes
Corrie Iwanchuk	Mary McGuire	Erica Willer

### Make a Donation!

*(You can use the Membership form on page 36 to submit your donation)*

Your financial support helps with:

- developing new programs, collections and research resources
- upgrading equipment and subscribing to relevant resources to keep MGS abreast with current research
- providing and maintaining a comfortable facility for our members and the public

#### You receive:

- The satisfaction in knowing that your donation will be put directly towards furthering the goals of the Society.
- A tax receipt for the full amount of your donation. As a registered charity these receipts are applicable in both Canada and the United States.

## THE LAST LAUGH



Fall entrepreneur...



## Time to Renew?

With the electronic delivery of *Generations*, there is no longer a mailing label indicating your membership expiry date. Therefore the following procedures are in place:

Those members with an e-mail address on file with MGS, will receive an automated reminder a month before their membership expires requesting them to renew their membership. Members without an e-mail address on file will receive a written reminder by post one month prior to the expiration of their membership.

To renew your membership you have the choice of renewing and paying online, by mail or in person. To renew by mail, simply fill in the Membership Form located in *Generations*, attach a cheque made out to Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. for the full amount (including branch memberships and donations) and mail it to the address indicated on the Membership Form. You can also print off the Membership Form from MANI by clicking on the following web site address:  
<http://mbgenealogy.com/membership/>. This link will also provide more information on MGS Memberships.

To renew on-line, sign into your MANI account. Once you have logged into your account, select Purchase/Renewal and make the appropriate selections (branch, associate member, etc.). Then select Purchase, and choose to pay via PayPal or by Credit Card, and follow the directions. If you do not have a MANI account you can create one on MANI or complete the Membership Form. No Membership Form is required if renewing on-line. Visit the Resource Centre to pay in person.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

### Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.

Unit E-1045 St. James Street

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 1B1

Telephone: 204-783-9139

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

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

New     Renewal - MGS#\_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov./State: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Associate Member at same address (if applicable):  
MGS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal information will not be disclosed outside of MGS without consent.

**Returning members:** To receive *Generations* by e-mail check

### MGS MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual	\$50.00	\$_____
Associate	\$20.00	\$_____
Institutional	\$50.00	\$_____

### BRANCH FEES

Beautiful Plains	\$15.00	\$_____
Dauphin	\$10.00	\$_____
Southeast & Winnipeg	\$12.00	\$_____
Southwest	\$10.00	\$_____
Associate of Southwest	\$ 8.00	\$_____

**DONATION\*** \$\_\_\_\_\_

*MGS is a registered charity and welcomes your support.*

**Total Enclosed** \$\_\_\_\_\_

\*Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$10.00 or more.

Please contact me re volunteer opportunities at MGS.

### OFFICE USE

Mail # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Cheque  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry/Computer \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Receipt# \_\_\_\_\_

Letter/Email  Finance Book

## **Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.**

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

Telephone: 204-783-9139

E-mail: [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com)



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

	<u>1 ISSUE</u>	<u>4 ISSUES</u>
Full Page/2 column width	\$150.00	\$500.00
Half Page/2 column width	\$ 80.00	\$200.00
Quarter Page/1 column width	\$ 40.00	\$ 90.00

Please supply your ad as a Word document of the correct size in an e-mail attachment. A proof will be sent for your approval before printing. Photos should be supplied as a jpeg (300 dpi). Minimum photo manipulation charge \$15.00 and \$15.00 each additional 15 minutes .

#### **Classified Ads**

Maximum of 3 (typewritten) lines x 1 column width for \$10.00 per issue or \$32.00 per year. Must be typewritten or printed clearly. Extra lines are \$3.00 each.

#### **Business Card Ads**

Actual business card = \$20.00 per issue or \$60.00 per year. Camera ready.

#### **Changes**

Changes will be allowed to advertising purchased at the yearly rate at a cost of \$15.00/change. Changes must be received by the copy deadline.

#### **Copy Deadlines**

February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1. Send copy or enquiries to Editor, *Generations*, at the address above or [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com)

#### **Guidelines**

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

- All advertisements shall conform to MGS policy. The following outline of principles constitutes the policy of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. on advertising. **Purposes:** [1] to advance the cause of genealogy; [2] to promote the interests of the Society; [3] to provide information to the public. **Content:** any advertising placed by the Society or appearing in Society publications shall: [1] conform to the policies of the Society; [2] contain no statements that are false or misleading to the best of our knowledge; [3] ensure a regard for public safety and shall not depict situations which might encourage inappropriate, unsafe or dangerous practices; and [4] conform to the public standards of taste and decency. **Placement:** advertising shall not be placed by the Society in any publication or media program that discriminates in its content on the basis of race, sex, language, religion, marital status, family status, source of income, or age. Advertising that appears in any publications of the Society shall not discriminate in its content on the basis of race, sex, language, religion, marital status, family status, source of income, or age. **Application of the Policy:** Where any doubt exists as to the application of the policy, the Vice-President of Communications and the Journal Editor of the Society shall decide.
- Advertisements in MGS publications shall be directly relevant to members of the Society.
- All advertisements shall be subject to the approval of the Editorial Committee. Where doubt exists as to the appropriateness of any advertisement, the Vice-President of Communications & Vice-President of Administration shall have the right to deny its publication.
- All revenues from advertising shall go directly to MGS. Rates may be subject to change annually upon review and recommendation by the editorial committee and approval of the Council of the Society.



**MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.  
E – 1045 ST. JAMES STREET  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA CANADA R3H 1B1**

**(204)-783-9139**

**LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTRE**

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 to 3:00  
Wednesday Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 (September through June)  
Sunday Noon to 4:00 (mid-October to mid-May)  
(It is always best to confirm Wednesday evening and Sunday opening times)



If your membership is expiring soon  
**PLEASE RENEW. A Membership form is on page 35**