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From the Editor

David Farmer #2277

It is the last day of July and 90+ degrees (I am in the USA, so have to use the old scale) as I write this column. My main activity is awaiting the arrival of a new grand-daughter. So I thought I would ‘put pen to paper’ (figuratively speaking) and try to introduce the September issue of *Generations*.



This issue is going to represent a bit of a departure from the usual *Generations* content. We have most of the regular features, and some interesting articles (although perhaps less than usual), but there are some important items that all members should carefully read and consider.

There are several articles relating to challenges MGS is facing and some measures being taken to address them. I strongly urge each of you to read these articles, give some thought to the issues discussed and provide some feedback through the enclosed survey. More than ever before we need your input and support.

I am always trying to find new contributors to our journal and this month we have two. Barbara Becker is the winner of our Essay Contest regarding our mystery photo (*see ‘Men in Black Hats’*) while Mary Ruth Noiles has contributed an article relating some of her family connections to the War of 1812 (*see ‘Adam Chrysler Family’*).

Looking ahead, the December issue will be strongly focused on the 200th Anniversary of the settling of Selkirk, Manitoba. We have some interesting articles lined up, but more are welcome. If you have any personal/family connections to Selkirk that would be of interest to our readers, let me know. Don’t worry about your writing skills, we can make you read like William Shakespeare.

I hope you all have had a great summer and found time to enjoy the absolutely wonderful weather. I look forward to hearing from you, so please keep the cards and letters coming in.

Enjoy the issue.

From the President

Kathy Stokes #125

The State of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.



MGS is using a portion of this issue of *Generations* to inform our members about the current situation in which we find ourselves. Please take a few minutes to read the enclosed annual reports of the executive so that you may have a complete picture of our society in the autumn of 2012. Mayor Sam Katz of Winnipeg gives an annual report to citizens called “The State of the City”. President Obama gives a similar address to the American Congress entitled “The State of the Union.” I make no such pretensions about the impact of such an address on the members of MGS, but here is “The State of the Manitoba Genealogical Society”.

As the new fiscal year of MGS begins in August 2012, we find ourselves with a great many problems, some of which appear unsolvable without major changes to our organization.

Our 2011 – 2012 financial statement will show a deficit of several thousand dollars. This follows on the heels of lesser deficits for several years past with a resulting erosion of our savings. We have worked hard to keep within our means, but fixed expenses such as rent, utilities, printing costs and computer renewal and maintenance keep rising. In addition, our current lease expires in July 2013, likely resulting in an increase in rent. We must face that problem in the near future.

MGS has many strengths. We have a strong corps of volunteers who work hard to keep our resource centre open. Other volunteers work for MGS from their homes doing countless tasks. All these people have enabled us to reach out more to the community than ever before.

In the past year, we have given a three hour seminar to employees of the Office of the Public Trustee to assist them in their work. We have sponsored a prize for the best genealogical project at the Red River Heritage Fair for students in junior high school. We have begun a

trial project of e-mailing copies of *Generations* to selected high schools. If it proves successful, we will expand the project's reach to all high schools in the province. We have visited, at their request, several seniors' residences for discussions with their residents. While these things have been worthwhile, they have not resulted in new members.

Our computer resources are being strengthened through various means. In January 2013, we will be hosting several Red River College students and their supervisors to upgrade our computer system and make it possible for members and non-members to access many of our indexes.

Just as MGS has strengths, we also have weaknesses. Our deficit is one thing. We have not spent enough time fundraising through imaginative projects and plain old trudging forward. While in-house fund raisers are usually successful, they cannot bring in the amount we must have in the not-too-distant future in order to continue operating. Our lack of a Finance Vice President has left this part of our operations less emphasized than it should be.

In common with most other genealogical societies, our membership is falling partly because people believe that they can locate everything on the Internet. Raising membership fees would be a last resort for MGS because it would further discourage people from joining. Our project grant from the provincial government has not risen for several years and is woefully inadequate.

What I have told you so far paints a picture that is far from positive. However, the executive is attempting to improve our situation in several ways. In early October we are having a Future Planning session for executive and council members. We hope that the results of this session will guide us through the next few years. We will be re-evaluating the amount of space we require compared to what we can afford, in preparation for future lease negotiations. We will be putting more emphasis on our fundraising capabilities.

Please contact me with your comments and ideas. We need all of our members to assist in saving MGS.

MGS Volunteers

Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer

Daryl Dumanski #1031

Reason # 7

"The little grey cells need exercise too!"



Our Condolences ...

...to the family of Josie Stemerowicz, who passed away on June 10, 2012

... to the family of Walter 'Walt' Coolidge McCaw, who passed away on June 9, 2012.

... to the family of Phyllis Eileen Innes, who passed away on August 13, 2012.

...to the family of Karen Becker, whose mother, May Mannell who passed away on August 25, 2012

MGS lost two Tuesday volunteers in June, 2012

**Josie Stemerowicz
1932 – 2012
MGS #3040**

Josie passed away on June 10, 2012.



Josie, a retired schoolteacher and principal, first joined MGS in 1996. Sometime around 2002, she decided to volunteer in our library on Tuesdays. This was no mean feat as Josie lived in Kenora, Ontario.

The first few years she came on an early Greyhound bus. When it stopped running she got up even earlier, 4:00 a.m., to catch a local “bus”. To return home she had to wait for a late evening bus or stay overnight. She didn’t complain; she often entertained us with stories of the other passengers.

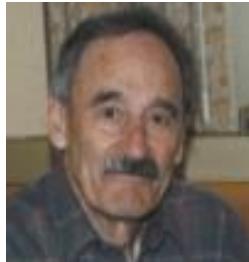
When she arrived at MGS she immediately set to work. Her main task was to ready books to be borrowed by mail. This involved locating the books, wrapping them, and preparing the paperwork to go with them. She also updated the records which remained at MGS. Her beautiful handwriting was appreciated by all who read it.

Josie also counted and recorded numerous lists of figures for the Annual General Meeting report. Her neat careful work resulted in good records which were often accessed later for grant applications. Josie was one of those rare persons who was happy to do whatever task requested of her, menial or exciting. She volunteered until 2010 when illness forced her to stop.

Those of us privileged to have known Josie will always remember her cheerful smile and ready laugh. She was “one in a million”.

**Walter “Walt” Coolidge
McCaw
1927 – 2012
MGS #1522**

Walt passed away on June 9, 2012.



Walt joined MGS in 1987. He had worked at Rinella Printers, a job which uniquely qualified him for the volunteer work he embraced at MGS. He was the library’s book mender for many years.

Like most of us, he did many other things as well. When MGS moved to the St. James Street space, Walt and Chris Irwin put in many hours packing up the library resources. Walt also volunteered at our Folklorama table for several

years and acted as Grants Chair for a number of years.

Truly a gentleman and a scholar, Walt was immensely proud of his ancestry, of which United Empire Loyalists were a big part. And he loved to “brag” about his immediate family too. We were glad to share in that. And who could forget his terrific moustache?

Walt was another “one in a million”.

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The Manitoba Genealogical Society would like to recognize and thank all who have made Memorial donations, cash donations, and material donations for the Library between August 2011 and July 2012. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

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Front Cover: Fall is a time of change, most significantly demonstrated by the turning and falling of the leaves. This fall is a time of change for MGS, so it seems like an appropriate graphic

What is their story? - A Contest!

This picture is of an unknown group of men taken in the early 1900s somewhere 'out West'. The picture is from a collection of family papers of the mother-in-law of Sylvia Vanhaverbeke, who has given us permission to use the photo in

Generations. Many thanks to Rick McLellan for passing it on.



This picture was the basis of our essay contest, providing you with the chance to write history. *Generations* invited you to write a 500 word essay telling the story of this photo. We have a winner!

Our winner is Barbara J. Becker and her story follows. Barbara will receive a \$10.00 Tim Horton's gift card for her efforts.

Men in Black Hats

Barbara J. Becker # 5302

But in the simple log houses of the Métis along the banks of the mighty Saskatchewan rivers, many an old timer still treasures a faded photograph of Riel and Dumont.¹ Anderson, Frank W.

As Frank Anderson predicted in 1965, a black and white photograph of an unknown group has surfaced from the collection of Sylvia Vanhaverbeke. The time, the place, and the people can be identified by the hats, the rifles, and one special coat.

19thc. photography was a laborious process. Glass negatives were used with the albumen in egg whites to bind photographic chemicals to the paper. By mid-century, using images on glass plates upgraded this process. Actual film

¹ Anderson, Frank W. 1965. *The Riel Rebellion 1885.* Alberta: Frontier Publishing. p.77

did not appear until the turn of the century. Art historians believe it was the nineteenth century's fixation on progress, coupled with a demand for illusion, that contributed to the success of photography.²

All eighteen men are photographed wearing hats. These hats – the bowler, the panama, the tweed cap – are typical headwear of the mid-19thc. “The proper Victorian gentleman was not seen outdoors without a hat.”³

Three men hold rifles. Two clasp 1866 Winchester ‘Yellow Boy’ lever action rifles.⁴ Identified by their brass receiver, ‘Yellow Boys’ loaded from the side allowing rapid repeat firing. U.S. manufactured, they were sold to military forces. In the front row, one man holds a smaller 22 calibre rifle and wears an unusual coat. This coat is identical to a coat photographed on a somewhat older Louis Riel.⁵

Because of the hats, the rifles, and this unique jacket, it is possible to speculate that in the background you are seeing the Red River Settlement of 1868, with a newly returned Louis Riel (age 24) poised amid followers to inaugurate a Provisional Government in what would become the province of Manitoba, in 1870. In the second row, with rifle, sits Gabriel Dumont (age 31). Almost twenty years later, Dumont and Riel would lead the Métis in a rebellion against the Canadian Government at Batoche, Saskatchewan. This insurgency led to

² Malcolm, Becker. 2008. Suspended Conversations that Intersect in the Edwardian Postcard.

www.barbarajbecker.com/recentpapers. p.178

³ <http://www.victoriana.com/antiquehat/1870s.html>

⁴ <http://www.uberti.com/firearms/1866-yellowboy.php/>

⁵ Charlebois, Peter. 1975. *The Life of Louis Riel*. Ontario: NC Press Limited.

the trial and subsequent hanging of Riel for treason.⁶

The third man with a Winchester rifle was likely Ambroise Lépine (age 28). Lépine served as adjunct-general in Riel’s Provisional Government (1869-70). He authorized the execution of Thomas Scott, a prominent Orangeman, court martialed and sentenced to death by Riel’s Government. Lépine was convicted of the murder of Scott, but his death sentence was commuted to two years by the Governor. Ironically, as a condition of release, he permanently lost his civil rights. He died in 1923.⁷

This faded photograph has emerged to tease and remind us of the men who shaped the Manitoba we enjoy today.

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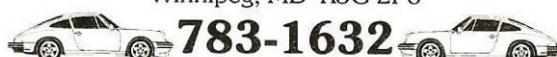
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The Adam Chrysler Family and The War of 1812

Mary Ruth Noiles

(Although not directly related to Manitoba, the following item does celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812. Mary Ruth lives in St. Catharines, Ontario and is an avid genealogist, with great skills in tracking down

⁶ Bumsted, J.M. 1996. *The Red River Rebellion*. Manitoba Arts Council and Canada Council.

⁷ Siggins, Maggie. 1994. *Riel: A Life of Revolution*. Ontario: HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.

wayward ancestors and their histories. Mary Ruth is also a cousin of the Editor.)

Ask any Canadian school child about the War of 1812 and you will surely hear about Laura Secord, Lundy's Lane and maybe the sacking of Washington, DC.

To the people of southwestern Ontario this war remains personal as most the battles were fought here. Many descendants of the combatants still live in the area.

The forts from Kingston to Detroit are historic attractions visited by thousands each year. However, the Battle of Malcolm's Mill in the hamlet of Oakland only has a historic plaque to mark the last land battle of the war; possibly forgotten because it was a loss for the local forces.

By the time it ended, the whole action had deteriorated into almost civil war. The Loyalist settlers found themselves deciding again on which side they wished to fight. The later settlers had come for free land and some had brought republican sympathies with them. Some men started out on one side and ended the conflict on the other. The Americans burned the mills and factories in the small villages on Lake Erie. The British took Washington and burned the White House, along with the Capitol Building.

My grandmother's family came to Norfolk County from New York State by way of New Brunswick before 1803. Over the years they married into other Loyalist families as well as those of the later settlers. A little research found that among their many ancestors were men on all sides of the nasty conflict, some with tragic results.

One such man was Adam Chrysler who came from a distinguished early New York State family.

His father, Balthus Chrysler had been executed in the Revolutionary War. However, several of his uncles had come to Upper Canada as Loyalists. The Battle of Chrysler's Farm was on his cousin John's land. There is an Adam Chrysler listed in Captain John Chrisler's

company, the 2nd Regiment of the Lincoln Militia stationed at Chippewa, Ontario in July 1813.

By 1814 Adam had apparently decided to join a band of American marauders in the Chatham area. Lieutenant Henry Metcalf and Colonel Bostwick carried out two raids and surprised the marauders as they attacked a private house. Among the captured were 15 men who were residents of Upper Canada, including Adam. They were sent to York to stand trial for treason at the Ancaster Bloody Assize of 1814. Nineteen men in custody were charged with High Treason. Charges were read for the 50 men still at large. The properties of the listed were then confiscated.

Eight men, including Chrysler, were eventually hung at Burlington Heights on July 20, 1814 where Dundurn Castle stands now at the head of the bay. His wife, Elizabeth Warner, was left to raise her children the best she could. It is known that they were split up among different family members.

There is some confusion about whether Adam and Elizabeth had 8 or 9 children. Two of them went with Elizabeth to live with her father, Christian Warner.

At least one of them was indentured to a local farmer and raised by his family.

Charity Ann Chrysler, a daughter, married John Hall in Townsend Township, Norfolk County about 1820.

In 1842, one of their nine children, Elizabeth married Cornelius Wilson a logging pioneer in Haldimand County.

Hannah Matilda Wilson, child of Elizabeth and Cornelius, married my maternal grandmother Violet Lewis Boomhower's great uncle David Richmond Youmans in 1874. David was a grandson of Loyalist Daniel Youmans.

Seven of the men sentenced to hang were granted clemency and were deported back to the United States. One died of disease in custody and another escaped. Several of these men had been given the lighter sentence because of the testimony of Elizabeth Chrysler. She had

not been allowed to testify in her husband's defence.

By coincidence Robert Lounsbury, another prisoner at the same trial, was acquitted. Robert and most of his family immediately returned to the United States. Several of his adult children remained in Norfolk and Oxford Counties to look after his land interests.

After a couple of generations, the separated branch did not remember the split in the family nor their Canadian cousins.

In 1907 Robert's great grandson William S. Lounsbury married Elsia May Lewis, a first cousin of my grandmother.

In 1904 Violet's uncle, Charles Wesley Lewis, married Elsie DeCew, a great niece of Captain John DeCew the war hero. It was to Captain John's house that Laura Secord made her famous trek to warn Colonel Fitzgibbon about the Americans.

An aunt of Violet's, Betsy Jane Lewis, married Walter Thompson, the son of Squire William Thompson from Oakland. William's father, Michael, came with the First Royal Scots from the Caribbean just before the war. As a mere child William also had been involved in the action in Niagara. By 1837 Squire was in jail for rebellious activities.

But that is another story.....



From the 1901 Eaton's Catalogue

How To Order Ready - Made Hair Goods

Send a sample of the hair, not from the ends, but from the roots, close to the scalp, as the ends of the hair are as a rule are lighter than the roots; hence a bang or a switch would not match the roots if as light as the ends. It is preferable to have the artificial hair always a shade darker, as it naturally gets lighter with wear.

MGS Strategic Planning

(The following few articles present some challenges being faced by MGS. Please read and give some thought, then respond to the survey.)

It is Time for Change!

David Farmer #2277

Change. It is constant in today's world. Change is driven directly by any number of factors (politics, laws, etc.) and indirectly by other things (technology, generational differences, etc.). In the end, not much can remain unchanged and still be viable.



PHOTO: Could this be the future?

Institutions, organizations and companies that have not risen to the challenge of change, simply no longer exist: who would have thought that Kodak would ever go out of business, but with the new phones, who needs a camera?

Unfortunately no one and no organization is immune from the impact of changes in today's world. Although they might not be affected directly, the collateral impact can be significant.

Such is the case with the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.! The photo really says it all; a possible end-result, with all the implications that could lead to such a situation and, of course, all the emotional turmoil that goes along with this possible scenario.

So why is MGS in this difficult situation? With genealogy the biggest and fastest growing hobby in North America, you might think that any genealogical organization would be safe and

in fact, growing. But, the collateral damage of changes in other aspects of the field of genealogy and the world in general is having a significant impact on MGS.

MGS is primarily a membership revenue-based organization. Sure, we get a small grant from the provincial government, donations of money and materials from people, and now and then we can get a special grant for a specific purpose. But by and large, our revenue comes from membership fees. Our membership is decreasing! Our revenues are shrinking! Why is this happening? It really isn't anything we are doing wrong.

The biggest impact comes from the advances in technology, primarily the Internet accessibility. Coupled with this accessibility is the realization that the 'hobby' of genealogy has become big-business. Companies like Ancestry have realized that they can make money, so more and more information is available, for a fee, on the Internet. Access from home means we can work at our leisure and on own our schedule. The result is that less and less do we need to come into a library and do our research.

Our membership is aging. Each issue of *Generations*, we recognize the passing of one or more members. Unfortunately we are not attracting enough new members to replace those we have lost and likewise, few younger members. If genealogy is growing so fast, where are all the people?

It is time for MGS to change. But how? There are no easy answers. Emotions run high when traditional services, features, etc. have to be changed or even done away with. 'The way we have always done it' no longer is applicable, if MGS wants to stay viable. We must find new ways to raise money, new services to offer, other services to consolidate or discard.

On June 26 there was a computer stake-holders meeting at which there was discussion on how to control costs; offer more services and generally ensure that information is available and consistently accurate. In this way, MGS can perhaps provide more fee-based services or access to information. This meeting was a start to re-thinking MGS.

On October 13 there is a Long Range Planning Session for members of the MGS Executive and Council. This meeting will be facilitated by a non-MGS person to ensure that the discussion stays on point, and that all attendees have a chance to contribute. A preliminary report will be presented at the MGS AGM on October 20 and a full report will follow shortly after. It is hoped that a strategic plan for a renewed MGS will be the ultimate outcome of this meeting.

To be successful, we need your input. There are no sacred cows! Everything is on the table, including the idea that perhaps MGS has run its course! This is your chance to express your thoughts and share your ideas. (*Please see the membership survey on page 13.*) If you have more to say than the survey responses allow space for, please send a 'letter-to-the-editor', at generations@mbgenealogy.com.

This may be the only chance we get to make the right changes for the future. If we all participate as best we can, and are supportive, then we can flip that sign around to 'Yes we are OPEN'.



Membership Information

The following chart shows the membership for each of the past eleven years, along with the increase/decrease for each year over year.

MGS Membership Numbers

Year	Members	Y/Y Change	Y/Y Percent
2002	737		
2003	696	-41	-5.56%
2004	718	22	3.16%
2005	702	-16	-2.23%
2006	728	26	3.70%
2007	729	1	0.14%
2008	757	28	3.84%
2009	719	-38	-5.02%
2010	703	-16	-2.23%
2011	665	-38	-5.41%
2012	648	-17	-2.56%



MGS Strategic Planning

Linda White #2129

VP, Public Relations

For over 30 years, MGS volunteers have been supporting Manitoba family historians. However, this dedicated volunteer base is aging and our membership trend for the last few years has been one of decline (*see membership statistics above*). MGS Executive recognizes the need to update our services to members and the wider public. One aspect of this would be to modernize our computer system and web pages in order to create new ways to connect our genealogical data to users, both members and non-members. This will require planning and a renewed membership commitment. An additional input of funds, beyond that which is required to meet our operational expenses, will also be required. A recent study by a specially constituted MGS Financial Review Committee has identified a lack of planning for fund development to support needed projects as one of our biggest issues.

Effective organizations need good plans to move forward. Sadly, the last formal planning session conducted by MGS took place in 1987. The MGS Executive and Council are acutely aware of the need for strategic planning to help

us identify our strengths and weaknesses, while creating a realistic plan for the continued existence of MGS.

Having identified a need for guidance in this area, we conducted a search for expertise and obtained a quote from a recognized facilitator with many years of experience in supporting non-profit organizations as they undertake the planning process. A strategic planning session, which will provide direction and guidance to the MGS Executive and Council (approximately 18-20 members of the society), is tentatively planned for 13 October 2012.

As an outcome of this session we expect to create a strategic plan to guide the next 3-5 years of MGS operations. Such a plan will help us to deal with major issues such as the expiry of our current lease in 2013. As well this session will help us create and realize a strategy to better manage our data. This data is our most valuable resource and our *raison d'être*.

A good plan will also facilitate future society growth or, conversely, help us wind up our affairs responsibly. A renewed MGS will provide real benefits to the Winnipeg heritage community. While there are other organizations supporting family history research in Manitoba (for example the East European Genealogical Society and the Jewish Historical Society), MGS is the only organization with its own resource centre solely dedicated to family history. MGS members are major (albeit quiet) supporters of heritage activities in this province.



MGS – Planning for the Future

Linda White #2129

VP, Public Relations

Usually genealogists are pre-occupied with discovering the past but on October 13, 2012, the Executive and Council of MGS will be trying to see into the future. Like many other similar organizations, MGS is facing challenges. With the development of the Internet and the

explosion of online options, the practice of genealogy is changing. In the best possible circumstance, MGS must predict what we need to do in order to be responsive to the needs of our loyal membership, while attracting new members and creating innovative opportunities for revenue generation. We must respond creatively to the pressures created by rising costs combined with falling membership numbers and the resultant loss in revenue.

MGS has reached a turning point. We must try to divine what we will need to do in order to move forward: not just to continue to exist, but to grow and thrive.

Logistical limitations mean we will be unable to have everyone who would like to attend the October 13 planning session present in person. Attendance at the actual planning session will be limited to the Executive and Council (Vice-Presidents, Committee Chairs and Branch Representatives) but they will need your help and there is a way for the entire membership to contribute. Included in this issue of *Generations* is a printed copy of the MGS Membership Planning Survey. A link to the survey in electronic form will be sent to those members who have provided MGS with an email address. If you do not have an e-mail, please take a few minutes to answer the questions and mail the survey to:

Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.
ATTENTION: SURVEY
Unit E - 1045 St. James Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
R3H 1B1

Unfortunately, the cost of including a stamped, self-addressed envelope for survey responses was prohibitive. Please consider your envelope and stamp a contribution to the planning process. We need your response in order to have a true picture of membership opinion.



MGS - Data Management Plan

Gord McBean#3033 VP, Information Technology

Linda White#2129 VP, Public Relations

(The following is an excerpt from the MGS Data Management Plan. The intent remains, some of the detailed specific tasks have been removed to allow for formatting and space limitations. For the complete list of tasks, please contact the authors.)

Since the Manitoba Genealogical Society (MGS) was formed in 1976 two of its main objectives have been: to collect and preserve local genealogical resources and, to encourage the production of genealogical materials relating specifically to Manitoba.

For over 30 years, MGS volunteers have been adding to their collections of data and other resources relating to doing family history in this province. Chief among these are the Cemetery Transcriptions; an irreplaceable collection of demographic data about Manitobans and a major resource for researchers tracing Manitoba families. Should this data be lost or corrupted this collection cannot be reconstructed as in many cases it documents artefacts (cemetery markers) which no longer exist. This data also represents a significant investment in public funds as it has been collected and transcribed with the assistance of Manitoba Heritage Grants. The preservation of this data is one of our main missions and we take the responsibilities of its stewardship very seriously.

The compilation of MGS' data collection, dependent heavily on volunteers and their contributions, constitutes a time capsule of examples from the last 30 years of software development. Our several databases (approximately .5GB) reside in every software platform from Works through WordPerfect and Lotus Notes to all versions of WORD, Excel and Access and even PDF files. Our plan is for our data to reside on an up-to-date server in a unified relational database.

We also plan to make our data available online through a redesigned web site interface. We are excited about providing access to our data

collection to a new generation of researchers who are accustomed to searching online. We look forward to building a whole new audience for our local history materials among high school students who study Canadian History in Grades 9 and 11.

We have developed a three-phase plan for preserving MGS' legacy data and making it available to a wider audience. The main points are summarized here:

Phase 1 – Data Clean Up

1. Survey all existing MGS data files to identify data sets and determine the most up-to-date copies of each data set and remove redundant copies from the data sets.

Phase 2 – Unified Database Creation

1. Analyse existing MGS data as well as usage and storage requirements with a view to determining the best database system for our needs.
2. Create supporting documentation including procedures for adding data and ongoing database preservation (including backup protocols).

Phase 3 – Improved Public Access to MGS Data

1. Create an updated MGS web site interface for improved public access to MGS' unified data.

This work is beyond the abilities of our volunteers. We have made a successful application to the Red River Community College Business Information Technology Program as a student project for Phases 2 and 3, beginning in January 2013. We have also made application to the Manitoba Heritage Grants Program for funding to complete Phase 1.

The objective of Phase 1 is to provide a clean data set which is required for the work to be done by the Red River students in the New Year.

While subsequent work phases will build on Phase 1, it stands on its own merits. A survey of all existing MGS data files to identify unique data sets, determine the most up-to-date copies

of each data set and remove redundant copies from the system is work that should be done in any case. These are basic activities for continuing data preservation.

No one has a better appreciation for the value of the historical record than genealogists. MGS has a history of good stewardship. We have created a respected research resource centre and maintained it for over thirty years with exclusively volunteer labour. The continued survival of our historical data requires more than good intentions. It requires a specialized technical expertise that our volunteers do not have. MGS has sought out that expertise and we have created a plan to insure the preservation of our unique historical data for future users.

Additionally, in compliance with recognized standards for data management, we will create a Data Management Plan that speaks to the standardization of data descriptions and storage (metadata, formats), and makes plans for future preservation (local storage, backups, backup procedures).



Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.

Arnold Bennett





Preparation for Strategic Planning Survey

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PAPER VERSION OF THE SURVEY ONLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE VERSION LINKED FROM THE E-MAIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM MGS.

Questions marked with an asterisk () are mandatory.*

(Please attach one or more additional pages to this survey form if you require additional space.)

Please mail the completed survey to: Manitoba Genealogical Survey Inc.

Unit E – 1045 St. James Street

Winnipeg, MB, Canada R3H 1B1

ATTENTION: SURVEY

1. *What is your role in this organization?

- Board Member
- Executive Board Member
- Volunteer
- Member at Large
- Funder
- Other, Please Specify: _____

EXAMINING OUR MISSION:

One of the tasks that we have to perform in planning is to define the purpose of our organization. The questions below will help with this task.

OUR MEMBERS:

We need to know who our members, or potential members, are in some detail. We need to know what specific groups we target and how each benefit from the services or products we provide.

2. Using the space below, please rank(1,2,3) the top three target groups (e.g. seniors, students, families) that you believe MGS serves and the benefits you believe they derive from us. (If you can only think of one target group that is ok. If you can think of more than three, just include the top three).

- Seniors Benefits: _____
- Students Benefits: _____
- Families Benefits: _____
- Institutions (Libraries, other genealogy societies, etc.)
Benefits: _____
- Professional Researchers Benefits: _____
- Other (please specify): _____ Benefits: _____

OUR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES:

We need to know what which products or services are most used and desired by our members.

3. Please rank (1, 2, 3) the top three products or services that you feel MGS provides our members or potential members?
- Rank ____ Product or Service: _____
- Rank ____ Product or Service: _____
- Rank ____ Product or Service: _____
- What would you like MGS to offer that we don't today?: _____

UNIQUENESS:

4. When you think of the many other organizations that provide similar services or products to the same target groups that MGS also provides, what makes MGS unique or different?

FUTURE DIRECTIONS:

We now want to turn our attention to the future. Please answer the questions about our future direction below.

5. Which of the following statements best describes where our organization is and what it needs to work on for the future? Read each option carefully before you decide and pick the one that is closest to how you feel (please select only one statement):

- We are doing OK and we should stay the course. No changes are necessary.
- This organization is doing OK but needs to rethink its services, membership base and financing if it wishes to survive and prosper over the next five years.
- This organization is in decline, it's time to turn it around or shut it down.
- This organization is in crisis, it needs major radical change, such as a merger with other like-minded organizations, a new benefactor, or a takeover by a much larger organization.
- This organization is beyond rescue. It is time to arrange a managed shutdown.

6. Please tell us why you chose the option you did in the question above:

7. If you think this organization should still be around for the foreseeable future, how should MGS look and operate two or three years from now?:

HOW DO WE GET TO THE FUTURE YOU WANT?

In this section we want to look at things that need to change in order to become the organization that you want MGS to become.

8. As we look to the future, what specific problems do we have to solve?:

9. As we look towards the future, where do we have to be more innovative and creative?:

10. As we look towards the future, what do we need to stop doing or do much less of?:

11. As you look toward the future, what aspect of our organization requires the most attention? (Please select your top choice only):

The way we treat our members?

The range of products or services that we offer our members?

The way we find, train, manage and treat our volunteers?

The way the board is structured and the way we are governed?

Our funding?

Our use of new technologies to interact with our members?

Other (please specify): _____

12. Please add any additional comments that you feel should be considered as we plan the future of our organization:

Thank you for your input.

Reminder of the MGS Annual General Meeting

All members of the Manitoba Genealogical Society are reminded that the **Annual General Meeting** of the Society will take place on **20 October 2012** at the **MGS Resource Centre**, Unit E – 1045 St. James Street in Winnipeg **at 1:00pm**. Members proposing items for the agenda are asked to contact President Kathy Stokes (contact@mbgenealogy.com) at least 30 days prior to October 20.

Nominations for annual elections of officers will be made by the Nominations Committee. Any member of the Society may recommend any other member of the Society to the committee as a candidate. The committee will ensure that each candidate nominated is willing to serve if elected and will prepare a brief biographical sketch on each candidate. The committee shall certify the names of all candidates as members in good standing of the Society prior to the Annual General Meeting. Contact Nominations Chair Daryl Dumanski (ddportfolios@shaw.ca) at least 30 days prior to October 20.

The Annual General Meeting Agenda will be distributed to Society membership by e-mail broadcast 30 days prior to October 20. Copies will also be available at the MGS Resource Centre. Unless otherwise directed by members present, votes on motions at an annual general meeting shall be by show of hands. Elections of officers shall be by secret ballot unless a candidate has been acclaimed. At any meeting of the Society, those members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

Society members may attend a luncheon (your expense) at Fortune Cookie, 1045 St. James Street prior to the Annual General Meeting at 11:30am on October 20. RSVP by October 1 by calling MGS at 204-783-9139 or by signing up at the Resource Centre after September 1.

Amendments to Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. Constitution

TAKE NOTICE that at the Society's next Annual General Meeting, to be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012, at the MGS Resource Centre the following Amendment to the Constitution to create a Student Membership Class will be presented and voted on:

Article 4.7

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP shall be issued to any person currently attending a Manitoba High School, College or University aged up to, and including, twenty-three years, who is in possession of valid student identification, and who is willing to further the objectives of the Society following payment of the fee prescribed for this class of membership.

Individual student members are entitled:

- 4.7.1 To receive without charge an electronic copy of each issue of the Society journal published during the membership year and such other publications of the Society as the council may determine.
- 4.7.2 To conduct on-site research at Society's Resource Centre, subject to the conditions placed upon such use by the Society Librarian.
- 4.7.3 To receive other benefits as may from time to time be approved by Council.

It is further hereby moved that the suggested fee for this class of membership, to be approved by Council, be \$10.00 per year.

President Report to MGS' AGM

Kathy Stokes #125, President

Since our last Annual General Meeting in 2011, MGS has been a very busy organization. One result you will see, in the coming months, is better home access to our many indexes currently available only on the computers in our library. We have also made a significant beginning in reaching out to youth who are interested in family history by providing electronic copies of *Generations* to selected high schools, both in Winnipeg and in the towns where our branches are located. If this pilot project is successful, it will be expanded to more high schools. As well, representatives from MGS have been kept busy visiting various retirement homes and other groups who request that we talk to them about our exciting hobby.

You may have noticed some changes have taken place within our library and office. Procedures have been streamlined and computer usage is more apparent, particularly in the membership services area. The library is being rearranged to make it easier to locate desired books, maps, etc. More and more CDs have been added to our collection. A significant donation of information was given to MGS by the Portage la Prairie Library in the form of copies of more than 20 years worth of Portage newspaper obituaries. Our computer resources continue to grow, thanks not only to our own volunteers, but also through contributions from outside groups. These groups are aware of our ongoing cemetery transcribing program and allow us to have copies of their records.

A new endeavour we undertook, this past fall, was a half-day course given to the employees of the Office of the Public Trustee, to assist them in their work locating heirs to estates. As well, we held a conference call with members of Age and Opportunity programs who were unable to come to our office or were from remote areas within the province.

All of these things are positive in their direction and help fulfill our mandate of providing genealogical services throughout the province. However, there are grey clouds hovering over

MGS and they could quickly turn to black. I refer to our financial situation. For several years, we have been running a deficit and this problem must be addressed. A Financial Review Committee was formed in January and spent a great deal of time going over our spending habits and making recommendations for use of our funds, including our savings. These are being implemented now. A Future Planning Session scheduled for mid-October will further address these issues as well as our upcoming lease renewal.

During this past year, I have been supported by an excellent executive. Thank you so much to Ginny Braid, Linda White, Gord McBean, Rick McLellan, Pat Sundmark, and Joan Whiston, who probably attended more meetings than they had ever bargained for. They were assisted by all the committee chairs who have led their respective groups to produce the fine services and advice our patrons receive. The many volunteers who back up all those I have already mentioned are owed a great deal for representing MGS in so many capacities and for doing their jobs so well. Altogether, with our branches, we are a fine organization and we represent the genealogical community in Manitoba in the best possible fashion.

VP Administration Report to MGS' AGM

Virginia Braid #868, VP Administration

Under the umbrella of Administration are the following services: Library, Membership, Research and Special Projects. Office Management is also under Vice President Administration, but we do not have an Office Manager so there is no separate report for this area.

MGS is well served by its many volunteers. This past year I counted 57 individual volunteers that, on a regular basis, have helped MGS in promoting genealogy in Manitoba. Our volunteer count pages show that from August 2011 to July 2012, these people logged

in 1,796 times at the MGS Resource Centre, for a total of 7,311 hours. The Library serviced 835 in-person patrons. We also dealt with 392 phone calls. Incoming mail tallied 1,142 items and our e-mails numbered 291. There were 57 research requests.

This past year Administration has been attempting to update all old forms, the volunteer handbook, emergency contact forms, our information sources on the Rolodex and the Key Handout Booklet. The first aid kit was also restocked.

We obtained a new copier. It is very user-friendly. From March 13 to July 31, 2012, 3,394 copies were done on this new machine.

I would be remiss if I did not thank some individuals who have helped ease me into the position of Vice President of Administration: The Committee Chairs, Mary Bole, Jan Butcher, Sari Fields, and Jim Rutherford have been a great help as well as Daryl Dumanski, Louisa Shermerhorn, Kathy Stokes, Susan Thorpe and Joan Whiston. Special kudos go out to all the wonderful volunteers. They do a marvellous job for MGS.

VP Information Technology Report to MGS' AGM

Gordon McBean #3033, VP IT

In addition to weekly maintenance, work proceeded on the IT upgrade project over the last year. One refurbished computer was purchased by MGS to replace an existing old computer. Three others were replaced with refurbished units, thanks to donations from the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch and a MGS member. This leaves one of the original black eX-Treme computers in service which is still functioning but is beyond its expected life span.

The latest computer will be used in the office to serve the needs of the Membership and Financial committees. When not needed for these tasks it can be used by "Staff" researchers during peak times when clients need access to

public machines. The upgrade of the office computer will allow the membership and financial committees to digitize their workflow and improve efficiencies.

Several hardware problems were also fixed during the year.

Southeast and Winnipeg Branch replaced the computer and added a large flat screen for the scanner/Newspaper Archives computer. Updated software was also added to this computer, thanks to a donation.

We are still waiting for a server to be donated once it has been decommissioned. This will allow us to proceed with Phase Three of the Data Management Plan – Data Consolidation.

Our old photocopier was replaced. With this new equipment, we will be able to digitize our paper records and send attachments in digital form when responding to requests for research.

The MGS is experiencing a financial crunch as costs continue to rise. The Southeast & Winnipeg Branch has sponsored the subscriptions for Ancestry.com and Newspaper Archives.com as well as for the Internet connection for the MGS Resource Centre

The expectation of our users for nimble assistance on the computers has increased. We offered training for our volunteers which included both best practices and the use of new systems and equipment.

We will be moving to a server-based system where we maintain a single copy of the databases used by all computers. This will take time to compare the various copies currently in place and then create a complete master copy. The added benefit of having a server-hosted environment is that it will take the load off our older computers and they should run faster and extend their life.

We will merge the interface of the various data collection tools such as Word, Excel, Access etc. into a single format that can be searched from a single interface on each computer. Linda White has spent countless hours working on arranging a project where students from Red

River College, who have the expertise in database creation and data migration, will work on our project.

In the future we are working towards providing a members-only area on our web site that will allow our members to log in and access some of our databases from home. We see this as a benefit to our members outside Winnipeg but will also benefit those inside the perimeter. This will require a redesign of our web site and moving it to different server software that includes this feature.

I have been working with Linda White to coordinate the Data Project as well as a web site up grade project. Thank you Linda, for all of your hard work.

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 Ames Family of Blandford Forum, Dorset

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Our search into the Ames family history began with a copy of the marriage certificate of James Ames, aged 23, and Eliza Watts, aged 21, dated May 10, 1852, in Plumstead, Kent. The couple migrated to Ontario, Canada, and later moved west. This search is an example of the unexpected difficulties that can be encountered and overcome.

The 1841 census for James Ames, born in 1829(± 2 years) resulted in eight potential

households. How do we choose between them? James' marriage took place in the Parish of Plumstead in northwest Kent, near Greenwich. Only one household, that of James Ames, born 1830, was in the area where James and Eliza married. Nothing further was discovered about him or the other household members, a dead end.

However, the 1851 census, recorded five households for a James Ames, born 1829(± 2 years); one lived in Plumstead. This James Ames had been born in Croydon, Surrey, not Kent. In the census both James and his father, Joseph, were tailors, in agreement with the marriage certificate. However, on the marriage certificate the father's name was James, not Joseph (see below).

From family memory James and Eliza had immigrated to Canada in 1857. Therefore, we looked for his father, Joseph Ames, born 1805, in Blandford Forum, Dorset. Joseph was not found so we looked for his wife, Matilda, born 1818. In the 1861 census Matilda Ames, their four children, with a daughter-in-law Mary Ann Mansfield, all born on the same dates and places recorded in the 1851 census was found at 7 Blenheim Place, Brighton, Sussex. However, Matilda's husband was now James Ames, born 1805 in Blandford; nevertheless, the record is clearly of the same family. Supporting evidence is that the youngest child, Alfred, was born in 1850 in Plumstead, the site of James and Eliza's marriage.

Can we learn more about James Ames senior, born in 1805? For James senior, to have a son born in 1829 he would have been married about 1825-1829, at the end of his apprenticeship as a tailor at 21. However, this marriage was not found. Also from the 1851 census Mary Ann Mansfield, recorded as a daughter-in-law of James senior, cannot be his daughter-in-law at age 11 and must have been his step daughter. This conclusion shows that Matilda was previously married and that both James and Matilda had a child from their previous marriages. A marriage search for James Ames and Matilda produced the marriage of James

Ames and Matilda Mansfield of Exton, Hampshire in 1841 at Winchester. Furthermore, in 1837, Matilda Stubbington married Thomas Mansfield at Winchester. Thomas died soon after the birth of their only child, Mary Ann Mansfield, in 1839, in agreement with Mary Ann being a step-daughter of James.

Why was James senior, recorded as "Joseph" in the 1851 census? That this was a recording error is supported by the consistent use of James in all later censuses while "Joseph" appears only in the 1851 census. Furthermore, James is the name on the marriage certificate to Matilda Mansfield in 1841, before the 1851 census, therefore we conclude with reasonable certainty, that "Joseph" is, in fact, an error.

James senior, on completing his apprenticeship at 21 had probably married and was living in Croydon, Surrey, where James junior, was born in 1829. No siblings of James junior, were discovered and his widowed father married Matilda Mansfield in Winchester. Three children, George, Charles and Caroline were born between 1843 and 1847 in Southampton. Three years later the family had moved to Plumstead, Kent, where Alfred was born in 1850. Between 1852 and 1861 the Ames family moved again, from Plumstead, Kent, to Brighton, Sussex, where they lived at 7 Blenheim Place for the remainder of their lives.

By 1881 the family of James and Matilda had all left home. James Ames senior, died in 1882, aged 76, leaving Matilda a widow. By 1901 Matilda Ames, an elderly lady of 83 years was still living at 7 Blenheim Place where she died in 1905.

During the 18th and 19th centuries there was a well-established Ames family of tailors in the Blandford area. There is a record of the baptism of James Ames, on the 31 March 1804, the son of Thomas Ames and Elizabeth, at Sts. Peter and Paul, Blandford, Dorset. We can reasonably accept that this is the baptismal record of James Ames senior, recorded as born in 1805 in the censuses.

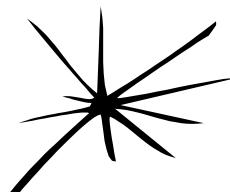
The 1841 census records Thomas Ames, a tailor, born 1776, his wife Elizabeth born 1781 and Charlotte Ames, a milliner, on Salisbury Street. Baptismal records show five children besides James in 1804, namely: Henry born 1805, Thomas born 1808, George born 1811, Frampton born 1818 and Caroline born 1821. Thomas Ames and Elizabeth Still were married in Blandford on 25 January 1802.

The 1841 census records a second Thomas Ames, a tailor, in Blandford. This Thomas Ames, born in 1756 (as per the census), then aged 85, also lived on Salisbury Street. Both their names appear in the Pigot & Co. 1831 Trade Directory for Blandford Forum. Thomas Ames, born 1756, tailor, also appears in the Universal British Directory for 1791 for Blandford. Thomas Ames, born 1776, died in 1868 in his nineties.

The birth records for the Blandford District show that use of the unusual given name of "Frampton" (see above) occurs in the Ames family of Tarrant Gunville, located about 5 miles from Blandford. The Ames families in nearby Tarrant Gunville, Child Okeford, Spetisbury and Blandford may be related because many were tailors.

The Tarrant Gunville parish records contain a Thomas Ames born 1754, son of Martin Frampton Ames and Mary. Also there is a Thomas Ames born 1788, the son of Frampton Ames and Elizabeth. Furthermore, Martin Frampton Ames had a son, Frampton Ames, indicating that both Thomas' were the Blandford tailors. Therefore, the elder Thomas born 1754 (1756) is the uncle of Thomas born 1778 (1776) because their fathers were sons of Martin Frampton Ames and Mary.

* A great grandson of James Ames and Eliza Watts.



Our Library

*Mary Bole #884
MGS Librarian*



Unique Resources at your MGS Library

What can you find in the MGS library that you can't find on the Internet, and why do you need to visit "your library" for a few days?

Manitoba Local History Books

We have 909 local Manitoba History Books. A few have been indexed. Ours is, if not the largest collection in Manitoba, one of the largest.

Not included in these 909 volumes are school histories, church histories, occupational histories (firemen, police, nurses, etc.), clubs and societies, businesses (Eaton's), etc.

Index of Cemetery Transcriptions

We have transcriptions of 1,301 Manitoba cemeteries. The Index to these is on the MGS computers.

Parish Records Transcriptions

We have 113 Manitoba Parish Records transcriptions.

The Anglican Registers transcriptions have been indexed and are on the MGS computers.

Roman Catholic transcriptions are not indexed.

United Church Records (Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist) are an index only, to the end of 1915.

Early Census Returns

We have a microfilm copy of the early census returns of Manitoba, but more importantly we also have a surname index to them on the MGS computers. Early returns are 1827, 1831, 1834 and 1870.

Generations, the Journal of the MGS

We have a surname index of all issues from 1976 to 2010 which can be found on the MGS computers.

Family Histories

We have 1,061 family history books. These range from one page to many volumes. To see if your family is included check KOHA. Keep in mind that it is impossible to enter every surname of each book – it's well worth your time to spend a day surfing this collection.

Henderson Directories

We have Winnipeg covered from 1876 until 2000, plus some early editions that have all of Manitoba and Western Canada.

Phone Books

We have Manitoba provincial phone books dating from 1908-1948 on microfilm. We also have various paper copies from Manitoba and other provinces.

Newspaper Indexes

We have the following indexes:

Winnipeg Obituaries: from 1968 to date, on the MGS computers.

Rural Obituaries: 1980 to 2009 in binders. Although called Rural Obituaries, the occasional year also contains births and marriages. Newspapers covered are listed in each binder.

Obituary Cards are filed alphabetically.

Index of Birth, Marriage and Death Notices from Manitoba Newspapers: 1859-1887 are in books. Those not yet published are in alphabetical order in a filing cabinet.

Other Newspaper indexes: Carberry, Dauphin, Swan River, Thompson.

Index to, and actual obituaries of, Morris and Portage la Prairie.

Strays: Index to obituaries of Manitobans who died out of province.

Periodicals or Journals

We have a collection which is unique to Manitoba. We purchase or exchange with many other genealogical societies.

Lost Schools

It's very easy to find ghost towns but hard to find a "ghost school". We have the book to

help you. Use *One Hundred Years in the History of the Rural Schools of Manitoba*.

Would you like to help add to our indexes?

1) We would like volunteers to index a Local History Book. Perhaps you can do one where your ancestor lived. You discover not only information about your family, but their neighbors, how they made their living, way of life, clubs, churches, etc.

2) We have thousands of newspaper clippings of births, marriages, deaths, obituaries, anniversaries, weddings, etc. To be able to access this valuable resource we need to put the records on the computer. Anyone interested in doing some data entry at home?

3) If someone has a scanner that can convert a document to OCR (Optical Character Recognition) some scanning of Rural Obituaries needs to be done.

If you wish to help out, please contact the MGS Librarian, Mary Bole.

Library Lines

Mary Bole #884

For further information on any of the following books please check KOHA, our card catalogue. The link can be found on the MGS homepage.

Manitoba

- 610.73 Stb *Echoes of the Glee Club*, 1927.
[St. Boniface General Hospital]
- 929.5 Por *Portage Daily Graphic: Obituaries, 1878-2010*.
[Reference] [See book review for details]
- 929.5 Sto *The Stone Marks the Spot*.
[Reference] [See book review for details]
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[Birtle Municipality]
- 971.27 Bir Havig, Sandra. Index to *A Taste of Our Heritage*, 2012.

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[Dufferin municipality]
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Book Reviews

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The Stone Marks the Spot (series) by Chris & Katherine Irwin. c2011. Six volumes. (MG library call number REF 929.5 STO)

In each of six rural municipalities, the Irwins visited every cemetery, photographed every grave stone, and then compiled a book listing all names and other information.

Each book is divided into three sections, each with Part 1 containing the monument inscriptions, arranged alphabetically. Part 2 is a listing of all deaths from 1942 and earlier in the particular rural municipality, as recorded by Manitoba Vital Statistics, and listed chronologically within each year. Part 3 has all the Vital Statistics information about marriages up to 1932 in the municipality, also listed chronologically within each year. These records include the Vital Statistics registration numbers, which are necessary for ordering copies of the records from Vital Stats.

Volumes currently available in the MGS library are for the following rural municipalities: Killarney-Turtle Mountain, Riverside, Strathcona, South Cypress, Oakland, and Roblin. They can also be purchased for twenty-five dollars each by contacting Chris and Katherine Irwin at 204-537-2290 or via e-mail CRIRWIN@mymts.net.

Deerbank Farm ed. by Irvin James Kroeker. Morris, MB, Earth Quaker Pub., 2012. 224 p. photographs. (MGS library call no. FH & BIO 929.2 JOR)

This book originated as a tribute to Kathleen Jorgenson, who celebrated her 85th birthday in April 2012. Kathleen is the mother of seven daughters and one son who grew up on the Deerbank Farm near Ste. Elizabeth, Manitoba. Her husband Ed died in 1994, but she has always been surrounded by her children, twenty grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The children and grandchildren all contributed their own stories, plus lots of photos. There is also information about the ancestry of Kathleen's and Ed's families. This book is the story of the family, in words and pictures, and it is also a look at farm life in the mid 20th century in southern Manitoba. A good read, even if you're not part of the Jorgenson family!

Portage Daily Graphic Obituaries compiled by the Portage Regional Library, Portage la Prairie, MB, 2011. 34 vol. (MGS library call number REF 929.5 PORT)

This is a comprehensive collection of obituaries from the *Portage Daily Graphic* newspaper. There is a separate binder for each year from 1978 to 2010, each one having the obituaries arranged chronologically and having an index of its contents. There is also a master index of the entire collection. These volumes are located in the quick reference section of the MGS library. This collection is an invaluable resource for anyone researching the Portage la Prairie area.

Trailblazers: The Lives and Times of Michael Ewanchuk and Muriel (Smith) Ewanchuk by John Lehr and David McDowell. Winnipeg. Carpathia Publishers, 2011. 226 p. photographs, index. (MGS library call number (FH & BIO 921 EWA)

This biography of Michael Ewanchuk and Muriel Smith Ewanchuk is also a description of rural education in Manitoba in the early to mid 20th century. It includes an account of the lives of Ukrainian immigrants in Manitoba. It is a unique look at the ways in which racial origin and geography influenced the circumstances and lives of newcomers to Manitoba during the 20th century. Michael Ewanchuk became a respected teacher, school inspector, and writer of Ukrainian history in Manitoba. This is a well-written and interesting account of the lives of the Ewanchuks and their impact on Manitoba education and culture.

Periodical Potpourri

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MGS has recently received a generous donation of several recent issues of *Family History Monthly*; *Practical Family History*; *Tracing Family History*; and *Who Do You Think You Are?* (all relating to British genealogy).

MANITOBA

Aberdeen & Northeast Scotland FHS (May 2012) Adventures of a 20th century fur trader with Manitoba connections.

Manitoba History (spring 2012) This is a special issue marking the one hundredth anniversary of the expansion of Manitoba northwards to the shores of Hudson Bay and the 60th parallel, containing numerous articles on that theme.

Mennonite Historian (June 2012)

Information about the rare Mennonite surname Winter.

Sib Folk News (June 2012) Questions regarding Manitoba's first premier, John Norquay.

Time Lines (June-Sept. 2012) Includes a list of Manitoba centennial farms that have been designated since the last issue.

Victoria Genealogical Society Journal (June 2012) A fascinating article tells about a Winnipeg family's connection with the *Titanic*.

EASTERN CANADA (QUEBEC & ATLANTIC PROVINCES)

The Bulletin (Kawartha) (Feb. 2012) Gives information about a newly-discovered list of Acadians from 1783.

Family Tree (Nov 2011) Information about the Maritime History Archive in Newfoundland, useful for anyone with seafaring ancestors in Canada.

Generations (New Brunswick) (summer 2011) A list of burials at Whites Point or Whitehead Cemetery, Kings County, NB.

(winter 2011) Members of the New Brunswick Association of Graduate Nurses 1918 – list of names.

(summer 2012) Anglican Church records, Woodstock, NB 1812-1830 with names, dates, location etc.

Newfoundland Ancestor (vol. 27, no. 4 2011) Burials 1879-1885 at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. John's NL; list includes name, abode, burial date and age.

(vol. 28 no. 1 2012) St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church burials 1879 – 1900 (name, address, age, burial date)

The Nova Scotia Genealogist (spring 2011) A list of societies and institutions, in Nova Scotia, with genealogical resources including complete contact information.

(summer 2011) Northwest Range Baptist Church Records, Lunenburg, NS – lists of baptisms, marriages, deaths.

(spring 2012) Web resources and print resources for finding pre-1864 records for Nova Scotia genealogical research.

IRELAND

Family Tree (June 2012) Key web sites for Irish genealogy.

Internet Genealogy (June/July 2011) Top web sites for Irish research.

Irish Genealogical Research Society Newsletter (Nov. 2011 & April 2012) Irish burials at St. Peter's Catholic Church, (now St. Mary's Basilica) Halifax, NS with names, ages, dates (1833).

(May 2012) An alternative source for Roman Catholic deaths and burials.

The Irish Genealogist (vol. 13 no. 2 2011) Register of admissions to an unidentified Irish society 1734-1791. Includes name, abode, date, and sometimes other information as well.

Irish Roots (2011 4th quarter) Information about Irish prison registers 1790-1924.

North Irish Roots (vol. 22 no. 1 2011) Information about the 1718 migration from the north of Ireland to New England.

Also: “Nominal roll of Draft which left England in *HMS Himalaya* on the 28th December 1878 en route for Hong Kong” which includes name, rank, and regimental number.

North Irish Roots (vol. 22 no. 2, 2011) A list of 216 male residents of Inch Parish, County Down 1796.

Okanagan Researcher (Dec 2011) Researching in pre-1858 Irish wills and administrations.

The Septs (April 2011) Records of Irish Plymouth Brethren: background information, and where to find them.

(July 2011) Genealogical collections in Irish law libraries).

SCOTLAND

***** NEW PERIODICAL***** MGS has recently received a donation of several issues of **The Journal of the Clan Hay Society**. They contain articles about Hay family connections from all over the world.

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS (Nov. 2011) names from war memorials in Kincardine O'Neil parish.

Dumfries & Galloway FHS Newsletter (Nov/11) Contains information about Kirkcudbright Burgh court records.

Family Chronicle (Mar/Apr 2012) Planning a research trip to Scotland.

Family History Monthly (Oct. 2011) Spotlight on Edinburgh.

Family Tree (Dec 2011) Key web sites for researching mid & west Scotland.

Family Tree (Christmas 2011) Help with searching the Scottish Borders region.

Newsletter (Journal of the Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS) (Oct 2011)

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(March 2012) Scots in Argentina and Patagonia Austral.

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Scottish Genealogist (Sept/11) Information about Scottish Catholic archives.

(Dec 2011) A list of communicants joining Moffat parish church, March 10, 1895, with names and addresses.

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Due to the number of key articles related to the MGS Annual General Meeting and the Strategic Planning Initiative, it was necessary to omit some of our regular items for this issue.

Omitted were:

From the Past

Rural Ramblings

Are These Your Ancestors?

A column from Sari Fields, Chair of Special Projects

Help Wanted

Who Am I?

Each of these columns will return in the December issue.

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