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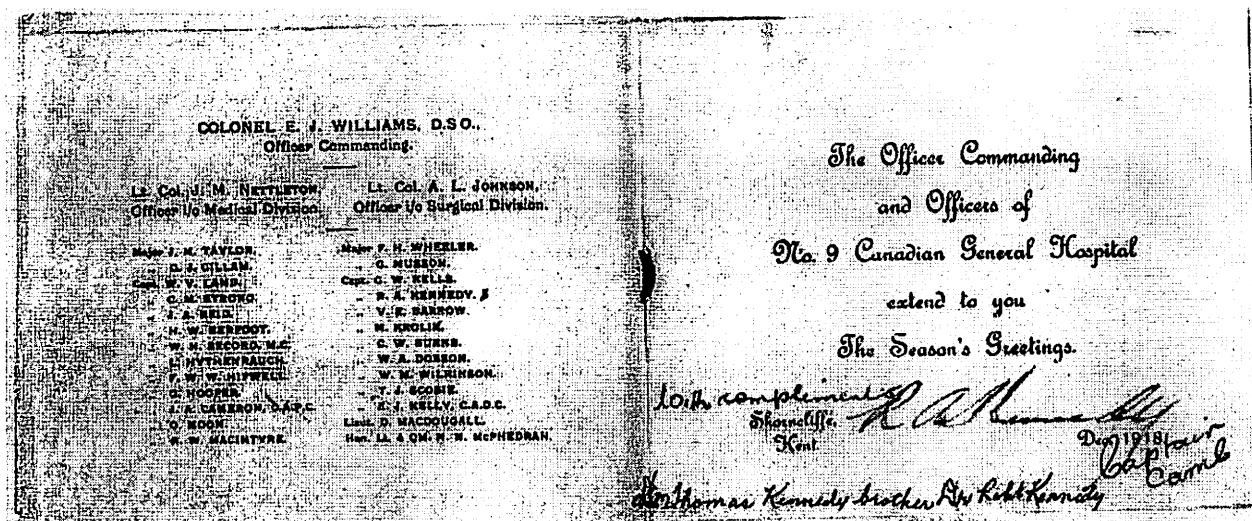
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From the Editor

Our cover this issue is from a Christmas card which was sent from Europe by a member of the Canadian Medical Corps at the end of World War I. Thanks to Helene de Wit for allowing us to reproduce it. Merry Christmas to all!!!



Annual Awards

It would be remiss of the Society not to explain why certain members were selected for awards this year. Since there were very few members at the Annual General Meeting, we feel that all of you should know why the following awards were presented:

Eric Jonasson Award

The Jonasson Award is presented to **Joan Whiston**. Joan has been our treasurer for many years. Those of you familiar with accounting know that this is a full-time job, but Joan goes above and beyond and gives classes on our behalf for Creative Retirement, assists at our Open House, volunteers at the Resource Centre, appears on our behalf on the radio, and serves on numerous sub-committees. Joan, with her unbounded energy, did all this while she was working full-time, and does even more now that she is retired.

Flo Cox Awards

Bob Stokes - Bob has been a long time member and has served in various positions on the Executive of MGS (e.g. Vice President - Finance and President). A quiet man, but a hard worker, Bob's efforts aren't always known by the membership. Whether he is dealing with leases or privacy issues he is always there to help.

Gordon McBean - Gordon is on the Executive of the Winnipeg Branch. He is always happy to put on computer sessions at our seminars. He has advanced the Society's publicity at the Scottish Pavilion and is a volunteer at the Resource Centre. He is always willing to lend a hand when one is needed.

Judith Kelly - One of our Wednesday volunteers, Judith is a steady worker, cutting obits from rural newspapers, keeping track of borrowed books, and weighing and mailing all our parcels generated by the Wednesday group. She promotes our cause at Folkarama and at our Open Houses.

Geoff Lambert - Geoff has served on the executive of MGS as president and has contributed intellectually and financially to the Society. His foresight and guidance have been of great help in directing MGS. Geoff also does Book Reviews for *Generations* and has been instrumental in assisting at various society functions. This award is long overdue, and well-deserved.

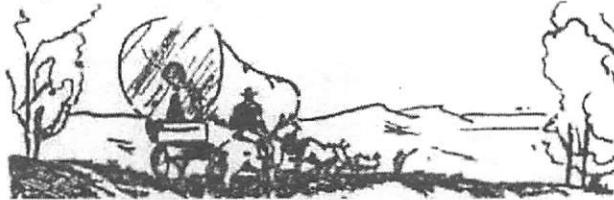
Shirle McGimpsey - One of the "Dynamic Duo" from Dauphin Branch, Shirle, a long-time member, has taken part in beginners' workshops, assisted new executive members, organized phoning lists, updated the Heritage Board, helped with the anniversary dinner and with nominations for the executive. She is always willing to lend a hand.

Marilyn Strang - The other member of the "Dynamic Duo" from Dauphin Branch, Marilyn is a long-time member who has taken part in beginners' workshops, assisted new executive members, organized phoning lists, updated the Heritage Board, helped with the anniversary dinner and with nominations for the executive. Marilyn is always happy to step up to the plate when needed.

Pioneer Royalty

December 1946

"Pioneer Royalty" is from a small newsletter entitled *Town and Farm* that was mailed out with the Manitoba Hydro Bills covering the dates 1946 until 1955. We thank Manitoba Hydro for permission to reprint them in *Generations*.



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

OVER NINETY...

Mrs. E. Robinson, MacGregor, 95 years of age, December 19.

Mrs. Chas. McLean, Virden, 94 years of age, December 24.

Frank Bell, Clearwater, 92 years of age, December 2. R. Beaudette, St. Jean, 91 years of age, December 6.

OVER EIGHTY...

G. W. Mulholland, Rathwell, 89 years of age, December 14.

Mrs. Isabelle Longmuir, Grandview, 86 years of age, Dec. 31.

Mrs. J. E. Haight, Killarney, 86 years of age, December 19.

J. Green, Bagot, 85 years of age, December 27.

E. Brown, Boissevain, 85 years of age, December 17.

F. Howell, Boissevain. 84 years of age, December 19.

George St. Amant, St. Jean, 80 years of age, December 27.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ireland, Killarney, married 63 years, December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McTaggart, Crystal City, married 61 years, December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Chester, Baldur, married 59 years, December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Cable, Brandon, married 54 years, Dec. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Grey, Oak Lake, married 52 years, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Muir, High Bluff, married 51 years, Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reid, Binscarth, married 51 years, December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Reid, Russell, married 51 years, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gibb, Portage la Prairie, married 51 years, December 25.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lacroix, St. Claude, married 51 years, December 16.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Painter, Portage la Prairie, married 51 years, December 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Olmstead, Carberry, married 47 years, December 18.

A Message from the President

MGS is at a crossroads - like many other groups, we are in need of finding ways to raise money so that we can continue operating. Don't forget that we are a registered charity so that any donation over \$5.00 is tax deductible. You can also direct your donation to a particular area (e.g., library, computers). Have you ever thought about giving a membership as a gift? If anyone has any ideas of raising funds, please let me know.

We also are in the need of a few good volunteers. Volunteering at MGS is a wonderful experience. There are many 'jobs' that can be done that don't require a lot of time and some can be done at home. So if you have some time to spare, contact me at 254-6926 or by e-mail at jparadis@mts.net.

We are planning a seminar for next October. Does anyone have any ideas of what they would like to see at this seminar? Is there a particular theme that you want? Let me know.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas.

The following members were honoured at the AGM for Long Service:

25 Year Pins	15 Years	10 Years
Elizabeth Briggs	Barrie Atkinson	Robert L. Baker
Eleanor Corbett	Betty Atkinson	Alma R. Bentley
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Glee Lindal	Joe Hawkins	J.M. De Laroque
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Mavis Middlebrook		Elaine Rutherford
Marguerite Moffat		G.H. Rutherford
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		Joan Whiston

Christina

By Alice Hanna

The photograph of the Cameron family shows my great-grandmother, Mary, seated beside her husband of many years, Roderick. A small boy stands between them, with three ladies and a gentleman standing behind.

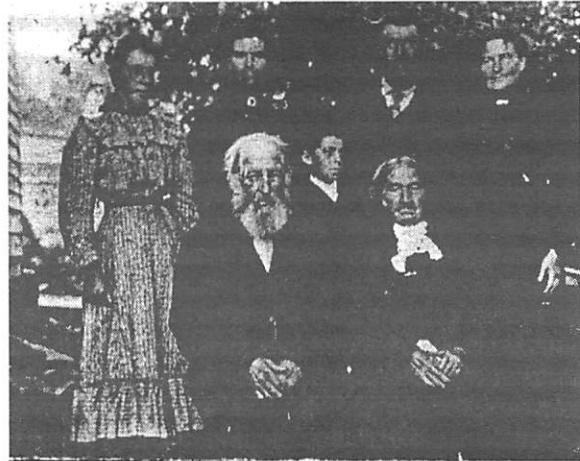
The lady on the right is unmistakable as Annabelle. Standing beside her is a man who is believed to be the handsome Harry Wrigley, her husband. The other sister must be Barbara, who is looking toward a much younger woman who is dressed differently from her mother and married sisters. This young lady looks out at the world with composure and dignity, shown in her perfect posture and steady gaze. She looks ready to step out to take her place in the world; her eyes fixed on the future in a calm, determined and yet loving way.

Those familiar eyes told me her name. Christina, my grandmother, as I had never known her; seen here as a lovely young woman whose image had been caught on film in that moment of hope and expectation.

She must have left her home and family in Big Bay shortly after posing for this picture. As many of her family and friends had done, she decided to travel west by lake steamer and train to the frontier town of Winnipeg. There she would stay with relatives until she could find employment and an independent life in this strange new place. Later in life she spoke of her love of the journey on the steamers and railways that brought her to her new home in the west. Winnipeg, as she found it, was a dusty prairie town where ox carts creaked and groaned as they moved slowly along the unpaved streets.

Family lore suggests that she found a position as a seamstress-milliner at the Anglo American Hotel in Gretna, a small hamlet clinging to the border between Canada and the United States like a bird perched on a wire. The hotel was owned and operated by John Ritz of Baden, Ontario. His wife, Mary Pieper Ritz, had a younger brother Charles, or Karl as he was often called. Charlie, his wife, Katharina Franke Pieper, and their little daughter Wilhelmina, or Minnie, must have been frequent visitors to the hotel where the Ritz family lived with their young children. The Ritz girls played with their little cousin and the children must have been drawn to the kind young seamstress, Christina Cameron, who seemed like a member of the family through her warm friendship with Mary, their mother.

About 1896, Christina took a notion to travel further west to visit other Cameron relatives who lived in Rossland, now part of the province of British Columbia, a gathering point for those who wanted



supplies and equipment to seek their fortune mining for gold in the Klondike. Again, she found work in a hotel as a seamstress-milliner and began to enjoy her life in the bustling mountain town.

Tragedy struck the little Pieper family back in Gretna the following year. Katharina, Charlie's wife, died in childbirth, leaving him widowed with a little girl to raise. His sister Mary helped them, of course; her worries and concerns were conveyed to Christina in their frequent correspondence. Mary would have shared Christina's letters with family and friends. Probably, Charlie would recall the warmth and laughter he and his family had shared with Christina and remember how well she could respond to his teasing remarks, winning the game with a quiet, "Now, Charlie!" which caused his eyes to twinkle in amusement. His thoughts must have drifted towards her as he remembered her happy nature and her kindness to his little daughter, Minnie. At some point it must have occurred to him that Christina was the wife he needed now and set off to discuss the idea with his loving sister, Mary. Unfortunately, none of the correspondence between Christina, Mary and Charlie survives, but I often speak to my cousin Margaret, grand daughter of Mary Ritz, who has told me what I know of these times.

Mary must have spoken to her brother, encouraging him to send word to Christina in Rossland, with whom she had been corresponding. Charlie followed his sister Mary's advice. Early in 1898 he wrote a proposal of marriage to her in which he described his hopes for their future together on his farm in Gretna.

Never known to be impulsive, Christina gave his proposal much thought before she sent her answer. There were things to be considered: for example, the difference in their religious backgrounds - she a staunch Presbyterian and he a Lutheran. Then, propriety: what would people think if she returned to Gretna alone? In what church could they be married? No Justice of the Peace for her!

Finally, Charlie received her thoughtful reply. His proposal of marriage was accepted, provided that he, his sister and brother-in-law came to Rossland to escort her to Winnipeg. There she would marry him, on condition that the ceremony be held in Augustine Presbyterian Church. Charlie agreed to all conditions and their wedding took place on July 31, 1898, with John and Mary Ritz as attendants. All Lutherans clearly identified on the certificate, the little group set out with the newest member of the Pieper family.

When they reached the hotel, where family and friends had gathered, Charlie proudly presented Christina as his wife. She was warmly welcomed. Budding friendships, begun when she worked in the hotel, blossomed into a warm family relationship.

Their married life began on the Pieper farm near Plum Coulee. Maria Pieper, Charlie's widowed mother, lived with them and helped to raise Minnie and the first two children of the marriage, Alice and Vera. Before Cameron was born in 1903, they moved into a fine new farmhouse on the outskirts of Gretna, where Christina took on all the duties of a farm wife: cooking, baking, churning, planting, weeding the kitchen garden, and raising their young family. Other children came along: Joseph, Bernice, Rinehart and little Mildred Annabel, who, in the summer of 1910, lived only two short months. Maria, Christina's kindly mother-in-law, helped and supported her through this busy time until she died in July, 1914. Maria was sadly missed, in particular by the Pieper children, whom she had watched over tenderly since the first grandchild, Alice, was born in 1900.

As the children grew, local farm girls were hired to help in the house. Christina became a friend and mentor to each of them. One, the energetic, enthusiastic Francie, was outside one day, painting the trim on the house. Suddenly, she rushed in to report that a new Mountie had just moved next door with his family of nine kids, but his wife said he was never home. Christina's dry humour surfaced in her reply,

"Well now, Francie, he must have been home once in a while."

Christina's kind and loving nature was shown in many ways. She always made certain that neighbors in need were quietly given help. The bounty of her garden was generously shared with her adult children, who carried great bunches of vegetables home after each visit. My brothers and I spent every summer with her until our family moved to Ontario. She sent a set of dishes for my wedding present and lived long enough to rock my babies, her first great grandchildren.

Several years ago a little parcel arrived from her nephew, Albert William "Bud" Pieper, which contained a little bone china sugar bowl with a picture of Wiarton High School on it. As I placed it in my china cabinet beside her turquoise tea set and hatpin vase, I was reminded of her own china cabinet and her love of visitors for tea. I could almost smell the pretty summer flowers from her garden that were often placed in the vase.

Her sewing skills were a useful and very important part of her life. Cameron made her a pink sewing box to hold all the equipment she needed to make the satin crazy quilt for her bed, the warm log cabin quilts she made from cast off winter clothing, the yarn for darning, crocheting and knitting and the colored skeins for fancy work done on the veranda on summer afternoons. Darning sessions were always ended by her recitation of

"I've darned and I've darned till my fingers are sore,
I'll be darned if I'll darn any more!"

accompanied in chorus by her grandchildren.

Her voice is my sweetest memory. Strained though it was by the diphtheria she survived in 1877, still, it was always warm and loving. If she were here now, she would probably say,

"There now, dearie, that'll do."

CONGRATULATIONS
To Alison and Trent
Reineke, married July
31, 2004, in St. Norbert,
Manitoba. Alison is the
daughter of Joyce, MGS
#1519L, and John Elias.

ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

By Kathy Stokes

Last year at this time, this column looked at the early effects of both of the world wars. The two wars had both begun in late summer, so a comparison of the results of Canada's wartime footing by Christmas was not hard to achieve.

This Christmas we are looking at a comparison of the Canadian Christmases immediately following the ends of the two world wars, but it is a more difficult task. World War I ended only a month or so before Christmas 1918, whereas World War II had been over for more than six months by the time Christmas 1945 arrived.

The newspapers of December 1918 were full of names of returning servicemen, some of whom had left the front before the Armistice. A group of 16 officers arrived home by mid December, among them Lt. A. B. Cameron of the 179 Batt., wounded in July 1918; Lt. Howard Brown of Winnipeg who had enlisted as a private in the Canadian Engineers; Lt. J. Gibson of 16th Scottish who walked off the train with a limp; and Capt. G. A. Coldwell of Brandon, who had first been thought dead, but who had actually been a prisoner of war in Germany and Holland. But among the last to die in France before peace was Manitoban Cpl. B. A. Emms (#86590), son of Mrs. Joseph Emms of Ideal, killed in action November 1 of shell shock.

Along with the joy of seeing loved ones again, the people of Manitoba, with those around the world suffered the agonies of the "Spanish" flu as seemingly healthy young people died from this dreadful scourge. Returning soldiers, some already weakened by gas attacks or wounds from the battlefields, were easy prey for the disease, along with children and their mothers. Some families were nearly wiped out. Mid December saw an average of 101 new cases daily, following a week or two when the disease had seemed to be abating. Churches and other institutions closed so that people would not congregate and spread or contact the disease.

Commerce seemed not too affected by local conditions. Local newspapers were full of advertisements designed to part readers from their money. Ashdown's store ad said, "The days of gloom are past," and offered PathePhone records as appropriate gifts, while Eaton's offered special "gifts for the returned soldier and sailor".

Some Christmas foods were plentiful, such as figs, but

table raisins and nuts remained scarce. The Gordon, Ironside & Fares Ltd. packing plant, sporting a "Hurrah For The Allies" sign held open house to show that there was no shortage of meat and the Free Press had a large photo of the meats to be found there. Such things as sweetbreads, brains, pickled rags, snouts and ears, along with the usual meats, butter and eggs were displayed.

The Salvation Army was on the streets with its familiar kettles and filled 250 hampers. The Hudson's Bay came up with a new idea and opened two evenings so its staff could shop prior to the rush. HBC even advanced pay cheques so that staff would have money for shopping.

Canadian servicemen still in Germany played hockey on the Rhine, with skates and sticks sent from home. One wrote home that, "The further we get into Germany, the more coldly our reception. Sullen looks are generally given. Residents of Germany do not believe the facts about the sinking of ships and the like."

The Winnipeg Free Press published on Christmas Day with an unusual story. Seventy-two cases of whiskey, consigned to a drug company for medicinal purposes, were refused delivery by the company because tampering with the cases had been feared. Provincial authorities took charge and the whiskey was moved to the courthouse in a large wagon. The officer in charge, needing assistance in unloading, went into the nearby provincial jail to secure the help of "trusties". He found several willing to help and returned to the wagon. There he found that several of the cases had been broken into. Seventy bottles of whiskey were missing. The officer said that it was 'most mysterious' because there had been nobody nearby when he left the wagon and no one there when he returned.

Christmas in 1945 provided a different picture. Troops were still arriving home, some six months after WWII. Many had left wives and children back in England. An increase in the allowance to these women was announced, up to \$35.00 per month. Here at home, women were returning to their domestic duties after years working in factories or otherwise performing jobs previously done by men. A Labour Department official condescendingly commented, "Women's part in the nation's war work was vital. It has made them aware of the value to Canada and the importance of their work in the home. They will approach domestic tasks with greater efficiency, ability and interest than ever before." Some women, among them some 2000

(including MGS member Edith Bjornson) who had joined the Canadian Women's forces did not return exclusively to the domestic scene, but took jobs in hotels, hospitals, laundries and offices.

The big news at Deer Lodge Hospital was the advent of "pillow radios" which meant that patients could hear their radios without bothering those around them. There were special Christmas menus for those still in the service. Winnipeg's Deanna Durbin was on the list of big moneymakers, with an annual income of \$359 000. There was an eclipse of the moon. Postal workers were in demand to deliver the Christmas mail and 450 were hired temporarily. The first Rhodes Scholarship since 1939 was awarded to Robert J. Moyse of Winnipeg who had studied at the Universities of Manitoba and Toronto, and had served as a lieutenant in the RCNVR. Twelve shoppers were hurt when ceiling tiles at Zeller's on Portage fell on them.

Rationing was still a fact of life, with butter rations due to decrease from seven to six ounces per person per week on January first., the same time as tire rations

were ending. Some foods were in short supply, especially turkey, apricots, lard and sugar.

Liquor rationing was still in effect in Manitoba, although Ontario had recently ended the practice. The monthly quota was three bottles, only one of which could be Scotch, and one of which must be other than Scotch or rye. Surely it is coincidence that a major story of this season involves liquor, just as in 1918. There was a serious theft of alcohol from a CPR freight car one evening when 22 drums of pure alcohol, worth some \$22 000 were stolen. This would make about 20 000 bottles of the finest liquor. It was believed that this sophisticated theft was the work of a ring of bootleggers, working with inside information as to the location of the drums of alcohol.

Generally, the attitude at Christmas 1945 was more positive than that of 1918. Things had had more time to settle down after the end of WWII. There was no epidemic. The economy was booming. Veterans were beginning to move into their "Wartime" houses and thus the housing shortage was being relieved. It really was a Merry Christmas.

Generation Gaps

Has anyone heard of a children's home for the years 1915 to 1919 in Winnipeg? My mother and her siblings were in a home at this time. Her father was away in World War I, and her mother died in 1915. I would like to know where to look for any information. I do not know if there were any church-run institutions at this time.

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POST-MUNN: Ezekiel POST, b. Hebron, Ct. 1771, m. Anna MUNN, b. 1778 West Stockbridge, Mass. d/o Daniel Munn & Lydia Crompton. Moved to Trafalgar Tp., Ont. ca 1802. Ch: Lydia m. Henry SHAIN. Andrew m. Maria ROLLO, Millicent m. Wm. DOWNS & John Curtis Post m. Nancy YEREX. Seeking descendants to help me fill in the blanks. Eleanor J. Burch, Box 269, Carberry, MB, R0K 0H0 Email: eburch@westman.wave.ca #2252

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Book Reviews

Geoff Lambert (#3591)

I have reviewed two books for this edition. They are:

The Historical Souvenir Diary of Winnipeg, compiled and edited by Fred C. Lucas. (276 pages, 1923.) Library: MAN 371.27 WINN, and

St. Paul's College: Memories and Histories, edited by Gerald Friesen and Richard LeBrun (pub. by the college, 324 pages, 1999.) Library MAN 378 FRI.

These two books are very informative and entertaining. They may even have some utility in identifying a lost relative, or fleshing out what you know about somebody already, since the authors seem to love lists of names.

The one on Winnipeg was published in 1923, the fiftieth anniversary of the city's incorporation. A certain fact about the city is presented for each day of the year, in calendar-like form. Some, depending on the topic, are given expanded treatment.

Some of the "fun" of this book lies in the number of quizzes you could imagine devising from it. For example, who knows the name of the first Manitoban to be knighted? Where and when the first curling match in the province was held? And who was the province's first winner of the Victoria Cross? And what about the Presbyterian church? Where did they first build in stone around here? Read this book, and you'll find out the answers to these and innumerable other pressing issues.

Its use to the genealogist lies in those frequent lists or clusters of names. But, apart from that, anyone who has lived in this fair city for any length of time will think that Winnipeg could do with some of the pioneer bravado and chutzpah which its founders and early citizens had in spades.

The other book is more limited, perhaps, in scope. St. Paul's College has been the college for English-speaking Roman Catholics since 1926. Since it moved to the Fort Garry campus in 1958, it has seen its autonomy undermined. There are no longer Jesuits at St. Paul's, though it remains a centre for Catholic

studies, and its magnificent chapel is still a meeting place for Catholics. But it is now simply a part of the University of Manitoba.

The book does deal with these lamentable matters, but much of it is a celebration of the people, art and faith of the community. I must confess a bias. I spent my first eight years at the UM as a member of the college. They were, in retrospect, the happiest days I have spent on this campus. A couple of the articles, those by Donna Norell and the inestimable Larry Desmond, catch this spirit well.

It is beautifully written, though perhaps its organization is a little eccentric. However, the two editors know what they are about. Gerry Friesen is a very distinguished historian of the Canadian West. Dick LeBrun is a transplanted North Dakotan who built a solid reputation, before he retired, as teacher, scholar and administrator. Both were for many years members of St. Paul's College.

Again, perhaps the book's primary use is for what it says about the college, its work and mission. But there are those lists of names again. Perhaps one of your relatives?

* A final note. You would probably have to find a copy the Lucas book at a garage sale, but the Friesen-LeBrun book is available from the college for \$20, including taxes.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

MGS

President: Jayne Paradis, MGS #45

It has been an interesting year as President. I have always felt that I have learned a lot by volunteering for MGS but I think that I have learned even more as President. Sometimes it is amazing to me how well the Society runs – but that is thanks to the hardworking, long-time serving volunteers that we have. To them I say "Thank you".

DAUPHIN BRANCH

President-Elect: Jean Tucker, MGS #64

Dauphin Branch meets each month from January to May and September to November on the last Thursday at 7:30pm.

This year the members of Dauphin Branch of MGS celebrated our 25th anniversary and most of our efforts were directed toward commemorating and celebrating our achievements over the past twenty-five years. On September 25th we held a dinner and reunion of members and former members of Dauphin Branch, and friends of the Branch from other branches. Two Charter Members, Shirle McGimpsey and Jean Tucker, were in attendance and did the honours of cutting the 25th anniversary cake. Several members set up displays highlighting their own personal research efforts over the years. Heritage committee members, Marilyn Strang and Shirle McGimpsey, put together an impressive display of "Branch Memories" of the past 25 years, including memories of a group trip to Salt Lake City, hosting a MGS seminar, individual research travels, and other activities of the Branch, and a tribute to deceased members.

In February we joined with Fort Dauphin Museum, Dauphin Pioneers Association, and other heritage groups to participate in "Heritage Week". We set up a display at the local mall to promote the heritage of the community and the contribution of Dauphin Branch.

In early May, Tammy Zurba organized a trip to Winnipeg to visit the Archives, Legislative Library, and the MGS Resource Centre. The visit to the Archives was disappointing because, although they were told a group from Dauphin would be coming, only one staff member was in place, thus making this less than a satisfactory learning experience. Much better results were experienced at the Manitoba Legislative Library and at MGS' Resource Centre where sufficient staff was available to assist the visitors with their research.

In July we made an attempt to update our cemetery records and completed the recording of the Lawn section of Riverside. This is being typed and soon should be completed. Inclement weather kept us from pursuing cemetery transcriptions further this summer.

In keeping with the spirit of our 25th anniversary, several members purchased T-shirts with our Branch logo embroidered on them. We wore them for the first time when we set up a display at Fort Dauphin Rendezvous day in early September.

Resource Centre Chair, Jean Tucker, met with several out-of-town visitors during the summer months to advise them of the research resources available in Dauphin and for this area.

Our Annual Meeting and Christmas party will be held November 25th. A new executive will be elected at that time. We hope to "do more genealogy" next year and plans are being floated for another trip to the MGS Resource Centre in Winnipeg in the spring and to the LDS Family History Centre in Brandon as well. Also, we hope to have a series of family history workshops through the year to assist long-time members, as well as new members, with their family history research. We have many talented people among our membership and we hope to make use of their considerable knowledge and abilities. We hope to provide more resource material in the form of microfilmed materials and additional cemetery transcriptions to the resources we have already. Also we hope to "welcome back" several of our former members.

The members of Dauphin Branch extend our best wishes to members of other Branches, and indeed, to all members of Manitoba Genealogical Society.

SOUTH WEST BRANCH

Vice-President Beth Wall, MGS #1622

The Branch enjoyed an outstanding year in 2003. As the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Branch was to be a part of the year's activities, a committee had been appointed to set up the annual Heritage Dinner as a celebration dinner.

The evening was a great success with some 50 members and guests enjoying a delicious dinner followed by a Power Point presentation by Heather Ewasuk, Heritage Coordinator for the City of Brandon. Heather had prepared the presentation which featured heritage buildings in the city. She was very knowledgeable about the history of the buildings and the presentation was very popular.

We were pleased to have Bob and Kathy Stokes with us for the evening. The presentation of the Ruth Tester Award for service to the Branch was not able to be made as the recipient, Marg Cochrane, was in hospital. Vice-President Beth Wall, Secretary Shirley Erskine, and Margaret Goodman were to visit the hospital on the following Saturday to do the honours; however Marg passed away before that was possible. We are happy to report though, that her husband, Barrie, and family, were most pleased to receive the award at a later date. We are missing Marg very much as she was an enthusiastic genealogist and a tireless worker for the Branch as well.

With the highlight of the fall season being the hosting of Seminar '03, Marg Goodman and her committee kept busy through the year making plans and arrangements. When October 17 dawned at the Travelodge's Canadian Inn, much work had been accomplished and it did not take long for it to become obvious that Seminar '03 would be a howling success. The speakers were outstanding as was easily seen when, on Sunday afternoon at the last session, some 80 of the 124 registrants were still in the main hall listening to the final speaker.

Happily, the seminar was also a financial success and the Branch was able to augment the Society's funds with a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 forwarded at the closing of the Seminar books.

All in all, 2003 was a very successful year for the Branch and with the new officers on hand to guide the South West Branch, we are sure the future will be most successful.

SWAN VALLEY BRANCH

President: Eric Neufeld, MGS #2410L

The Swan Valley Branch has had a very busy and interesting year. Our meetings are held at the Town of Swan River office, lower level. Our meetings are conducted every second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Our Branch takes a summer recess for the months of July and August of each year.

We continue to acquire copies of local history books or books with any historical value to people searching for their ancestors, attending auctions and sales for any such books. This year we were able to acquire some old landowners' maps of our valleys.

Also continuing is our quest for "old obituaries". We glean these from old newspapers and "Looking Back" columns from local papers. We are also working on a database to include new and old obituaries.

This year we submitted our "Star & Times Index" for 2003 and will continue to index the "Star & Times" in 2004 for births, marriages, and deaths.

I can easily say that "queries" dominate our meetings. Usually every meeting has new queries from various people across Canada about the Swan Valley people. This has been very satisfying and sometimes results in these people planning their summer vacation to include a stop at our office to see what else can be found.

In closing, our plans for next year include updating some of our cemetery transcriptions and to acquire and preserve any historical document that may assist anyone tracing their ancestors in our Valley.

WINNIPEG BRANCH

President: Wayne Neily, MGS #430

Winnipeg Branch meets monthly, usually at the MGS Resource Centre, third Monday evening of the month.

The year 2003-2004 has been an active one for the Winnipeg Branch although, as always, there were many areas that we would like to have improved. membership passed 150, with about 80% from southeastern Manitoba and others mostly across North America. Thanks to an Executive who were able to devote as much, or more, time to the Branch as I did, and especially to 1st Vice-President Gord McBean who coordinated the programmes, we had a full year of monthly meetings or outings, and activity at various levels in education/outreach, research, special projects, and other areas. The 2003-2004 Executive also included Secretary Daryl Dumanski, Treasurer Harold King, Past President Jim Oke, and Councillors Jack Rockey and Martin Goffard. At the May 2004 meeting, the new executive for the coming year was elected with incumbents remaining except that we have a new Treasurer, Julia Hall, and new Councillors, David Sutherland and Joan Szucs.

The 7th of December, 2003 was the highlight of the year, marking the 25th anniversary of Winnipeg Branch's first meeting, and about 50 of us celebrated with a special dinner at the Quality Inn on Pembina Highway. Professor Jack Bumstead of the Dept. of History, University of Manitoba, was guest speaker, with an interesting presentation on "Women in the Life of Louis Riel". Certificates were presented to past-presidents and chairs of the Branch — present were first Chairman Bill Cottrell, Margaret Sheridan, Daryl Dumanski, Gayle Mann, Gord McBean, and myself, and to the 29 charter members or Founders (those who attended the organizing meeting for the Branch 30 November 1978), of whom three were present, Bill Cottrell, Gerald Brown, and Edith Bjornson. A special award was made to Edith who was the only Founder to have maintained Branch membership continuously to the present. Recognition was also made to Jack Rockey who had 24 years' continuous membership.

The monthly programmes remained the core of our activities, and this year centred on a theme of preparing our family history research for publication. They were held, normally on the third Monday evening, as follows: 18 August — Brickwall Bash by Wayne Neily; 15 September — Solving My Family Mystery by Linda Clarke; 20 October — Crafting a Compelling Story from your Facts by Mary Jane McLennan; 17 November — Editing by Alexa Campbell; 15 December — Christmas Sharing (memories); 19 January — Publishing a Book by Jack and Yvonne Mavins; 16 February — Printing the Results by Michael Schact, Art Book Bindery; 15 March — Digital Images in Genealogy by Gord McBean; 19 April

— Another Brickwall Bash led by Wayne Neily; 17 May — Annual General Meeting — Websites for Family History by Gord McBean; 21 June — The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (of printed family histories) by Daryl Dumanski. Attendance ranged from 9 to 27, with an average of 18. On 24 July an excursion to the Morden Cemetery to begin transcribing was the beginning of another special project.

For our Special Projects committee, early in 2004 Carol Moore-Glenn and Wendy Lawless took over as co-chairs from Geoff Lambert and are continuing work on the census indexing project. Carol has also continued to chair the Education/Outreach Committee for the Branch, and activities there were similar to those of the previous year, with the Scottish Pavilion display at Folklorama being one of our biggest efforts. Jim Oke has been keeping our website updated and Gord McBean has been working with him on the newsletter / e-zine. Research has been relatively inactive for the past year, but with several new committee members, we hope to see it working much more in the coming year. A team of about 10 volunteers coordinated by Chris Irwin has continued to keep the MGS Resource Centre open Wednesday evenings.

Looking back over the quarter-century it has been a period of irregular activity, some years with almost nothing happening, others with a full schedule of activities and strong membership. It has always been a struggle for the Branch because of the way the Society has evolved. The parent MGS established some of what would usually be Branch functions here before the Branch was formed, and took on some others in years of Branch inactivity, with the result that we are constantly competing for volunteers and many Winnipeg MGS members see no need to join the Branch.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Executive and volunteers that helped keep things going during the past year. Many members helped with manning displays or working on committees, and in keeping the MGS Resource Centre open Wednesday evenings, but there is a need for more to get involved as part of the Executive. It does require some time and effort (usually at least 2-3 evenings per month) and the pay is lousy, but there are other rewards. You learn a lot, including some things that will help with your own research; you have a chance to work with some pretty fine people, and to help many who are just getting started, and you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have given back something to an organization that you have found helpful and useful, to ensure that it continues to be so in the future.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT

Chris Irwin, MGS #2458

The 2003-2004 fiscal year has been a stay-the-course year. A general overview will be discussed briefly, as more in-depth reports will be forthcoming from the Chairs.

The library has seen a change in operations with Louisa Shermerhorn relinquishing some of her duties — Mary Bole has taken the position of Librarian and Louisa has retained that of Office Management. Louisa has made large contributions to the library area over the years for which we all thank her. On the inside of things, books are still being sought to aid others in research and CD purchases have been on the rise. A new item is being tried as a beta project and that is the Ancestry.com being available to members on-site. If interest wanes, then it will be revisited.

Overall, the library has seen a big change in appearance as it relates to computers and how we do things. A grant was secured from the Winnipeg Foundation. With this grant the Society purchased five new computers for the use of its members and patrons. The additions make it possible to be able to place many cemeteries, obituaries, etc. on the computer for in-house use. This is only one of the many tasks they are used for.

Special Projects has seen its cemetery transcriptions grow to 1273 and more are in the wind. Some updates have been made in the course of the year. One main task being performed presently is the long awaited availability of cemeteries to be placed in a single computer program to be viewed in-house only. This will take a year or so more to complete but it is a step in the direction of computerization.

Research has seen approximately the same amount of queries and responses. That committee's work is a great public relations tool for the Society.

On the subject of PIPEDA (Personal Information Protection & Electronics Documents Act) — important changes have been addressed on this subject which reflect how we do things and on you as a member.

COMPUTER

Chair: Bill Burland, MGS #3727

During the past year, as most members are aware, there have been major changes in regard to the computers at the Resource Centre. Most of our old computers were given to branches of MGS for their use. We retained the "newest" old computer to run programs which will not run under the new operating system.

The Society had applied for a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation for new computers and this past spring they awarded us a grant of \$5000.00 towards new computer systems. We gratefully accepted the money and spent it on 5 new systems, each complete with Windows XP and Microsoft Office Professional Version.

As well, we upgraded our Internet connection from a dial-up version of a high speed "Lite" version to give us faster and unlimited access to the Internet.

We have also subscribed to Ancestry.com which allows us to access all their on-line databases.

We have also begun the networking of the Resource Centre computers. When complete, this should allow transfer of files and data from one machine to another easily and quickly. As well, it should allow us to print on any one of our computers from any machine.

New genealogical resources for the computers are constantly being added to the Resource Centre by the librarian and through the Special Projects Committee. For example, on September 8, 2004, we added the 2003 obituary index to our Winnipeg Newspapers Index – bringing the number of names in it to over 330,000 (1968-2003)!!

Bill MacDonald continues to help keep all the machines running well. Jim Oke is still keeping our web page up and running. A big thank you to them and the other committee members who keep the computers, printers, copiers, scanners, and viewers running.

LIBRARY

Chair: Mary Bole, MGS #844

We are very sorry to see Louisa Shermerhorn step down as Library Chair after 25 years. She is, however, still volunteering on Tuesdays and supervising us all very carefully. We are still learning from her. She is a hard act to follow.

Objectives

To encourage the use of the Library facilities by the following means:

- 1) Upgrading the computer system, by the purchase of 5 new computers, networking them, and expanding our information base on CD-ROMs.
- 2) Obtaining a 6 month subscription to Ancestry.com, the most comprehensive international on-line genealogy data base.
- 3) Placing Finding Aids in Generations to increase library awareness and to highlight new holdings.
- 4) Focussing on the purchase of Manitoba books.
- 5) Giving friendly and helpful support to our patrons.

Volunteers

We would like to give a special thank you to all the volunteers who help with library tasks. The volunteer list is growing but will never be too large. If you are willing to help, or know anyone who would like to assist us, please let us know.

Some of our volunteers are: Sharon Albo, Pat Allan, Joyce Elias, Lynn Francis, Lorna Karman, Judith Kelly, Walt McCaw, Vivian Mitchell, Allan Pickard, Dave Smith, Orma Sozansky, Josie Stemerowicz, Lori Walker, and, of course, the Winnipeg Branch members who man Wednesday evening openings.

Unfortunately, one of our long-standing volunteers, Pat Kelly, passed away this past year and is greatly missed.

Statistics

80 periodicals are exchanged with other societies. We send Generations; they send us their journals. 9 periodicals are received by subscription.

312 periodicals were borrowed by 41 members (up from last year). Family Tree from England was again the most popular and Dakota Homestead came in second.

1855 books were reshelved (up from last year).

268 donations, + 30 purchases (books, CD-ROMs etc) added to the library collection (up from last year).

60 books were circulated by mail also. The circulation is up again this year, probably due to the special Library Postage Rate we were able to get. Members must still pay postage both ways, but it is very low. We still cannot mail these books to members who live outside of Canada.

The number of patrons searching for Manitoba sources was at least double the number of researchers for all other areas combined. Eastern Canada and the United Kingdom were second.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Chair: Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L

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

- Maintenance of premises: housekeeping chores including vacuuming, dusting, emptying wastepaper baskets etc.

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

Again we have seen a slight increase in the number of patrons using our Resource Centre/Library but still the main research area is Manitoba (over 2000 signing in). To handle all the requests and perform the multi tasks required to keep the resources available, we have some 50 regular volunteers. About half of those volunteer once a week, others once a month, and others for meetings, various projects, etc.

The following statistics show some of the volume of work:

- 2384 patrons signed our register. Slightly down from last year.
- 1340 volunteers signed in. This is also a slight increase.
- 2177 pieces of mail, by post, were sent from MGS. This total is up by over 50% — I cannot account for the increase.
- 266 (at least) e-mail replies were made from MGS' computer. Others may have been made by volunteers from their home computers.
- 1614 pieces of mail by post (including faxes) were received by MGS. (Slightly up from last year.)
- 490 incoming phone calls were recorded. Slightly up.
- 36,920 photocopies made. This includes most of the Cemetery Transcripts which are sold.
- 40 MGS publications were sold.
- A considerable number of Cemetery Transcripts, generating over \$1,300.00 for the Society.

Each month, September through June, Winnipeg Branch holds a monthly meeting at the Resource Centre. Also, this year the UEL held one meeting at the Centre. Other meetings this past year included: MGS Executive usually once a month, MGS Council 4 times, Open House, Library-Computer Committee joint 2 day session, AGM.

Everyone who volunteers in the Resource Centre mentions how it benefits his/her own research, as well as the social aspect in getting to know other members. Thank you to all the volunteers who man the Resource Centre and help to keep it running. You all have your regular duties, usually related to another committee, but each of you also contribute, in one way or another, to the overall running of the Centre. I do know that many people do not understand all the mundane tasks these volunteers do to accomplish everything. These tasks are necessary to keep our Society alive – i.e. copying cemetery transcripts, filing cards, mailing letters, vacuuming, answering the same question over and over, etc. And I say to all volunteers: "Your help is invaluable. Believe me, you are appreciated".

Why don't you consider becoming a volunteer?

RESEARCH

Chair: Jim Rutherford, MGS #2632

This past financial year was a busy one for the Research crew, although revenues were down from last year. We received 97 research queries via e-mail, of which only 18 resulted in money being sent in to take advantage of our services. Other than that, we completed 101 searches with most coming by snail mail although 38 of these had originated from using our web site to print the research form.

Revenue was about \$2300.00, or an average of \$22.50 for each query.

Thanks are extended to the following people for their invaluable time and effort put into answering these queries: Connie McLeod, Hazel Runchey, Rick McLellan, Bonnie Bridge, Jody Jones, and Bill MacDonald. As Chairperson, I really appreciate their help and expertise — my job as "boss" is a very pleasant one.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Chair: Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

This past year has been a year of change for the Special Projects Committee as we try to bring our records up to date, to retype transcription indexes that were originally typed more than 30 years ago, and to computerize our indexes.

A six-year project has been completed and Elmwood Cemetery in Winnipeg (51,000 graves) is now available for perusal in the MGS Resource Centre.

Thanks to a number of data entry volunteers, we have nearly completed putting the indexes to more than 1270 cemeteries on to computer, thus eliminating the large card catalogues. When this job is complete and everything has been checked, we will remove three card catalogues, thus freeing up more library space.

All the strays we have received over the years, containing mostly deaths of people born in Manitoba who have died in Ontario, the prairie provinces, and British Columbia, are now on disc and available for checking.

We will be reviewing our cemetery sales costs and charges because of the large increases in postage. Perhaps the larger cemeteries will be put on to CD-ROMs for sale. This would save us time in photocopying, wear and tear on our copier, and considerable postage costs. Profits from the sales of cemetery transcriptions are passed on to the branches and to MGS. It usually keeps one volunteer busy for an entire day each Wednesday copying and mailing the orders.

Newspaper indexing continues, both current and early papers. Even though Vital Statistics records now show early births, marriages, and deaths, there are many gaps in their records, some of which can be filled by entries in Manitoba newspapers. As well, events about Manitobans which occur in other places are not reflected in the Vital Statistics records, but often do show up in Manitoba newspapers.

As always, I appreciate the efforts of the many volunteers who work with Special projects in one capacity or another.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT

Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031

The Communications Department includes the Branches, Generations, Publications, and Outreach. We have both good and not so good news. The greatest news is that our branches are flourishing and hopefully gaining the interest of new members. It is a difficult task to not only operate efficiently, but also to continue to encourage new membership. To that end, if you have always belonged to MGS but haven't supported one of the branches, please consider it. They require many volunteers to function but also rely on funding through your \$10.00 branch fee to run their programs and support their projects. This benefits everyone! With any luck plus a little organization we may even get to see a new branch formed this year — keep your eye on Generations for any breaking news.

A very sincere thank you to all the branch executive members who go above and beyond the call of duty throughout the year – you all know who you are, and congratulations to the Dauphin Branch who recently celebrated their 25th anniversary.

We welcomed a new editor to Generations this year and he is progressing quite nicely. But Bill Burland would surely like his job a lot better if all you writers and genealogists out there would send him more publishable goodies. He has a good working committee but we would love to have some extra inventory to work with. Please consider an ad – something related to genealogy, and remember your free Generation Gap query. People still like to read things in hand.

The Publications department has been riding along for many years and could use some fresh insights and suggestions as to what we could be doing for the Society. Any takers?

Along with the Membership Services department of the Society we share some of the responsibility of publicity. A volunteer for distribution of brochures and procurement of materials from other heritage organizations would certainly help this department as well.

Our vitally important Outreach department currently has no chairperson – this is a very scary situation for a charitable organization to have. If you have ever enjoyed organizing speakers, or holding displays, please consider this position. We do get various requests throughout the year and some requests can be handles by the branches. Did you know that every one of the branches needs people to go out to give short talks on genealogy in their communities? They always welcome new volunteers. This is the one department where you can learn so much from other people and can make terrific contacts. You must enjoy people and talking about genealogy – this shouldn't be too hard for most of the members I've met over the last 20 years! **Questions or concerns:** Call me: 204 / 668-9366, or E-mail: ddportfolios@shaw.ca

GENERATIONS

Editor: Bill Burland, MGS #3727

This past year I took over from Jayne Paradis as the editor of Generations. We are slowly introducing a few changes while keeping as much of the journal as possible familiar to our members. Without the help of Society members this task would be impossible. The committee members listed inside the front cover of each issue are to be thanked. Thanks to Joyce Elias who continues to mail the journal.

We do need more articles for each issue – this is an ongoing problem. Think of items of interest or instruction that you can share, and drop me a line about them (mgsi@shaw.ca).

HUMAN RESOURCES / MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT

Chair: Bill Pooley, MGS #855

This area has been looked after by yours truly and Betty Atkinson, Chair of Membership. There is no one at present on the Volunteer Recruitment Committee which is in much need of being filled. Any volunteers?

Our membership is on the decline and with an aging membership and Joe Public feeling that he can get all this information from the Internet, the result is not unexpected. Unfortunately this also translates into lost revenue. Therefore, unless we can recruit lots of new members and have successful fund raisers, extreme cost-cutting measures will have to be implemented. Although it is one thing to have our name out there for the public to see, we have to interact with them for their dollars. We can not continue to rely on the government for continued/more support during these hard economic times. We must become self-

sustaining.

It appears that we attract the most members through our workshops, seminars, open houses, etc., i.e. where we have direct interpersonal contact. This must be expanded where possible. Kathy Stokes, Joan Whiston, and Daryl Dumanski have obtained many new members thanks to their work in this area.

Before closing, I thank all those members of the MGS who have assisted me this year in my position.

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Betty Atkinson, MGS #2117

Current as of September 8, 2004:

Member Type 1:	Individual	508
Member Type 2:	Associate	33
Member Type 3:	Institutional	19
Member Type 4:	Life	50
Member Type 5:	Exchange	77
Member Type 6:	Deposit	14
Member Type 7:	Administrative Memb.	1
Member Type 8:	(not used)	
Member Type 9:	No mail out	<u>16</u>
Total		<u>718</u>
		(2003 : 696)

Dauphin Branch	17
South West Branch	84
Swan Valley Branch	7
Winnipeg Branch	142

FINANCIAL REPORTS

VICE-PRESIDENT: Vacant

Following by Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031

We should be concerned that our Society has no Fundraising Chair at this time. Our revenue has not seen significant increases while our expenses continue to escalate. Great ideas with follow-through are what we need. Surely one of our members has the skill and know-it-all to come up with some exciting ways to raise funds.

Our VP Administration took on the challenge of finding a grant for new computers in the Resource Centre. He was successful but we're each biting off too many tasks. The Society could really use a Ways and Means Chairperson for advice. This person would like the hunt of scouting all those grants out there in the heritage community. It takes some time and a little research – but isn't that a lot like your own genealogy?

MGS TREASURER

Joan Whiston, MGS #1883

THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

STATEMENT 1

BALANCE SHEET

(UNAUDITED)

JULY 31

	Operating Fund	Lifetime Memberships Fund	Publications Fund	Seminar Fund	Dedication Fund	COMBINED 2004	2003
ASSETS							
CURRENT							
Cash	\$ 11,741	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 11,741	\$ 3,916
Short term investments	41,118					41,118	51,900
Accounts receivable	1,515					1,515	1,637
Prepaid expenses	2,809	2,809	2,513
	57,183					57,183	59,966
DUE FROM OPERATING FUND	...	13,075	2,000	500	2,395	17,970	17,470
	\$ 57,183	\$ 13,075	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 2,395	\$ 75,153	\$ 77,436
LIABILITIES							
CURRENT							
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,619	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,619	\$ 3,060
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	15,991	15,991	15,518
	18,610					18,610	18,578
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	17,970	17,970	17,470
	36,580					36,580	36,048
SURPLUS							
FUNDS SURPLUS	20,603	13,075	2,000	500	2,395	38,573	41,388
	\$ 57,183	\$ 13,075	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 2,395	\$ 75,153	\$ 77,436

Approved by the Board

Director _____

Director _____

THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

STATEMENT 2

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND SURPLUS (UNAUDITED)

YEAR ENDED JULY 31

OPERATING FUND	2004	2003
REVENUE		
Beverages	\$ 88	\$ 118
Donations	5,109	3,472
Generations	687	446
Grants	15,800	10,800
Investment income	644	681
Memberships	18,782	17,093
Other	375	1,516
Services	7,615	4,374
U.S. exchange	521	787
User fees	605	660
	50,226	39,947
OPERATING EXPENDITURES (<i>Schedule 1</i>)	<u>54,656</u>	<u>52,289</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE	(4,430)	(12,342)
TRANSFERS FROM (TO) FUNDS		
Life Members fund	(350)	(600)
Dedication fund	(150)	(805)
Publications fund	<u>1,615</u>	<u>4,542</u>
OPERATING FUND DEFICIT FOR YEAR	(3,315)	(9,205)
SURPLUS, <i>beginning of year</i>	<u>23,918</u>	<u>33,123</u>
SURPLUS, <i>end of year</i>	\$ <u>20,603</u>	\$ <u>23,918</u>

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SCHEDULE 1

OPERATING EXPENDITURES (UNAUDITED)

YEAR ENDED JULY 31

	2004	2003
Annual general meeting	\$ 72	\$ 166
Capital expenditures	4,685	
Committee - outreach	12	
- library	2,152	2,698
- special projects	62	30
- computer	241	104
- memberships	316	404
Conventions and meetings	214	778
Equipment maintenance	1,795	2,850
Generations	5,878	5,418
GST	3,017	2,894
Insurance	1,283	1,152
Office and administration	4,908	2,893
Photocopying	642	284
Professional fees	1,975	3,077
Rent and common charges	24,254	25,716
Telephone	759	1,218
Utilities	<u>2,391</u>	<u>2,607</u>

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Finding Aid for Manitoba Research at the MGS Resource Centre

Mary Bole (#844)

Manitoba Cemeteries – MGS has transcripts of 1273 Manitoba cemeteries and is presently in the process of making a major index of the collection. Our latest addition is the Elmwood cemetery of Winnipeg, the index of which is on the MGS computers.*

Location: Indexes are at various places around the library – for a complete list see the notice on top of the centre filing cabinets. Also check the following Internet sites on the library computers:

http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/cemetery_search.stm,
<http://www.city.brandon.mb.ca/>
<http://www.city.portage-la-prairie.mb.ca/departments/operations/searchcemetery.asp>

Obituaries – MGS has been indexing the Winnipeg newspapers since 1969.

Location: On the MGS computers.*

Winnipeg obituaries since 1999:

<http://www.winnipegfreepress2.com/obituaries/>
MGS has also been indexing a number of rural newspapers since 1980.

Location: In binders on top of the filing cabinets against west wall.

Henderson Directories – MGS has a complete set of Winnipeg residential/business directories from 1908 to 2000. Also available is the set of Northwest Territories directories of earlier years, including all of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Location: in Directories room or in microfilm area.

Telephone Books – MGS has a very good selection of Manitoba Provincial and Winnipeg City books. Looking for Flin Flon, Interlake, or Iceland, Amsterdam?

Location: Books are in the rear of the library.

Provincial books from 1908 to 1939 are on microfilm.

Census Records – MGS has all the Manitoba Census returns including 1870, 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1906.

Location: Microfilm cabinet.

Canadian 1901 census:

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

Northwest provinces (AB, SK, MB) 1906 census: same site

Census Records Indexes – MGS has Indexes for a number of these.

Location: Near the microfilm cabinet or on the Internet at the following sites:

<http://www.afhs.ab.ca/data/census/1906/index.html>
<http://www.ancestry.com>
<http://automatedgenealogy.com/index.html>

Early Newspaper BMD Indexes – MGS has compiled indexes of births, marriages and deaths found in early rural Manitoba papers – 1859-1884 and Winnipeg newspapers from 1859.

Location: In the top shelves of the little green filing cabinet in the centre of the library or in our published books placed near the Census indexes.

Also have Dauphin births and marriages 1896-1915 and deaths 1896-1970.

Location: Binders on top of Filing Cabinets or in drawers beneath the IGI.

Brandon: 1900-1909 and various other years.

Swan Valley – 1988 to 2003.

Location: Binders on top of Filing Cabinets.

Church Registers – MGS has transcripts of 94 Manitoba Anglican and Catholic Church registers (to approx. 1910).

Location: 2 filing cabinets on west wall near magazines.

It also has an index to early records of 79 rural and urban charges, (Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational (pre Union)), located at the United Church Archives.

Location: Bottom drawer of filing cabinet near magazines.

Local History Books – MGS has approximately 450 of these books.

Location: In the Manitoba section of the library with call number 971.27 and then arranged by municipality.

Local History Book Indexes: – Some of these are indexed.

Location: On top of filing cabinet on West Wall.

Manitoba Surrogate Court Records – MGS has copies of 3 microfilms – a main index directs you to the appropriate application book.

Location: Microfilm cabinet.

Strays – MGS has collected a list of people from Manitoba who died in places other than Manitoba.

Location: On MGS computers.*

And so many other resources: Associations, clubs, universities, colleges, school yearbooks, hospitals, music teachers, municipal officials, maps, biographies, etc.

And some things you don't expect to find:

Relief payments made in Manitoba during the depression (361.6 REL)

Some documents from Archibald C. Campbell, solicitor (929.3 SOM)

* Programs marked are not on the Internet: they are on the MGS computers.

Library Lines

Mary Bole, MGS Librarian

Family History and Biography

921 SHI *Lengthening shadow by H.R. Shipley, 1975.*

An autobiography of Herbert R. Shipley of England and Manitoba.

921 TRU *When I was a boy by David Trumble, 1976.*

David Trumble was born in 1867 and in 1976 was the oldest living Canadian, and almost certainly Canada's oldest author. A book of reminiscences of good times in rural Ontario.

929.2 BRO5 *Brown and Reynolds family genealogy compiled by G.F.W. Reynolds, 19-*

Various records and certificates from England relating to the two families from the research of G. Reynolds.

929.2 HEN3 *Descendants of Robert John Henderson by Gayla Vidal, 2004.*

Robert John Henderson, born 1818 in Newry, County Down, Northern Ireland married Eliza Brown and immigrated to Cold Springs, Ontario in 1847.

929.2 MCV *McVicar Post ancestry by Hugh D. McVicar, revised and edited by his daughter Eleanor J. Burch, 2003.*

The ancestry of George Wesley McVicar (1884-1951) and Naomi Theresa Post (1881-1951). Copies are available eburch@westman.wave.ca

929.2 SHE3 *Shermerhorn family in North America by Louisa Shermerhorn, 2003.*

Some descendants of Jacob and Janse Schermerhorn and Jannettje Egmont through their son Cornelius. This edition is basically the descendants of Cornelius Schermerhorn, 6th child of the immigrant Jacob Janse who went to the USA in the 1600s.

Manitoba

280 ANG *Anglican Parish of St. Chad, 2003 Catholic parish of Blessed John XXIII*

Pictures of members of the two congregations.

650 WINN *Century of hometown service, 2004.*
In the spring of 1904, Winnipeg Supply opened for business on the northeast corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street.

912 MAN *Map of Manitoba school districts, 1977.*

971.27 WINN *Building on common ground, 1993.*
Celebrates a truly remarkable week in Winnipeg when over 700 eager volunteers worked with Jimmy Carter on Habitat for Humanity.

971.27 WINN *Winnipeg's 75th birthday party, 1949.*
Official program with a brief history of Winnipeg.

Canada

921 SPE *Speaking together, Canada's native women, 1975.*

A biography which describes the involvement and achievement of native women across Canada.

Eastern Canada

971.3 ALGO *Border at Sault Ste Marie by Graeme S. Mount et al, 1995.*

The book reviews the military activity, business, cultural, and religious developments, as well as politics on both sides of the border.

971.3 ONTA *A town called Whitby, [1967].*

Local history of Whitby, Ontario county, Ontario.

Western Canada

016 NOR *Northern Saskatchewan bibliography, 1975.*

A good resource for locating the names of local history books of Northern Saskatchewan.

371 WRM *W.R. Myers School: Dawn, 1969.*
Yearbook of grades 7 to 12.

616 PIO *Pioneer remedies by Sheila Kerr, 1986.*

641.5 CAN *Canadian prairie homesteaders, 1979.*

971 HAR *Harvest yet to reap by Linda Rasmussen, 1976.*

A pictorial history of the women who settled the Canadian prairies.

971 HOW *How the depression hit the West by Janice Patton, 1973.*

History of the depression in the 1930s on the Canadian Prairies.

971 LAS *Last best West by Jean Bruce, 1976.*
Photographs of the early settlers on the Canadian Prairies. These pictures form a striking, visual record of a fascinating diversity of people, of costume and habitation, of churches and stores, of farming methods and implements.

971 SAL *Salt of the earth by Heather Robertson, 1974.*

Homesteaders of the Canadian Prairies describe their experiences in first-person accounts taken from letters, diaries, autobiographies and personal reminiscences.

971.24 ELFR *From prairie trails to the Yellowhead, 1984.*

Local history book of the Elfros rural municipality in Saskatchewan. Includes many Icelandic names.

Great Britain and Ireland

312.42 YOR *Hadon, Dryool and district, East Yorkshire, 1851 census.*

312.42 YOR 2 *Patrington and district, East Yorkshire, 1851 census.*

914.29 NOR *North Wales, a tourist guide, 1979.*

941.5 BOO *Books from the Ulster Historical Foundation, 2004.*

Includes book reviews and prices.

- 942.1 DIS *Discovering London's guilds and liveries by John Kenneth Melling, 1978.*
- General**
- 200 WHA *What world religions teach by E.G. Parrinder, 1968.*
- 526 SUR *Surveying and mapping by Robert F.G. Spier, 1970.*
The methods of surveying and mapping of a land area are employed by persons in many walks of life, but only those of the surveyor are recognized as being valid on deeds and other legal documents.
- 745.5 YOU *Your family heritage, 2000.*
Projects in appliqué.
- 919.69 BRI *Brief history of Hawaii, by George T. Armitage, 1945.*
- 944 WEC *We came to Australia by Thomas Jenkins, 1969.*
The story of Thomas Jenkins and his family from Kirkcaldy and Dundee, Scotland, and London, England, who immigrated to Australia in 1965.
- Reference**
- 413 DOU *Doubleday dictionary for home, school and office, 1975.*
- 423 CAN *Canadian Oxford diction, 2004.*
- 911 PHI *Philips' historical atlas of Canada, 1966.*
- 920.03 INT *International who's who, 2003.*
Contains over 20,000 entries.
- 929.2 CAR 1 *Journey in the footsteps of our forefathers, the sage of the Carlson family, 1986.*
A story of the Pete and Andrea Carlsen and their descendants.
- 929.3 DAUP *Births, marriages and deaths extracted from Dauphin newspapers, 1896-1915.*
These are on cards in the microfiche cabinet and are arranged chronologically. A wonderful complement to "Deaths extracted from Dauphin newspapers, 1896-1966" shelved with the Manitoba Indexes.
- 929.5 HAN *Krause cemetery, Hanover municipality, Manitoba. (#1273)*
From the Carillon newspaper.
- 929.5 WIN *Elmwood cemetery, Winnipeg city, Manitoba. (#1237)*
- 971.271 LEA *Pages from the past by Vince Leah, 1975.*
Articles originally published in the Winnipeg Tribune.
- CD-ROMs**
- Most CD-ROMs are on reference and cannot be removed from the library.
- 312 ONT *Ontario, Canada 1871 census*
- 312.42 LAN *Lancashire, England 1891 complete census*
39 CDROMs which contain fiche images of original census. Surnames, streets and area indexes.
- 312.42 LAN2 *Preston, Lancashire, England 1871 census*

- Gloucestershire Phillimore marriage books, vol. 1*
- 312.42 YOR *From the Humber to the Tees, East Yorkshire, 1861 census.*
- 942.1 HAM *Hampshire, England, burial Index, 1400-1837*
Contains most of the details of the original parish records. Does not include the Isle of Wight.
- 942.6 SUF *2004 Member's interests.*

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AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

The Genealogist, Vol. 11, #3

- death in the mines.

CANADA

Anglo-Celtic Roots, Vol. 10, #3

- Beadley family; federal civil servants; Irish research. Connections, Quebec FHS, Vol. 27, #1

- passion & politics in the 17th century.

Families, OGS, Vol. 43, #3

- new passenger info out of Limerick 1819; Gibbs and Best families.

Generations, NBGS, Vol. 26, #3

- Clifton, NB; *Saint John Daily Sun* deaths July–Oct 1906; Saint John jail records; name changes; Ira McClure; Mar Jane Brown; strays.

Huron Co. Branch OGS, Vol. 25, #3

- Carter family.

Lambton Lifeline, OGS, Vol. 21, #3

- Porter family.

Leeds & Grenville Br, OGS, July/August 2004

- Wood family; township Land records 1811-89.

Nova Scotia Genealogist, Vol. 22, #2

- Lovett family.

PEI GS Inc., Vol. 29, #3

- Port Hill; military history.

Saskatchewan GS, Vol. 35, #3

- public servants and how to find info on them.

Talbot Times, OGS, Vol. 23, #3

- Morse family.

Toronto Tree, Vol. 35, #4

- McCaulley family.

Traces & Tracks, Wellington Co. OGS, Vol. 4, #3

- John Dobbin.

COMPUTERS

Genealogical Computing, Vol. 24, #1

- ancestry searches; online photo archives; flash drives; 14 websites for genealogists; "Gen Smarts" review.

EASTERN EUROPE

Galizien German Descendants, #40

- Lemberg city; colonies of Mariahilf.

Palatine Immigrant, Vol. 29, #4

- Selim Armentraut.

ENGLAND & WALES

Banyan Tree, #99

- several interesting meeting articles; Bilton estate; Lyth family.

British Connections, Vol. 5, #2

- unusual birth certificate; parish registers of Chart, Kent.

Cleveland FHS, Vol. 9, #3

- deaths in the early 20th century; Norman slayings of the north; Ackham parish.

Vol. 9, #4

- Swainby parish.

Derbyshire FHS, issue 109

- cruelty to a child; Weston family; tramps.

Devon Family Historian, August 2004

- strays in S. Africa; Archibald Gallagher.

Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 20, #9

- Mafeking Siege Register; Register of Deeds in Wakefield; London probate records; women of WWI; tombstones at Culross, Fife.

Vol. 20, #12

- a Louisiana family; Boer War records, part 3; Cumbria Record Office; internet resources for Irish genealogy; Isle of Man records; Master Genealogist review; Hampshire Quarter Sessions 1778-86, part 3; Scotland poor laws, part 1.

Genealogists Magazine, Vol. 28, #3

- Earls of Lucan and Cardigan and their connections; apprenticeship indentures; Scottish records.

Glamorgan FHS, #75

- Popkin family.

Hampshire Family Historian, Vol. 31, #2

- Couzins and Melliss families.

Lancashire, Vol. 26

- John Henry Grime.

Norfolk Ancestor, Vol. 3, #11

- Carter family, part 2; Baker family; Frank Paul – surgeon.

Northumberland & Durham FHS, Vol. 29, #3

- government blue books; Irish immigrants in Tyneside.

Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol. 18, #2

- registers of St. Mary Magdalene; Bartlett and Round families; emigration of females to Australia.

Suffolk Roots, Vol. 30, #2

- Badingham village; Day, Seamons & Doggett families.

Sussex Family Historian, Vol. 16, #3

- villages of Dumpford Hundred; Frewen, Miles and Ferring families; Thomas Elliot; parish registers.

W. Middlesex FHS, Vol. 22, #3

- Forster vs Forster divorce, part 3; Sargeant family.

Wiltshire FHS, July 2004

- Sarah Heathcote; Witchell & Gingell families.

IRELAND

Irish Roots, #51

- Black death in Ireland; Joseph Locke; Suffolk Record Office.

ONE-NAME

Journal of One-Name Studies, Vol. 8, #8

- converting data from MS Access to GEDCOM; how variants can become fixed; ONS without a computer; mapping your surname by postcode; development of the Guild.

Porteous Associates, #40

- Porteous family newsletter including descendants of William Porteous.

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS, #92

- Hardacre and Pirie families; Francis Robbie.

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- Hawkins & Stevenson families.

Scottish Genealogist, Vol. 51, #3

- Clan Chalum & variants; Robert Keay & nephews, silversmiths; Scott family of Harden.

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Family Chronicle, October 2004

- research resources – books; cracking the 'code' of genealogy; reading early handwriting; Spanish surnames; female immigrants.

New England Ancestors, Vol. 5, #3

- molecular genealogy; cemetery resources; Moses Simons.

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- Edward Winslow; old fraternal organizations; origins of Samuel Rose; dissenting Quakers.

New England Historical & Genealogical Register, Vol. 158

- Mary Woodward; Mary Richardson; Zaccheus Tobey; Hannah Dinley; John Mighill.

Oregon GS Quarterly, Vol. 42, #4

- Asmussen, Currier & Halley families.

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- Strays in Portage & Summit counties, Ohio.

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" Five boys from Toronto Children's Aid Shelter

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Willie Lewis to Lauder, Willie Mc Clary to Oxbow (Assa.), George Mensell to Shellmouth, Cecil Fox to Saltcoats (Assa.), Frank Heather to Rokeby (Assa.).

Railroad Ties

by Bev Smith MGS#3265

As I pedalled my blue CYCO two-wheeler over the rickety Fourth Avenue Bridge that crossed the Vermillion River in Dauphin, Manitoba to deliver his supper to my father, I remembered my mother's admonition:

"Don't stop to talk to anyone, Beverley, or your father's supper will be late!"

That was not an event that occurred often.

Dad, Ken Thompson, was a boilermaker for the CNR who worked at the Roundhouse on Jackson Street. I knew where the lunchroom was, but to my dismay, today, he wasn't waiting in there. Plucking up my eleven-year-old bravado, I went searching for the soot-covered man with the twinkling brown eyes and crooked smile that distinguished him from the others clad in soot-covered overalls and railroad caps. As it was as close to 5:30 pm as I could make it, he found me as I asked about him politely and received much kidding and offers to deliver the lunch-bucket. (Heh! Heh!) A hand-delivered supper promised a fresh change from sandwiches.

The Roundhouse was a familiar place as he'd brought me there to climb on steam engines and to look around for as long as I could remember. I knew how the turntable worked and which engines were which (if he reminded me). I could even identify the spot he'd driven an engine through the Roundhouse wall by accident. That spot has been painted over many times since so I'm unable to identify it from the street anymore.

The CNR was in Dad's blood and even though he later worked at the Dauphin General Hospital as Chief Engineer, he was still a railroader. I often chuckle when I see a miniature railroad display and the retired railroaders operating it. It's a life force of its own.

His brother, uncles, cousins and even great-uncle had CNR connections. Jeremiah Thompson, his great-uncle, came to Dauphin with the railroad. As he died in 1903, he had had to be one of the earliest employees in the area. He is shown on the 1901 census as living with his nephew, Ezra Thompson, and his family.

Ezra worked for the CNR and, with his wife Sarah Storring, raised a large family plus took in boarders who worked for the CNR. One such boarder was James Bray who married Jeremiah's daughter, Rhoda Thompson. They moved on with the CNR to Jasper, Alberta.

Ezra's son, Harold Thompson, Dad's cousin, was an engineer who lived down the street from his parents on Maple Street in Dauphin. His nickname was "Sky Rocket".

Another of Dad's uncles, Alva Thompson, also worked for the CNR for a time in Dauphin. Although Dad's father, Amos, was a blacksmith, he had railroad contracts to fill. Dad's brother, Morley (Bud

Thompson, as he was known by most people), was a hostler for the CNR in Hudson Bay Junction, Saskatchewan. During the Second World War he was with the Royal Engineers on loan to the US army and drove the first Allied train in to liberate France. Unfortunately his Canadian citizenship is not recognized in the historical records, but his daughter, Gwen, has the medals and commendations he received in recognition of his role as engineer.

In 1923 Dad's father died so Dad had to leave school when he turned thirteen to get a job. He became a "Call Boy" who rode around and "called" the train crewmembers when it was time for work. Later, he held many jobs with the railroad becoming a boilermaker. He worked mainly in Dauphin but had some time working out of the Transcona yards in Winnipeg and on the Lynn Lake line in 1954. We spent one summer at Poistik, Mile 94, where his "roundhouse" went in both directions north and south.

In 1960 the last of the steam engines ran and the end of the era of steam arrived. This meant no employment for boilermakers, as diesel engines had no boilers. He left the CNR after 34 years of association, but the trains were always on his mind and he'd smile and get a faraway look at the sound of one.

My last tie to the railroad was in the home we lived in at 218 4th Avenue SW in Dauphin. On looking through the ownership papers, we discovered that it had been built in 1905 for the Mackenzie and Mann Construction Company, the builders of the rail line and owners of the first train company (before it became the CNR). I'm trying to find out the first occupants of this home.

So, as I remember pedalling over the bridge to deliver a supper, I realize that my family's connection to the railroad is strong. I guess I'll always be a "Railroader's Daughter". (Isn't there a country song in there somewhere?)

Civil registration of births, deaths, and marriage, often called General Registration, began in: 1837 for England and Wales; 1855 for Scotland; and 1864 for Ireland, with some non-catholic marriages starting in 1845.

Magarrell Family

Pat Thomaschewski

In 2002, the descendants of William John and Matilda Magarrell, celebrated their past during a weekend of July. The Magarrell homestead, near LaSalle, Manitoba, and on the banks of the LaSalle River, was 100 years old and still farmed by a descendant of William and Matilda. The weekend also turned into a family reunion, with games, bus tours to the farm, cemetery, and old school. Saturday was registration, tours, family displays on tables, genealogy charts, supper, a play on the life of the family and talk, tears and more talk. On Sunday a church service was held and presided over by retired United Church minister Gary Magarrell. This was followed by brunch at the hall where friends of the family were also invited. After clean-up, all gathered at the farm for a bar-b-que and more reminiscing. Cousins arrived from B.C. Alberta, Ontario and of course Manitoba.

Emma (Magarrell) Enns wrote a book, "A Century of Memories", for the occasion. Included were family charts and pictures. One copy was donated by the author to MGS.

William and Matilda arrived from North Dakota in 1902 and began farming three-quarters of a section at NW 18-8-2E. Today the farm, run by Jon and Jennifer, great-grandson of William, is 2200 acres. Plaques were received from the Manitoba Historical Society, Department of Agriculture's Century Farm Program, and the R.M. of Macdonald. The Magarrells served on the council of Macdonald for many years. William was councilor from 1926-1936, son Henry from 1939-1953 and then reeve from 1953-1960, and son Lloyd was councilor from 1947-60 and reeve 1960-1977. Pat Thomaschewski, grand-daughter of William, served 18 years as councilor for the R.M. of Cartier.

William John (1866-1944) was born in Port Perry, Ontario. His parents, William (1821-1904) and Isabell Cherry (1826-1905) born in Tullyniska, Ireland arrived in Ontario in 1848. They had left Ireland during the Great Potato Famine. When the family moved to Iowa and Utah, William John moved to North Dakota where he met Matilda Norbo 1877-1946. They married on 1 March 1901 in Inkster, N.D. Their first son Henry William (1902-1960) was born there and then the move was made to the present farm. There, six more children were born, Vera Mae 1908-1998, Gladys Anna 1906, Lloyd Elvin 1908-1998, Gordon Edwin 1910-2001, Dora Bell 1912-1976 and Emma Pauline 1921. Today there are 91 descendants of William and Matilda.

Researching the family name is taking time and patience as the name appears as McGarrell, McGarel, in Ireland, McGirl on census records and Manangel on the original land title.

William John left home and never looked back.

Very little information was ever passed on about his family, so when I started researching years ago, the assumption was made that the rest of his family lived and died around Port Perry, Ont. Years later, at a family reunion, a descendant from one of his brothers, arrived with pictures of tombstones in Adair, Iowa, and obituaries of William and Isabell! Never assume!!

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http://www.mts.net/~mgsi/wpg_br_email.html

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