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Akureyri Mayor Sigrun Jakobsdottir and Gimli MLA Bjornson do the honours at unveiling. Ryan Eyford, who retrieved the names of the smallpox victims from the Archives of Canada, and Gimli Mayor Tammy Axelsson look on during ceremony –  
Photo by Diane Alexander

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**Cover:** Unveiling of Memorial to Icelanders who died in smallpox epidemic. From *Interlake Spectator* (with permission)

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**From the Editor . . .** Well, Christmas is almost here again. Best wishes for the season to all our subscribers! May this be the year you break down that brick wall!!

Our cover picture is from the *Interlake Spectator*. It is of the unveiling of the monument to the smallpox victims in New Iceland. See article page 3.

The MGS library now has the index to the 1891 census of Winnipeg as well as Lisgar on the computer. Our focus this issue is on our Ontario resources.

#### **From the President . . .**

I am now into my second year as President. It is hard to believe that a whole year has gone by. Congratulations to the other members who were elected at our Annual General Meeting.

September and October have been very busy months for everyone. Our Resource Centre is back in full swing with our volunteers assisting patrons and carrying on with their various other tasks that keep our Society running smoothly. A successful genealogical course was held with several new members being recruited. Our usual Executive and Council Meetings have been held and our Annual General Meeting held in conjunction with a most successful Seminar hosted by our Southeast & Winnipeg Branch.

If you are planning to do any research over the holiday season please check our closing and re-opening times. Our volunteers need to recharge their batteries, too.

There are still a couple of vacancies on the Executive and Council which need to be filled. Please contact me or any member of the Executive if you are interested.

To all our members and volunteers I would like to extend a big thank you for your continued support and contribution to our Society, in whatever form. It is most appreciated.

All the best of health and happiness for the holiday season and the coming year.

#### **Generation Gaps**

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**LEVINS** – Need parents of Ruth (d.1912) m.

Alexander Speers 1859, and Mary (b. 1842 or 1847) m. Thomas Speers 1870 in Manitoba. Both b. Owen Sound, both d. Griswold, Man. They were sisters, nieces of John Levins (b. 1815-17 d. 1902. Where is John buried? Contact Eleanor Lohner #211 6218 – 40 Ave, Stettler AB T0C 2L1 Tel: (403) 742-2788

*Ed. Note: Thomas Speers (21) s/o William Speers and Jane Dowke married Mary Ann Levens (21) d/o George Levens and Jane Webb in Grey County.*

#### **PIONEER ROYALTY**

"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*.

**From June, 1948 issue of Town and Farm**



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

#### **OVER 90**

Mr. Lewis D. Mackie, Pope, 93 years of age, June 28.  
Mr. J. W. Carrothers, Wawanesa, 92 years of age, June 26.  
Mr. John Simpson, Neepawa, 92 years of age, June 16.  
Mrs. E. Johnson, Pierson, 91 years of age, June 4.

#### **OVER 80**

Mr. Peter Macintosh, Binscarth, 89 years of age, June 27.  
Mrs. W. Crampton, Portage la Prairie, 89 years of age, June 9.  
Mr. John C. Randall, Shoal Lake, 88 years of age, June 13.  
Mr. Thos. Brown, Rivers, 88 years of age, June 28.  
Mrs. Thos. Clark, Brandon, 88 years of age, June 4.  
Mr. Frederick Dunn, Sr., Alexander, 87 years of age, June 21.  
Mr. R. A. Gibb, Portage la Prairie, 87 years of age, June 24.  
Mr. Peter Guthrie, Reston, 87 years of age, June 5.  
Mr. J. T. Thomas, Portage la Prairie, 86 years of age, June 7.  
Mr. A. J. Orriss, Boissevain, 85 years of age, June 10.  
Major A. B. Chapman, MC., M.D., Reston, 85 years of age, June 27.  
Mr. R. Laycock, Carman, 84 years of age, June 14.  
Mrs. Isaac Campbell, Carman, 83 years of age, June 22.  
Mr. J. T. Kempthorne, Boissevain, 83 years of age, June 5.  
Mr. T. Bush, Austin, 82 years of age, June 21.  
Mr. John Wiener, Miami, 82 years of age, June 22.  
Mrs. O. Zetterstrom, Boissevain, 81 years of age, June 29.  
Mrs. Alice Rodgers, Newdale, 80 years of age, June 8.

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Blake, Rapid City, 61 years married, June 24.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Toutant, Treherne, 61 years married, June 12.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shaw, Boissevain, 57 years married, June 10.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Fisher, Shoal Lake, 56 years married, June 20.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Burnett Napinka, 56 years married, June 10.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilkins, Reston, 54 years married, June 33.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Porter, Killarney, 53 years married, June 16.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Eagle, 2041 College Ave., Brandon, 53 years married, June 2.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Sumpton, Dauphin, 53 years married, June 26.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hunt, Morden, 52 years married, June 11.  
Mr. and Mrs. David Allison, Roland, 52 years married, June 10.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Black, Justice, 52 years married, June 9.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fowlie, Hamiota, 51 years married, June 19.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Richardson, Carman, 52 years married, June 24.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Braun, Lowe Farm, 51 years married, June 23.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thompson, Portage la Prairie, 51 years married, June 24.  
Mr. and Mrs. K. C. McKenzie, Dauphin, 50 years married, June 22.  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Dionne, St. Malo, 46 years married, June 30.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Caskey, Portage la Prairie, 44 years married, June 22.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moxham, Birtle, 41 years married, June 15.

## Monument unveiled

Compiled, with permission, from articles by Diane Alexander and Wally Johannson that appeared in the *Interlake Spectator*, October 12 & 26. Also with the permission of John Mosher of the *Spectator*.



GIMLI -- A crowd of 100 people gathered at the Gimli Icelandic Pioneer Cemetery on Highway 9 to witness the unveiling of a memorial Saturday afternoon. The memorial is dedicated to the victims of a smallpox epidemic that swept through the fledgling New Iceland colony during the winter of 1876-77. More than 100 people perished as the disease moved from house to house taking many of the young and the old from newly-arrived Icelandic families.

Gimli Mayor Tammy Axelsson thanked all on-hand to mark the unveiling of the monument in the oldest Icelandic pioneer cemetery in New Iceland. The cemetery was designated a municipal heritage site by the RM of Gimli in 2007. It is located just south of the corner of Hwy. 9 and Provincial Road 231. The memorial lists the names of the victims, many under the age of 10.

Some of the victims are buried in unmarked graves in the cemetery, on the northwest corner of the town of Gimli. The cemetery has been designated a municipal heritage site by the RM of Gimli. Other victims are buried in the cemetery at Nes on the Icelandic River, at Husavik Cemetery south of Gimli, and on homesteads scattered throughout what was New Iceland.

The monument is being erected to honour the Icelandic smallpox victims whose exact resting place is unknown, and for whom no headstones exist.

"We are here to bear witness to what was a period of great hardship as those who had come across the ocean from Iceland to find a home in New Iceland stood by helplessly watching as their children, those who they had sought a better life for, died of smallpox," Axelsson said.

Wally Johannson, Chair of Gimli Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, spoke of the "over a thousand Icelandic immigrants who had arrived in October of 1876 brought with them, besides their meager possessions, the highly contagious disease -- smallpox. The Icelandic immigrants were not the only ones to suffer for the disease spread south and east, across the lake decimating First Nations tribes."

"The Keewatin Board of Health had set up a quarantine blockade at Netley Creek, an emergency hospital at Gimli and had sent three doctors into the colony," Johannson said.

During the six months smallpox gripped the colony, just 11 homesteads were spared.

Johannson thanked those donors who had made the monument possible; among them Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Tourism, Baldur Johannson, H.P. Tergesen & Sons, Neil and Denise Johannson, Ron and Norma Johannson, Barbara and Bernest Orbanski, Siggi and Carol Johannson, John and Thora Magnusson, Kris Elliott, Al and Phyllis Olson and Grace Artyshko. Wally and Sandy Johannson also donated to the memorial.

Also on-hand for the unveiling were Gimli MLA Peter Bjornson, Selkirk-Interlake MP James Bezan and Akureyri, Iceland's Mayor Sigrun Jakobsdottir.

"My Friends," began Mayor Jakobsdottir, "I cannot imagine the suffering of those who left Iceland to venture to the New World with great hopes, only to watch as their children died one after the other. That you, as a rural municipality, as a group, give tribute to those who fell victim to smallpox, in the form of a memorial 130 years later, speaks to the lasting bond between Iceland and Manitoba. It is an honour to be with you here, and share this with you. I thank you."

Reverend Ingthor Isfeld gave a blessing during the ceremony.

The memorial includes a brief history of the era on its front and a list of names of 100 of the 102 the Icelandic settlers and their ages who died during the smallpox epidemic inscribed carefully in stone on its back.

Sigtryggur Jonasson, the immigration agent in New Iceland, sent this list to the federal Department of Agriculture. Ryan Eyford, a doctoral student at the University of Manitoba, unearthed this document in the Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa.

### NEW ICELAND SMALLPOX VICTIMS

Following is a list of the names of all the Icelandic settlers who died of smallpox since it first appeared in the Icelandic colony on Lake Winnipeg up to the 20th of February, 1877.

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| 1: Thorgrímur G. Thorgrímsson, Age 2      | 11: Einar Jónsson, Age 4                   | 21: Thorlákur Sigursson, Age 17         |
| 2: Kristín S. Arnadóttir, Age 40          | 12: Thorvaldur Jónsson, Age 3 months       | 22: Guni Gunason, Age 50                |
| 3: Lilja Hjálmsdóttir, Age 24             | 13: Petrina S. Jónasdóttir, Age 4          | 23: Gumundur Gumundsson, Age 10         |
| 4: Árni Arnason, Age 12                   | 14: Sveinn Thorkelsson, Age 8              | 24: Ingibjörg Hildibrandsdóttir, Age 26 |
| 5: Jóhann Jónsson, Age 44                 | 15: Jón Thorkelsson, Age 6                 | 25: Thórunn Gumundsdóttir, Age 3        |
| 6: Ragnheiur J. Jóhannsdóttir, Age 24     | 16: Sigurveig I. Jónsdóttir, Age 2         | 26: Sigrúur Gumundsdóttir, Age 13       |
| 7: Ragnar J. Gunnarsson, Age 2 months     | 17: Sigríður M. Sigurgeirs dóttir, Age 3   |   |
| 8: Ragnheiur J. Davisdóttir, Age 3 months | 18: Jóhanna Oddný Sigurgeirs dóttir, Age 1 |   |
| 9: Magnús Pálsson, Age 7                  | 19: Friðrik Magnússon, Age 1               |   |
| 10: Ástriur Arnadóttir, Age 12            | 20: Gunnlaugur B. Skagfjör, Age 3          |   |

- 27: Jóhann Jóhannsson, Age 9  
 28: Sigmundur Pálsson, Age 13  
 29: Pjetur Jónsson, Age 9  
 30: Aalheiur Jónsdóttir, Age 29  
 31: Arnfríur Jóhannsdóttir, Age 39  
 32: Sigriur Pálsdóttir, Age 1  
 33: Skúli Gumundsson, Age 9  
 34: Jóhann Pálsson, Age 17  
 35: Marteinn Jónsson, Age 37  
 36: Kristín Marteinsdóttir, Age 4  
 37: Flóvent Halldórsson, Age 37  
 38: Páll Jóhannsson, Age 6  
 39: Íngiður Espólín, Age 4  
 40: Jóhannes Indriason, Age 4  
 41: Anna I. Björnsdóttir, Age 6  
 42: Jónas Tr. Bjarnason, Age 1  
 43: Anna S. Mýrdal, Age 3  
 44: Gurún Jónatansdóttir, Age 8  
 45: Grimur Grimsson, Age 48  
 46: Jóhanna G. Grimsdóttir, Age 3  
 47: Gumundur Einarsson, Age 5  
 48: Maria Sveinbjörnsdóttir, Age 5  
 49: Helga Jónsdóttir, Age 44  
 50: Hjálmar Pálmason, Age 7  
 51: Páll Magnússon, Age 9  
 52: Magnús Magnússon, Age 1
- 53: Gunnar T. Gottskálksson, Age 3 months  
 54: Páll Pálsson, Age 5  
 55: Jón Sigursson, Age 1  
 56: Jón G. Sigurgeirsson, Age 5  
 57: Jón Pjetursson, Age 2  
 58: Thóra Kristjánsdóttir, Age 8  
 59: Jón Kristjánsson, Age 11  
 60: Gumundur Gumundsson, Age 1  
 61: Albina Einarsdóttir, Age 6  
 62: Margrét Stephansdóttir, Just born  
 63: Kristjana Th. Kristjánsdóttir, Just born  
 64: Jóhann Thorberg, Just born  
 65: Jón Halldórsson, Age 4  
 66: Frírik Halldórsson, Age 2  
 67: Teitur Jónsson, Age 4  
 68: Sigriur Jónsdóttir, Age 1  
 69: Oddleyfur Sigursson, Age 52  
 70: Björn Sigursson, Age 30  
 71: Águsta Jónasdóttir, Age 4  
 72: Gumundur Einarsson, Age 4  
 73: Kristján Gislason, Age 6  
 74: Holmfriur I. Einarsdóttir, Age 1  
 75: Thorkell S. Pjetursson, Age 1  
 76: Ragnheiur Finnsdóttir, Age 5
- 77: Páll Pjetursson, Age 1  
 78: Gurún Pálsdóttir, Age 24  
 79: Thorun Pálsdóttir, Age 14  
 80: Jón Björnsson, Age 4  
 81: Frírik Finnbogason, Age 47  
 82: Björn Hjorleyfsson, Age 5  
 83: Gumundur Sveinbjörnsson, Age 4  
 84: Sigriur Björnsdóttir, Age 24  
 85: Sigurbjörg Halldórsdóttir, Age 3  
 86: Thorsteinn Bjarnason, Age 29  
 87: Einar Kr. Jóhannsson, Age 7  
 88: Thuríur Sigurardóttir, Age 5 months  
 89: Arni Pjetursson, Age 12  
 90: Jón Samsonsson, Age 1  
 91: Jón Jónsson, Age 2 months  
 92: Gurún Thorardóttir, Age 34  
 93: Thordy's Jónsdóttir, Age 3  
 94: Kristján Kristjánsson, Age 5  
 95: Gujón S. Jónsson, Age 1  
 96: Gubjörg Jónsdóttir, Age 4  
 97: Steinunn Flóvents dóttir, Age 3  
 98: Ingibjörg Pálsdóttir, Age 4  
 99: Eyjólfur Jónsson, Age 7  
 100: Thorgerur Jónatansdóttir, Age 33

### A Book Review

by Kelly Southworth

*How Do I Prove It?* by Dr. Penelope Christensen  
 October 2000, Heritage Productions, Toronto (271 pages)

I recently used this book as background information when I was developing the Introduction to Genealogy Course that Joan Whiston and I offered this fall. I found this book in the Millennium Library collection and was so impressed with it that I urged Mary Bole to buy one for our MGS collection.

This book is number 19 in the Heritage Productions series of genealogy books. These publications are familiar to many of us—they are small, paperback, comb-bound books with bright covers. Though modest in appearance, many of these books are filled with valuable information and research suggestions. Dr. Christensen has written several books in the series, primarily relating to research strategies and sources in England, Wales, Scotland and Denmark. This one is more general in nature, but most of the examples are taken from English records.

"How Do I Prove It?" is an interesting title choice. The book's contents focus on how genealogists prove relationships. It looks at standards of proof, types of sources, types of evidence, and how to evaluate evidence. This is valuable information for new researchers, as well as those with more experience. If the subject matter sounds dry, Dr. Christensen's presentation style is not. Her discussions are richly illustrated with real-life examples from her own extensive research experience.

These examples are interesting, and are laid out in such an easy to read and follow manner that it feels

like you are making the discoveries along with her. At the same time, she is challenging you to look deeper at the information found in the records, and offering instruction on how to question, interpret and evaluate the information, as well as how to find clues to lead you to further sources.

One of the most useful topics is an explanation for how to form solid research questions that are free of misleading assumptions that can sidetrack your research efforts. She also covers how to solve typical problems, such as sources or entries that cannot be found, gaps in records, conflicting evidence, name changes, migration and movement, common surnames in large cities, female ancestors' records, and much more. Dr. Christensen stresses the importance of not relying too heavily on indexes, fully understanding the records that we search, and the value of "Killing Off" our relatives!

When I speak to groups about genealogy, I always stress the value of using sound methods as well as making use of diverse sources. Too many people who get interested in genealogy begin with questions about sources and get caught up in getting as far back as fast as possible, without taking the time to learn how to do research properly. This book explains methods in great detail, but in an interesting and easily understood way.

Everyone can benefit from reading this book. Those of you who have "finished" your research may be surprised to find that you will feel the urge to go back and re-check a few things. We will all learn something new, no matter how experienced we are.

## Searching Ontario Family Records - Pre-1869

by Mary Bole, MGS Librarian

1869 is an important date for genealogists doing research in Ontario. In that year the recording of Ontario government registration of births, marriages and deaths began. This article is not to teach you the history of such events but to help you find those illusive ancestors before that date. You should prepare yourself with knowledge of the counties and districts before you begin, and always keep in mind that during the early years clergy had to cover a large area, so be prepared to expand your searches.

We have many books at the MGS library that will help you with the history, the how-to and the where. I am listing three here – but there are others in our Eastern Canada 929.3 section.

Merriman, Brenda Dougall. *Genealogy in Ontario: Searching the Records*, 1996. There are copies of the county and district maps in the book.

Stratford-Devai, Fawne. *Vital Records in Ontario Before 1869*, 2003.

Taylor, Ryan. *Books you Need to do Genealogy in Ontario*, 1996.

Those of you who attended the recent seminar will remember Rick Roberts listing pre-1869 resources. I am attempting to make a list of our holdings of those resources here. I hope I have all that he mentioned. Don't forget if you want to organize your research before going into the library do so at the MGS website <http://www.mbgenealogy.com/> and then KOHA - MGS Online Catalogue.

**Abstracts of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Bytown Gazette, 1836-1845, Bytown Independent for 1836.** 929.3713 NEE.

**Anglican Registers, 1787-1814 of the Rev. John Langhorn, Rector of Ernestown, Upper Canada.** 929.3 ONT LENN

**Baptism Register of Rev. Robert Neill, Seymour Township, 1852-1872.** 929.3 ROW2.

**Births, Deaths, Marriages: Christian Messenger, vol. 1-3, 1854 – 1864.** 929 BIR

**Births, Deaths and Marriages from the Register of Franklin Jones of Hillier Township.** 929.3 ONT PRI

**Births, Marriages & Deaths "The Globe", Toronto, Ontario.** 929.3 GLO

**Births, Marriages and Deaths from the Napanee Beaver.** 929.3 ONT LEN

**Carleton County, Ontario. Early Ottawa Valley Records** 929.3 ONT CAR

**Cobourg Star, 1831-1849 : Births, Marriages, Deaths.** 971.3 NORT COB

**County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada, 1858-1869.** 37 volumes covering the whole province. 929 COU.

**Death Notices from "The Canada Christian Advocate" 1858-1872.** 929.5 McK4

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**Frontenac County, Ontario. Parish Register of Kingston, Upper Canada (Ontario), 1785-1811.** 929.3 FRON PAR

**Genealogical Extraction and Index of the Canada Company Remittance Books, 1843-1847** 929.4 GEN

**Haldimand County Marriages, 1803-1856.** 929.3 ONT HAL

**Interesting Notes & Comments from the Diary of Rev. John MacDonald, Catholic Priest for 14-years (c. 1823-1837) at the Town of Perth, Military Settlement Founded in 1816 During the reign of George III, Historic Capital of the District of Bathurst, 1822-1842.** 971.3 LANA INT

**Kent County Marriages, 1857-1869** 929.3 KEN

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**Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms 1845-90** Covers the province, listed by counties and townships. A copy of the original is on 4 reels of microfilms. We have the films but suggest those of you with a computer first check the index at

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~wjmartin/wm-h\\_15.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~wjmartin/wm-h_15.htm).

**The Ontario Register**  
**Another one of those goldmines at the MGS Library**

by Mary Bole, MGS Librarian

*The Ontario Register* is a series of periodicals bound into 8 volumes (929.3 WIL). The information contained in these volumes includes various articles pertaining to early Ontario, including references to birth, marriage and death. Each volume has a surname index at the end. As my emphasis in this issue of *Generations* is BMD I have included a list of the records contained in *The Ontario Register*.

The list should be fairly easy to follow. Column one identifies either the district name or the county name, depending of which was used in Ontario on the date of the article. Remember that many of the clergy covered many miles to visit their congregation, so always check adjoining districts or counties. Column two identifies the source. If there is no entry the source is a register. Column three identifies the type of information. BMD should be obvious, but for simplicity B can stand for Birth or Baptism, likewise D for Death or Burial. The dates are not exact, I tried to find the earliest and latest date but if the registers are out of order my dates may be incorrect.

**Ontario Register - an Index to the Birth Marriage and Death Records**

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County/District	Name	Date	BMD	Volume	Page
Bathurst District	<i>Bathurst Courier, Perth</i>	1834-1836	D	5	61
Bathurst District		1831-33	M	7	59
Bathurst District		1833-35	M	7	113
Bathurst District		1833-38	M	7	193
Bathurst District		1832-44	M	8	111
Durham Co.	Jones-Sowden	1833-84	B	4	27
Eastern District	<i>Observer, Cornwall</i>	1835-1846	D	5	65
Eastern District	Rideau Circuit	1824-1843	B	1	73
Eastern District	Rideau Circuit	1824-1843	B	1	183
Eastern District		1831-1834	M	1	243
Eastern District		1833-1857	M	2	163
Eastern District		1832-1835	M	2	27
Eastern District		1840-1857	M	3	172
Eastern District		1854-1865	M	4	102
Elgin Co.	Baptist, Bayham	1858-93	B	4	44
Elgin Co.	Baptist, Bayham	1860-1899	D	4	48
Elgin Co.	Port Talbot	1816	B	6	162
Essex Co.	Amherstburg, Christ Ch.	1855	D	4	198
Frontenac Co.	<i>Kingston Gazette</i>	1810-1818	M	6	19
Gore District		1843-44	M	7	71
Gore District		1843-45	M	7	100
Gore District		1844-45	M	7	206
Gore District		1844-46	M	8	41
Home District	<i>Banner, Toronto</i>	1843-1847	D	5	91
Home District	<i>British Canadian, Toronto</i>	1844-1848	D	5	99
Home District	<i>Colonial Advocate, York</i>	1826-1834	D	5	11
Home District	<i>Constitution, Toronto</i>	1836-37	D	5	73
Home District	<i>Globe, Toronto</i>	1844-1849	D	5	109
Home District	<i>Patriot, Toronto</i>	1833-1849	D	5	39
Huron County	<i>Semi-weekly Signal, Goderich</i>	1862	BMD	8	135
Huron District		1841-42	M	6	135

Huron District		1843-1845	M	6	235
Huron District		1845-46	M	7	5
Huron District		1845-47	M	7	129
Johnstown District		1801-1832	M	6	193
Johnstown District		1831-34	M	7	46
Johnstown District		1833-35	M	7	139
Johnstown District		1834-36	M	7	219
Johnstown District		1820-40	M+	8	1
Kent Co.	<i>East Kent Plaindealer, Ridgetown</i>	1877-89	BMD	8	63
Kent Co.	Chatham	1862-66	M	6	48
Kent Co.	Chatham	1866-69	M	6	113
Kent Co.	First Presbyterian, Chatham	1848-61	M	4	244
Kent Co.	Howard Circuit Rev. Elias Williams	1848-50	B	7	210
Kent Co.	<i>Rev. John Kennedy</i>	1854-5	B	7	211
Lambton Co.	<i>Lambton Observer, Sarnia</i>	1857-59	M	7	225
Lambton Co.		1853-57	D	6	55
Lambton Co.		1857-8	D	6	105
London District		1800-1833	M	1	41
London District		1846	M	6	126
London District		1832-34	M	6	201
London District		1833-34	M	7	12
London District		1834-35	M	7	159
London District		1834-35	M	7	249
London District		1834-38	M	8	69
Midland District	<i>Canadian Watchman, Kingston</i>	1830-31	D	5	34
Midland District	<i>Patriot, Kingston</i>	1829-1831	D	5	32
Midland District	<i>Upper Canada Herald, Kingston</i>	1825	D	5	7
Midland District	<i>Upper Canada Herald, Kingston</i>	1838-1840	D	5	85
Miscellaneous		1831-1846	D	5	81
Montreal	<i>Transcript</i>	1842-1843	D	5	88
Niagara District	<i>Gore Gazette, Ancaster</i>	1828-29	D	6	209
Niagara District	<i>Gore Gazette, Ancaster</i>	1827-29	M	7	237
Niagara District	Pelham Friends	1800-1843	M	4	1
Niagara District	Queenston	1825-29	M.L.	6	95
Niagara District	Queenston	1829-1830	M.L.	6	173
Niagara District	Queenston	1831-32	M	6	241
Niagara District	Queenston	1832-38	M.L.	7	199
Niagara District	<i>The Niagara Mail</i>	1847-51	D	8	21
Niagara District		1832-36	B	6	129
Niagara District		1837-40	B	7	119
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Norfolk Co.	George Joseph Ryerse, Woodhouse	1831-1857	M	4	165
Norfolk Co.	Thos. Welch, J.P.	1810-15	M	4	178
Northumberland Co.	<i>Brighton Sentinel</i>	1835	BMD	8	101
Ottawa District		1816-1834	M	6	213
Ottawa District		1834-40	M	7	23
Ottawa District		1840-44	M	7	175
Ottawa District		1844-48	M	7	241
Ottawa District		1802-53	M+	8	27

Peterborough Co.	Aphodel	1857	D	7	22
Peterborough Co.	<i>Peterborough Examiner</i>	1858-62	M	4	193
Peterborough Co.		1855	B	6	144
Prince Edward District	Picton Methodist	1816-1837	BM	3	8
Prince Edward District	Picton Methodist	1816-1837	B	3	139
Prince Edward District	Picton Methodist	1831-57	M	4	31
Prince Edward District	Picton Methodist	1831-57	M	4	152
Prince Edward District		1833-1836	M	6	243
Prince Edward District		1834-37	M	7	91
Prince Edward District		1836-39	M	7	187
Prince Edward District		1838-39	M	7	231
Prince Edward District		1839-44	M	8	160
Simcoe Co.	Barrie	1854-56	M	6	148
Simcoe Co.	Barrie	1857-58	M	7	223
Victoria Co.		1870	D	6	219
Victoria Co.		1870	D	7	67
Victoria Co.		1871	D	7	133
Victoria District	Hastings Co.	1841-44	M	7	83
Victoria District	Hastings Co.	1843-46	M	7	181
Victoria District	Hastings Co.	1845-47	M	7	234
Victoria District	Hastings Co.	1846-51	M	8	209
Victoria District	Welland Newspapers	1839-1841	M	6	251
Victoria District		1872-73	D	8	145
Waterloo Co.	Kitchener	1856-1858	MD	2	106
Waterloo Co.	Peterson records	1829-1835	BMD	1	134
Welland Co.	Newspapers	1871-1875	M	1	169
Welland Co.	Niagara Falls, All Saints	1885-1902	M	4	186
Welland Co.	St. Paul's Fort Erie	1844-1870	M	1	105
Welland Co.	St. Paul's Fort Erie	1844-1848	B	1	148
Welland Co.	St. Paul's Fort Erie	1844-1850		2	158
Welland Co.	St. Paul's Fort Erie	1849-52	B	2	9
Welland Co.	Welland Advocate	1852	MD	7	146
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Welland Co.	Welland, Adoption notices	1871-73		4	239
Welland Co.		1871-75	D	3	149
Wellington Co.	Morriston	1850-57	M	6	30
Wellington Co.	Morriston, Duff's Presbyterian	1840-49	M	4	199
Wellington/Dufferin Co.	Orangeville Sun	1861	BMD	8	203
Western District		1848	D	7	224
Western District	Lambton	1848-49	B	4	206
Western District	Maidstone	1857	D	6	94
Western District	Middlesex Co.,	1839-1851	M	6	163
Western District		1796-	M	2	48
Western District		1848-56	M	3	241
Western District		1838-1851	M	3	39
York Co.	Toronto	1806-8	M.L.	2	225
York Co.	Rev. John Jennings of Toronto	1841-54	M	4	15
York Co.	<i>The Toronto Leader</i>	1856	M	8	35
York Co.	Yonge St. Friends, Toronto	1804-40	M	4	119

York Co.?	R.C.	1830-31	M	7	229
	<i>Christian Guardian</i>	1850-1851	M	5	183
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	<i>Christian Guardian</i>	1857	M	6	181
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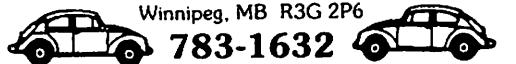
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## **REPORTS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MGS**

### **PRESIDENTS' REPORTS**

#### **MGS**

President Joan Whiston, MGS #1863

The first year of any presidency is always a learning experience. Even though you may know how the Society functions, there is always something new to learn.

The year started off with learning how to prepare the Provincial Grant. Since the forms had all changed from the previous year, it was an eye-opener. All the programmes that our volunteers are engaged in, such as entering data in the computer, copying and transcribing data, compiling statistics, planning programmes, and shelving books had to be evaluated and a value put on them in order to complete our Grant Application. No one realizes the full potential of the work that our volunteers do until you go through this process.

Our Annual Open House on Manitoba Day went very well again this year with lots of help.

Once again our presence was felt at the Pavilion of Scotland at Folkarama where we handed out Membership forms and Seminar Brochures. Preparations for our Annual Seminar, hosted by the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch, are well underway.

The 1891 Census is nearing completion. A separate grant for this project was applied for last year. There is still a lot of proofreading to be done. This project must be finished by the end of the year in order to comply with the conditions of the grant.

It has been said that 'an organization is as good as its members'. We have a great organization. We still have some positions to fill on our Executive and Council. If you feel you could help us out in any way, please speak to me or to any member of the Executive.

To all the members of the Society, your continued support, both monetarily and commitment of time spent as volunteers, is much appreciated. In the day to day operation of the Society there is always some little task that needs to be done and our volunteers keep the place humming for our patrons. We lost a couple of dedicated volunteers from our Resource Centre this year, Allan Pickard and John McCrindle. Their presence and friendly manner will be missed.

To all our dedicated volunteers, a big vote of thanks from the Executive and Council for all your hard work over the past year.

#### **BEAUTIFUL PLAINS BRANCH**

President Don McGillivray, MGS # 4342

Our membership is staying steady at 31 members including two associates. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at our office in Access 2 Books.

The 2006/07 year has been very busy with tours, speakers and presentations by branch members. We had Linda Dueck in to speak on finding your way around familysearch.org. "Things you need to know before researching in the Family History Centers". Linda's talk was very informative. Norma Forsman did a session on working with Family Tree Maker. We also had discussions and speakers on Brick Walls, understanding Ancestry.com, newspaper research, to name a few. We

had tours of the Beautiful Plains Museum and the Beautiful Plains Archives in Neepawa, both of which have a large amount of historical material on the area. In November, several members traveled to Winnipeg to visit the United Church Archives. Diane Haglund gave us an interesting day there. Also in November seven of our members traveled to Moosomin for the SGS seminar. We had a great time, met many people and learned lots. The Beautiful Plains area had a Heritage Fair in Neepawa at which we had a table. All of the Heritage groups from the area were represented and it was a very successful day. It was good advertising for our branch as a lot of people came by.

We had several of our members transcribing the 1891 Census data for MGS. We also had many of our members working on transcribing and updating the Neepawa cemetery records. This project is still ongoing and we hope to finish it soon.

As people get to know of our existence, we seem to be getting more inquiries about families that are from the area or used to be from the area. We have had inquiries from all across Canada, the U.S. and England. This year our members did a great job in helping with this research.

Our library is expanding all the time and we would like to thank everyone for their donation of books and other items.

Our executive:

Chair - Don McGillivray Vice Chair – Hector Swanson  
Secretary – Norma Forsman Treasurer – Vic Deacon  
Publicity – Darlene Perrett

Hope everyone has a great year!

#### **DAUPHIN BRANCH**

President Cheryl Komar, MGS #4516

- We held a meeting in Grandview (Feb) to see if there was interest in the town for genealogy.
- small groups for group discussions
- big group discussions
- Seminar with speakers from various areas was held in April (Mary Bole had outline)
- Allan Gray resigned and the president is now Cheryl Komar. 1<sup>st</sup> vice president is Kim Huska
- had Jerry Zihrl and Mel SKulmski speak about researching in Ukraine/Poland/Galicia
- digital scrapbooking speaker
- free time at the library to research and just to discuss what is and is not available to us
- Year end meeting

#### **SOUTH WEST BRANCH**

President Dennis Descoteau, MGS #4272

We have moved. Our new digs are downstairs at Knox United Church. The hours are: Mondays 2:00 - 4:00p.m. and Thursdays 7:00-9:00 p.m. and other times by appointment. We are now hooked up to the Internet. The wireless link is a little slow and we are considering going wired.

During 2006 we had a full slate of exciting and informative meetings. We have gone on outings,

outreaches, and seminars all over the southern parts of the province. Many thanks to the program committee.

Ongoing projects are cemetery transcriptions and BMD indexes. Our Branch is involved with the Brandon Museum search in order to have a bigger home. My question, of course, is: Why hasn't Brandon had one fifty years ago?

Membership is around 75 and one of our goals is to have a new gain every year. I was elected as President for the 07/08 year and membership, lively meetings, and my own research are priorities.

2007/2008 looks to be an exciting time for the SWB.

### **SWAN VALLEY BRANCH**

President Eric Neufeld, MGS #2410L.

The Swan Valley Branch has completed another successful year. This year has proved to be very stressful yet exciting as we look forward to a new location. We are now located at the North-West Regional Library. This location is at 610 1<sup>st</sup> St. N. in Swan River. Our meetings are changed to every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our branch takes a summer recess for the months of July and August of each year.

As I reported last year we were notified that we would have to find a new location for our office and subsequently have moved to the local library. However, we are seriously lacking space and are now confined to a very small area. We are confident, however, that we will work through this and are hopeful that we will soon be organized and functional. Some of the projects that we were anticipating have been put on the back burner this past year.

We continue to index births, marriages and deaths from the *Star and Times* and we have submitted 2005 and 2006 to the MGS office. This indexing is done by Helen Ellingson and we thank her for this. We also are working on portions of the 1891 census as organized by Elizabeth Briggs and we are thankful for her leadership.

Our branch is busiest each year answering queries from all over the country interested in family connections in the Swan Valley. Again we were able help many people reconnect with their ancestors in our area. This is one of our branch's most rewarding priorities.

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

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Daryl Durnanski MGS #1031

The administration department is responsible for Library, Office Coordination, Membership Services, Research & Special Projects. These very active committee teams handle all these regular tasks most efficiently. Being new in this role I have learned that the experience & commitment of our Chairman is a valuable asset to our organization & their coordination of daily volunteers keep the Resource Centre active & viable.

Our goals for the next few years are challenging. Our public resources are continuing to be evaluated & updated & we want to continue to provide tangible benefits to our membership. Growth is difficult in any community not-for-profit organization & we will need to increase our contact with our members & impress upon them the value of our resources. Our physical space will constantly require reviews to make sure it is adequately serving our patrons & volunteers to fulfill our mandate. We need to assess what projects are relevant & commit to their completion. All of our goals require volunteer training through the current volunteers who have given so much of their expertise & time. We can do this – we have for over 30 years. If you are interested & would be an asset to any of these committees let us know.

Thank-you to all of our committee members who keep us humming. Drop in, use the Resource Centre, and enjoy the company of other members while learning something new about genealogy.

### **LIBRARY**

Mary Bole, MGS #884

#### **Objectives:**

I just checked back with my first Annual Report in 2004. The following were my objectives, in no set order:

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 six month subscription to *Ancestry.com*, the most comprehensive international online genealogy data base.
- 3) Placing *Finding Aids* in *Generations* to increase library awareness and to highlight new holdings.
- 4) Focusing on the purchase of Manitoba books.
- 5) Giving friendly and helpful support to our patrons.

In the last 3 years the Library Committee and MGS have achieved the following:

- 1) We have the 5 computers working like a charm (computer committee). It is a pleasure to go into work and not have to solve computer problems. The objective to increase the number of CD-ROMs has not been successful. We have a number of good CD-ROMs but they are not being used to their full extent.
- 2) Our six month subscription to *Ancestry.com* was a winner. We have continued our subscription although it is now called *ancestry.library* with not quite the same components as *ancestry.com*. Nevertheless it is well used. We've also added another paid program: *newspaperarchives.com*, a program which includes many Winnipeg and Brandon newspapers. It has a strong search engine. This is also well used.
- 3) *Finding Aids* has been a regular article in *Generations* and, I hope, helpful to all.
- 4) Our purchasing department has concentrated on Manitoba books, especially local history books. In this case the Internet is working against us – with all the second hand book dealers also able to use the internet, the price of these books has risen.

5) Giving friendly and helpful support to our patrons. All I can say is that the MGS Library volunteers are a wonderful bunch. I'd like to thank all the volunteers, those who show up once a week to volunteer, as well as those who input data at home.

#### Statistics:

80 periodicals are exchanged with other societies. We send *Generations*; they send us their journals. 12 periodicals are received by subscription, 20 donated by members and 9 are received electronically. We decide which journals to purchase by checking the sign-in sheets for members' interests.

2195 items (books, periodicals, cemetery transcriptions, CD-ROMs, etc.) were reshelfed by the staff.

67 items were mailed to several locations in Manitoba and one in British Columbia. This is an increase; our top count was 20 journals sent to one member during the year.

29 new books plus subscriptions to *Ancestry.library* and *newspaperarchives* (Internet) have been purchased.

400 books (etc.) were donated this year. Appropriate items have been added to our collection; duplicate copies

of Manitoba Local History are kept on Reference. Others are sent to the Branches. For this year only, some that don't meet any of the above specifications are to be auctioned at the Seminar.

367 new-to-us books were added to our collection.

#### KOHA - MGS' Online Catalogue

As of the end of September we have entered the card catalogue information for 7200 books. To find this information go to <http://www.mbgenealogy.com/> and then click on KOHA - MGS Online Catalogue. Our library postal rate plus the online catalogue is of great value to our out of city members. They can check to see what we have, email us to borrow the book, and then we'll send it out.

#### Volunteers:

I would like to give a special thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with library tasks. We could still utilize some volunteers who would be willing to input information onto the computer from home.

Two of our long standing volunteers John McCrindle and Allan Pickard passed away this past year and are greatly missed.

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #587L

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

The following statistics show some of the volume of work outside the countless hours of work done specifically by other committees.

- 1262 patrons signed our register
- 403 attendees for Group Sessions: In past years those attending meetings and other sessions have been added in as patrons. Those attending sessions are volunteers, members, and visitors. Separating them from individual patrons gives a clearer picture of MGS Library usage - many who attend these sessions also use the library facilities along with whatever session they have attended.
- 1456 volunteers signed in: compared to 1430 in 2006
- 1113 pieces of mail were posted from MGS: increase of 84

- 1481 pieces of posted mail (including faxes) were received by MGS: decrease of 17
- 484 e-mail messages were received: decrease of 24. Research e-mails totalled 250.
- 369 incoming phone calls were recorded: decrease of 1
- 23,887 photocopies were made: increase of 137
- 37 MGS publications sold: increase of 9
- 17 charts were sold: decrease 44

Outside of regular specialized tasks for other committees, many volunteers do mundane tasks such as photocopying, filing cards, mailing letters, vacuuming, emptying wastebaskets, cleaning kitchen and washrooms, procuring supplies. We obviously could not operate without all the volunteers. Hopefully our patrons, members and non-members, realize their true worth.

We have lost at least two long-time, daily volunteers over the past year, and we remember them.

## RESEARCH

Chair: Jim Rutherford, MGS #2632

The Research Committee responded to over 250 e-mails this past year and from them we managed to get 42 positive responses where money was eventually sent to cover research done. Mail-in research requests brought in another 55 paid queries. Some of these requests are handled within a couple of hours and others may take days to complete. We have done research for clients in the U.K., Sweden, Netherlands, U.S.A., and Norway this past year, as well as all across Canada.

It has been difficult for the committee of six people to have access to computers on Thursdays with patrons also needing them. The more MGS installs into our computer base, the more computers are needed. Probably 60% of research is now done on the computers and the other 40% from books, fiche, films, Henderson Directories, Crown

Land Registry, etc. The Executive and Council have been approached by the committee to see what steps can be taken to solve this problem.

Having computer access by subscription to *newspaperarchives.com* (for Winnipeg) has proven to be an extremely helpful source of research for the committee as well as clients.

Those on the committee who donate their time and research skills are: Connie McLeod, Hazel Runchey, Jody Jones, Bonnie Bridge, Rick McLellan, and Jim Rutherford. Our newest addition to the Thursday crew is Bonnie Batchelor who looks after the front desk. Like her, we all try to help members and the general public who come into our library, as well as doing the usual chores required to keep the centre running.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Chair: Betty Atkinson, MOS #2117

Current as of August 15, 2007:

Member Type 1:	Individual	502
Member Type 2:	Associate	36
Member Type 3:	Institutional	16
Member Type 4:	Life	55
Member Type 5:	Exchange	84
Member Type 6:	Deposit	15
Member Type 7:	Administrative Memb.	1
Member Type 8:	(not used)	
Member Type 9:	No mail out	<u>20</u>
Total		720

(2006 : 728)

### **Branch Memberships:**

Dauphin Branch	11
Beautiful Plains	28
Southeast & Winnipeg	103
South West Branch	74
Swan Valley Branch	6

## **VICE-PRESIDENT**

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## **GENERATIONS**

*Generations* continues to be published 4 times a year and distributed to all MGS members. We produce between 650 and 700 copies of each issue.

As usual, we always need interesting material for the Journal – stories, articles, etc. connected with Manitoba and/or genealogy.

## **OUTREACH**

Kelly Southworth, MGS #4534, Outreach

Chair

As I am the chair of Outreach activities for both the provincial MGS and the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch, my activities for the two often overlap. I trust no one will mind if I combine all activities into one report, as the work is all for the benefit of MGS.

Since I assumed the position of Chair in September 2006, I have attempted to redefine the role of Outreach to better match the guidelines of our program-funding grant from Manitoba Tourism, Heritage, and Culture. Two main focus areas for the year have been children and youth; and Manitoba heritage. Efforts have been made to reach out to all Manitobans.

**Children and Youth:** In November of 2006 MGS participated once again in the Social Studies Teachers Special Area Group (SAG) conference with a display. Our MGS display and handout materials were totally redesigned with an audience of teachers in mind. Response to the materials was positive, but attendance at the conference was down considerably from previous years. We have been invited to attend again this fall and the hope is to develop another new resource for teachers that will help them use genealogy to meet the objectives of the Social Studies Curriculum across all grades. So far, resources developed have been general in nature and targeted at two groups—grades K-6, and grades 7-12. If there are any teachers or retired teachers out there, (or anyone else!) who would like to assist, I plan to try to develop a resource package over the next 18 months that is matched to specific units and objectives in the new social studies curriculum.

There was a presentation for a YMCA Y-Neighbours group of mothers with toddlers and a handout sheet was developed with ideas for genealogical activities for young

I'd like to thank our regular contributors Mary Bole, Lori Walker, Enid Dorward, Kathy Stokes for their help as well as Pat Sundmark for proofreading, and Joyce Elias for distribution.

children—it is never too early to start! Hopefully, this will be published in the winter edition of Generations.

**Manitoba Heritage:** One of the main requirements of our grant money is to promote Manitoba Heritage and Heritage Day. Bill Pooley does an outstanding job of organizing our Manitoba Heritage Day events at the Resource Centre.

New handouts to help people get started in genealogy were developed for this event and all MGS charts—pedigree, family group sheet, 5 generation, etc.—have been redeveloped as well.

A new small publication that identifies records and resources for Manitoba genealogical research is ready for publication and will hopefully be available for sale at the Seminar in October. It identifies more than 65 different record types, over 100 printed resources and 100 current web-based resources relating to Manitoba. It also provides addresses for more than 80 record repositories. It is tentatively titled "Fast Facts for Finding Family from Manitoba".

**Reaching Out to Manitobans:** A new "Introduction to Genealogy Course" has been developed and is being offered at the MGS Resource Centre this fall. It will run for 3 evenings and will use a real case study for participants to become familiar with the best practices for using and documenting home and institutional resources. On the third evening, participants will have the opportunity to conduct some of their own research and familiarize themselves with the wealth of resources available through MGS. Hopefully we will get some new members. We have several registrations already and there are only a few spots still available.

As well, all promotional materials, brochures, display signage, etc. has been redeveloped with a common theme:

"Everyone has a story...what's yours?" to present a consistent image to the public and one that targets those who may not yet be involved with family history.

A current plan is to advertise the new publication, "Fast Facts", to libraries across the province, along with suggestions for promoting genealogical research in local libraries. One library presentation has already been scheduled for October.

**Folklorama:** MGS continues to have a display at the Pavilion of Scotland during Folklorama. A couple of changes have taken place this year. The first is that the display materials were redesigned to focus less on Scotland and Scottish culture, and more on the benefits of MGS to all researchers, from any background. The second, major change, is that organization of MGS participation at this event has become a special project, rather than a part of Outreach—similar to the annual planning for Heritage Day. Daryl Dumanski headed the Folklorama project this year and is the current contact for next year as well—Thanks Daryl. This move was made, in part, because MGS has participated in the Pavilion of Scotland for so long that it has become a well-organized

process that our volunteers look forward to every year, and should continue to operate consistently.

**Other Activities:** In addition to those identified above, MGS has done presentation to a Y-Neighbours Alumni group and mounted a display in St. Andrew's for their heritage fair.

We have received other requests for displays that we have been unable to fill due to lack of available volunteers. Sometimes our requests come with short notice. Many of these requests have come from organizations associated with Scottish culture. This is evidence that work at the Pavilion of Scotland is worthwhile. It would be nice to make inroads with other groups in the province.

This fall will be busy for Outreach. Several presentations and displays are already scheduled, in addition to the Seminar and the Introductory Class. Anyone willing to volunteer with Outreach in any capacity is always welcome.

I would like to thank all of those who have volunteered with the Outreach activities this past year. You have made me feel welcome and energized, and willing to continue as Chair for another year!

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORTS

### VICE-PRESIDENT

Bill Burland, MGS #3727

Over the past year we have seen the use of the MGS library computers skyrocket. Very often the regular volunteers need to give up their usual machines to patrons who need to do on-line research. Obviously, we could do with more computers but this raises all sorts of problems with Internet connections, space, and cost. The main use of the computers for research is still ancestry.com for access to BMD records and Census

records. The [newspaperarchives.com](http://newspaperarchives.com) is also being used by many patrons to help fill out their family history. Most of the cemeteries we have transcribed have now been indexed and this master index is now on the computers in the Library. We are still looking for volunteers to enter data. As usual, thanks to Bill MacDonald for his continuing support.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### VICE-PRESIDENT

James Beyette, MGS #698

### MGS TREASURER

John Christie, MGS #3011

## MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

STATEMENT 1

	Operating Fund	Lifetime Memberships Fund	Publications Fund	Seminar Fund	Dedication Fund	COMBINED 2006	2005
<b>ASSETS</b>							
<b>Current</b>							
Cash	\$15,871					\$15,871	\$5,575
Short term investments (Note 3)	33,262					33,262	37,121
Accounts receivable	2,357					2,357	13,376
Prepaid expenses	965					965	806
	52,455					52,455	56,878
<b>DUE FROM OPERATING FUND</b>	...	13,075	2,000	500	2,695	18,270	18,270
	52,455	13,075	2,000	500	2,695	\$70,725	\$75,148

Interest income	1,262	885
Memberships	18,996	20,833
Other	1,012	4,879
Services	6,457	5,275
U.S. exchange	376	173
User fees	690	460
	<u>44,564</u>	<u>47,094</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Annual general meeting	64	56
Branch fees	1,970	1,478
Capital Expenditures		267
Committee	3,153	3,375
Conventions and meetings	53	280
Equipment maintenance	1,505	1,793
Generations	5,665	4,411
GST (recoveries)	1,311	1,580
Insurance	431	620
MGS seminar		2,285
Office and administration	2,778	4,500
Professional fees	1,605	1,370
Rent and common charges	25,518	24,862
Telephone	821	1,117
Utilities	2,088	2,516
1891 Census	<u>2,952</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>49,914</u>	<u>50,510</u>
<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE</b>		
<b>TRANSFERS FROM (TO) FUNDS</b>	( 5,350)	( 3,416)
Publications fund (Statement 5)	754	567
<b>OPERATING FUND DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>	( 4,596)	( 2,849)
<b>SURPLUS, beginning of year</b>	<u>16,848</u>	<u>19,697</u>
<b>SURPLUS, end of year</b>	\$ <u>12,252</u>	\$ <u>16,848</u>

MGS expresses its congratulations to Louisa Shermerhorn  
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## **Seminar 2007 report "Who Do You Think You Are?"**

by Gordon McBean, Seminar Co-Chair

The objective to holding Seminar is four fold, 1 - to provide an educational opportunity for our members, 2 - to provide a chance to promote the MGS to the public, 3 - to attract new members and 4 - to allow an opportunity for members to get together. Our October 2007 Seminar was successful on all four by the feedback we received. Ninety Seven people registered with 63 people attending the banquet. Rick Roberts, our keynote, presented three fact filled keynotes in an enthusiastic way that had people buzzing afterwards. Many of the sessions filled up and people had to be moved to their second choice. In all the feedback said that the program was a hit. Many of the presenters are members who volunteered to share their experience. We are so fortunate in the MGS to have so many talented members who are willing to do presentations. Thank you to all of the presenters.

Those attending had the opportunity to visit with several vendors and view displays by organization. Feedback from the vendors indicated that they liked the set up where they were in the main presentation room where the refreshments were. Those attending spent the breaks checking out the booths.

I worked with a great co-chair, Judy Labossier and a fabulous committee who worked hard to make the weekend successful. We made a small profit with the help of some wonderful fundraisers the those attending seemed to enjoy taking part. Two of the fundraisers, the book sale and the paper bag auction raised over \$ 500.00 which, not being needed to balance our books, will be donated to the MGS Library to purchase books etc. A big thank you to all those who volunteered to make the weekend a success.

Those who attended discover several new ways to prove, they are who they think they are.

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## **Southeast & Winnipeg Branch Programs**

Gordon McBean, 1st Vice President SE & Winnipeg Branch

Join the Winnipeg Branch for expanded programs this winter and Spring. On three Mondays a month we will be offering programs to our branch members. Come learn more about Irish research with a new Irish Special Interest Group (SIG) in the new year. Back by popular demand is the Computer SIG. Whether you are a novice or a power user we will try to provide you with new information on using your computer in the pursuit of your genealogy quest.

### **Get Additional Details**

Additional details for all programs will be sent in the SE & Winnipeg Branch ezine. Make sure you are signed up to receive it. Go to the MGS web <http://www.mbgenealogy.com/> and click on the SE & W Branch then select the sign up for the ezine link and follow the directions. Make sure you reply to the email the site will send you to finish the process. [http://www.mbgenealogy.com/wpg\\_br\\_email.html](http://www.mbgenealogy.com/wpg_br_email.html)

### **Let's revive the phone list**

If you would rather get a phone call you can request to be added to the Branch phone list for programs. Call Gordon McBean at 786-4905 to register. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the phoning so Gordon would appreciate a call from any volunteers as well.

### **Program Notes in the e-zine**

We have had several requests for write-up on the programs we present from members that are not able to attend. If you are willing to share your notes on our programs please let Gordon know.

### **Upcoming Branch Programs**

#### **Monday January 14, 2008 New Sources for Genealogical Exploration at the New Facilities of the University of Manitoba Archives**

Location the U of M Archives in the Elizabeth Dafoe Library, University Of Manitoba Fort Garry Campus

Speaker: Dr. Shelley Sweeney, Head, University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections

The University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections has moved into new renovated quarters.

Dr. Sweeney will be providing a PowerPoint presentation highlighting some of the newest collections received by the archives that provide genealogical information or support genealogical

research and providing a tour of the new facilities. Although the archives has a relatively small number of collections geared to genealogical research, it has placed a number of new collections online and has received several interesting collections which can provide more information about Manitoba that researchers may want to use to enhance the histories of their family trees.

#### **Monday January 21, 2008 New SIG Irish Research**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

Topics to be confirmed for this series but might include :

Mary Bole - Irish resources in the MGS Resource Centre, Tips on Irish Research ect.

Come learn more about Irish research. Additional details will be sent in the ezine.

**Monday January 28, 2008 – Computer SIG – Scanning & Image Basics**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

Can you use a scanner? Are you getting the results you want from your scanner. Come out and join Gordon McBean and learn the ins and outs of using a scanner.

**Monday February 11, 2008 – “Genealogical Research at the Archives of Manitoba”**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

Come out to hear Paula Warsaba present an expanded presentation of her session that was over subscribed at Seminar. Additional details will be sent in the ezine.

**Monday February 18, 2008 - New SIG Irish Research**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

Come learn more about Irish research. Additional details will be sent in the ezine.

**Monday February 25, 2008 - Computer SIG Digital Audio**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

Have you ever wanted to record audio on your computer. Are you aware that there are some very good audio programs available for free download on the internet. Would you family get a thrill from hearing a story told in your dads voice? Gordon McBean will show you how.

**Monday March 10, 2008 - Nolan Reilly- Oral History**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

Professor Reilly from the U of Winnipeg will discuss his latest project on Oral History. Additional details will be sent in the ezine.

**Monday March 17, 2008 – Irish SIG**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

It's almost St. Paddy's day. Come learn more about Irish research. Additional details will be sent in the ezine.

**Monday March 24, 2008 – Howard Matheson – The Software and Techniques behind “What’s in a Name”**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

How does he do all that stuff? Come and find out the tools and techniques behind Howard's amazing presentations. Additional details will be sent in the ezine.

**Monday April 7, 2008 Note NEW DATE- - Howard Matheson – “What’s in a Name - the Origin and Development of English Surnames”**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

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David Breen

The presentation will focus on the origin, development and evolution of English surnames. Beginning with their gradual introduction following the Norman Conquest, "by names", would become hereditary in the 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. Most early surnames were "locative", derived from places or topographical features, or based on occupations. It has long been recognized that these surnames are distinctly regional in nature. This principle will be demonstrated using surname distribution maps. Lesser known or understood, is the fact that surnames, even in the 17th and 18<sup>th</sup> century, were far less stable than we might expect. Examples will be put forward illustrating how one name might easily be transformed into another. In many cases these changes would result in names which bore little resemblance to their historical antecedent. This instability was heightened by the not uncommon practice of individuals changing their surname, using an alias, or in some cases using multiple surnames. Again examples will illustrate this practice. An appreciation of these surname gymnastics can often help explain the "missing ancestors" who crop up in all our research.

**Monday April 21, 2008 – Irish SIG**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

Come learn more about Irish research. Additional details will be sent in the ezine.

**Monday April 28, 2008 – Computer SIG – Family Tree Maker 2008**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

What's new in Familytreemaker 2008. Join Gordon McBean to explore the latest version of FTM and learn some tricks.

**Monday May 12, 2008 Branch AGM note start time 7:00 for AGM –**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

Branch AGM and elections

Sharon McCullough U of M - Privacy and Freedom of Information how does it effect your genealogy research?

Additional details will be sent in the ezine

**Monday May 19, 2008 (Victoria Day)**

No program

**Monday May 26, 2008**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

TBA Additional details will be sent in the ezine

**Monday June 9, 2008**

Location MGS Resource Centre at 7:30

TBA Additional details will be sent in the ezine.

MGS expresses its sympathy  
To Louisa Shermerhorn (MGS # 567) on the death of her brother, James Austin Dobie, in October.  
To Joan Curle (MGS # 4144) on the death of her father-in-law, Mal Curle in November.

## **PERIODICAL POTPOURRI**

Lori Walker – MGS #1145  
Email: [lj\\_walker@shaw.ca](mailto:lj_walker@shaw.ca)

### **AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND**

The Genealogist, Vol. 12, #3

- Thomastown; Annie Murray.

### **CANADA**

Ances-Tree, Nanaimo FHS, Vol. 28, #3

- history of English Parish Registers.

Anglo-Celtic Roots, Vol. 13, #3

- Arthurs family.

B.C. Genealogist, Vol. 36, #3

- a Barbados connection; Bright, Tegg & Watts families.

Families, OGS, Vol. 46, #3

- early families of North Bay; prohibited degrees of consanguinity; DuHamel family; 8 McGregor sisters; Elizabeth Hagerman.

Generations, NBGS, Vol. 29, #3

- Crouse Loyalist cemetery; Fernhill cemetery MI's – St. John; James McCracken ancestry; St. John

United cemetery MI's – Shippagan; African Methodist Episcopal Church in Woodstock.

Hamilton Branch, OGS, Vol. 38, #3

- Henderson family.

Manitoba History, #55

- Chipewyan tribe 1736-82; changing face of Winnipeg; Annie Johnston.

Notes from Niagara, OGS, Vol. 27, #3

- Adam Young; crown grants of land.

Nova Scotia Genealogist, Vol. 45, #2

- vital stats 1898 – part 2; NS vital records on-line.

Okanagan Researcher, Vol. 24, #1

- Dawson family.

Ottawa Branch News, OGS, Vol. 40, #4

- Sparks families; George Desbarats.

Our Waterloo Kin, OGS, Vol. 7, #2

- WWI Honor Roll.

Relatively Speaking, Alta GS, Vol. 35, #3

- Joan Fogwill; Plater family – part 4; tracing aboriginal ancestors.

Roots, Branches & Twigs, Kent Co. OGS, Vol. 30, #3

- the search for Alice Mae Minshall; John McGregor.

Talbot Times, Vol. 26, #3

- Rolls family.

The Beaver, Vol. 85, #3

- Acadians; Mary Beebe.

Toronto Tree, OGS, Vol. 38, #4

- village of Weston.

Vol. 38, #5

- North Ronaldsay, Orkney roots.

### **COMPUTERS**

Digital Genealogist, Vol. 1, #6

- a periodical with a wide variety of computer topics.

Internet Genealogy, Vol. 2, #3

- researching the civil war; Footnote website; tech toys for genealogists; using Google; genealogy blogs.

Vol. 2, #4

- GenSmarts; time lines; website of disasters; several pages of genealogy websites; Nova Scotia vitals now on line.

### **EASTERN EUROPE**

East European Genealogist, Vol. 15, #3

- sources for research on peasant families.

Vol. 15, #4

- Rus and Rusyns.

### **ENGLAND & WALES**

Banyan Tree, #111

- Irish Records; Poor Law; blacksheep; emigration; Thomas Blossom, part 2.

Berkshire Family Historian, Vol. 30

- Waltham St. Lawrence parish; Wellington House in Kintbury.

Cleveland FHS, Vol. 10, #4

- Wearne brothers.

Cornwall FHS, #125

- Cock's Castle in Port Alfred, S. Africa; Gaol records; Donne & Heale families.

Derbyshire FHS, #122

- Derby St. Anne church; Thomas Slack & family; William Benrose; Hibbert & Middleton families.

Devon Family Historian, #123

- John Greenslade; Churley & Denbey families; African slavery.

Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 23, #11

- the Home Guard; Scottish register of deeds; East India Company armies.

Vol. 23, #12

- pre 1837 records on-line (pay per view); laundry workers; north east England records; tracing East India armies; tracing nursing ancestors; Hawkshead Parish Registers; settlement certificates; Tolpuddle martyrs; [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk); the landed gentry; London archives.

Vol. 24, #1

- the building occupation; human trade; a 17<sup>th</sup> century will; James White aka James Jezreel; boy soldiers; Q&A re: WWI ancestors; records of staff of the Royal household; life in Armagh.

Genealogists Magazine, Vol. 29, #3

- older genealogical records; a case of treason; indentured servants to America 1683-89; London marriages on line; Hugenot families in Australia.

**Glamorgan FHS, #87**

- William Jenkins' Burnell family; Don Pontypridd.
- Journal of Bristol & Avon FHS, #129
- new ancestry.com sites; Gloucestershire Hatters; parish of St. James & St. Johns; Rosted family; Roberts family.
- Metropolitan, Vol. 30, #1
- Cracknell family; cheapside market; Fortnum & Mason; Hornsey parish; Robert Tillcock; Enfield market – part 1.
- Norfolk Ancestor, Vol. 5, #3
- Dunston village; Carver family, part 1; Isaac Barwick.
- Northumberland & Durham FHS, Vol. 32, #3
- Robert Lisle; women's soccer; Mary Duncan, Elizabeth Potter; Coady, James & Waitt families.
- Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol. 21, #2
- Booker & Gauntlett families; Jarrett family.
- SIB Folk News, #43
- James Smellie; Washington Irving; Dinnison family.
- Suffolk Roots, Vol. 33, #2
- All Saints Church in Laxfield; William Baker; Rosher family; William Denham.
- W. Middlesex FHS Journal, Vol. 25, #3
- Wright family; George Barnett.

**Wiltshire FHS, #106**

- smallpox inoculation; wills on-line; Muller's orphanage.

**IRELAND**

**Irish Genealogical Research Society Newsletter, Vol. 4, #7**

- Nova Scotia burials 1828; some vitals from newspapers.

**Irish Roots, #63**

- hotel & pub development; emigration merchants; Roscrea Castle; Henry Wilson; William O'Kennedy.
- The Septs, Vol. 28, #4

- Irish church registers; church sources for immigrants; Catholic church records; Methodist records; Irish church records on line.

**SCOTLAND**

**Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS, #104**

- Alexander Gibson; Crawford family; James Jopp.
- Dumfries & Galloway FHS Newsletter, #59

- Patrick Miller; Pirie & Corrie families.

**Scottish Genealogist, Vol. 54, #3**

- William Dunlop; Bonthran family; William McTurk; Elsie Inglis; David Mortimer.

**UNITED STATES**

**American Spirit, Vol. 141, #4**

- experiencing early pioneer life; Marquis de LaFayette.
- Vol. 141, #5
- early American dances; retracing John Smith's journey.
- Cousins et Cousines, Vol. 27, #4
- Chief White Cloud.

**Family Chronicle, Vol. 12, #1**

- death records; German survivors of the US Civil War; religious newspapers; Salvation Army records; Catholic church records.

**Vol. 12, #2**

- land records; Home children; early Canadians online; researching Smiths.

**Minnesota Genealogist, Vol. 38, #1**

- Natz family; John Wellhaven; research in Clearwater Co.

**New England Ancestors, Vol. 7, #4**

- evictions & forced emigration from Ireland; Jonathan Gardner; the search for Phebe Jordan; Salem poor.

**New England Historical & Genealogical Newsletter, Vol. 161**

- Edward Jenkins; the children of Ward Swift; marriages in Hebron, Conn 1785-1812; Jemima Preston; Bennet Eliot; Samuel Peirce; John Farmer. Oregon GS Quarterly, Vol. 45, #4

- memories of Pearl Harbour; the first immigrant through Ellis Island – her story.

**2007 MGS Awards**

**THE FLO COX AWARDS**

**JULIA PIERCE - member No. 1222**

Julia Pierce has been a member of MGS for many years and lives in Minto, Manitoba. According to Kathy Stokes, who chaired the Special Projects team for many years, Julia became an integral part of it by transcribing a lot of our early cemeteries at her home. Julia loves her computer and has taken the original typewritten transcriptions (before we had standardized the format) and transcribed them into a more suitable form.

Her work has always been first rate and it is obvious by the more professional look our publications have. Julia has been a definite asset to MGS and it is of further importance when you realize she works at quite a distance from our MGS facility. Her contribution is greatly appreciated and she certainly deserves this award.

**BONNIE BRIDGE - member No. 3395**

Bonnie Bridge has worked diligently with the Research crew since 1999 and has always done her work with a smile and given far more than required of a volunteer. She has been more than willing to do research at the Archives, the Millennium Library as well as other sources. Her knowledge of accessing old wills, probates, old newspapers, etc., has been a big help in collecting information for our paying clients.

Bonnie is a big help around our library, helping clients as well as other volunteers and her time is definitely one that should be worthy of the Flo Cox Award.

## **THE ERIC JONASSON AWARD**

**BOB STOKES** - member No. 432

Bob Stokes has almost been a member from the beginning of the Society. His wife, Kathy, is member No. 125. Bob used this membership for a couple of years before getting his own associate membership. In the early days, he was known to walk around a large table where he picked up pages of our publication, *Generations*, and stapled them together for distribution to members. Bob served as a councillor for three years under the old constitution before the Society had an office. He helped move our possessions into our first office in the Royal Bank building downtown. Bob participated in many outreach activities, travelling to spread the family history message to places like Stonewall and Winkler. He has assisted with Icelandic research when novice genealogists at seminars or open houses ask for such things as how to figure out Icelandic naming patterns. Bob served for two years as Vice President of Finance

when we were in the Boy Scouts Building. He was eventually persuaded to take the Presidency of MGS which he served for two years. Bob worked tirelessly to have the censuses released on a scheduled basis that was acceptable, without the heavy hand of government limiting personal research. After three years as Past President of MGS and chair of the nominating committee, he finally became an ordinary member. It is fitting that he be presented with the Eric Jonasson Award as Eric was an icon of Icelandic genealogy.

To recognize the honourees, MGS dedicates a book to each. This year the books dedicated are  
**Jonasson Award:** **Bob Stokes**, Winnipeg MB  
Book: "The Surnames of Scotland";  
**Cox Awards:** **Julia Pierce**, Minto MB. Book: "Minto: Bridging The Years" **Bonnie Bridge**, Winnipeg MB: Book: "Professional Genealogy"

## **RURAL RAMBLINGS**

by Kathy Stokes

### Winnipeg Free Press, 5 January 1920

Mrs. James Cook of Deerhorn Manitoba celebrated her 79<sup>th</sup> birthday recently. She is the daughter of James Bruce of St. John's parish in the Winnipeg area and was born there in 1840. In 1858, she married James Cook at St. John's. They lived first in Portage la Prairie and later in Poplar Point before homesteading at St. Mark's. James Cook died in 1906 and Mrs. Cook moved to Deerhorn in 1911 to live with a son.

Mrs. Cook is a noted spinner of wool. Her son, George Cook held a party for her to celebrate her birthday. Mrs. Cook has nine living children, Mrs J. McKee of B.C., Mrs. George McKee of Vancouver, Mrs. Miller of Spokane, Mrs. Davis of Regina, James of Whyewold SK, Edward of St. Mark's, Ernest of Delta MB, George H. of Deerhorn and Bert of Winnipeg. There are twenty grandchildren and four great grandchildren. (photo)

### Winnipeg Free Press, 1 December 1930

Philip Andrushak, 62 years, of Leyland MB was killed near Carmen when he was mistakenly taken for a deer and was shot by Jim Colvin, a Carmen area farmer. Andrushak lived in the bush near Leyland and was likely checking his trapline when the accident occurred.

### Winnipeg Free Press, 1 June 1940

Charles Simpson, born Red River, celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday recently. His grandfather was Sir George Simpson of the HBC. A retired farmer, Charles lives in Pilot Mound. A daughter, Mrs. A Baldwin lives in Winnipeg. Grandson Russ Isidor, a former band

leader is now serving with CASF in Winnipeg. Great granddaughter Beverley Isidor completes the family group. (photo)

### Winnipeg Free Press, 3 June 1940

Eirikur Rafnkelson, 91 years, a pioneer of Lundar, died 1 June. He was born and married in Skaftafeltsulser, Iceland and came to Canada in 1885, settling first at Big Island in Lake Winnipeg, later moving to Howardville, north of Riverton. In 1931, he came to Lundar. By 1933 he was blind. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. S. Borgfjord of Lundar and sons, Eirikur of Minnewakin, John Rafnkelson of Burnt Lake, B.C., ? Rafnkelson of Silver Bay, MB and Gisli Erickson of Oak Point. Burial was in Oak Point cemetery.

### Winnipeg Free Press 4 June 1940

The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mr. And Mrs. A.J. Colton was celebrated recently. A.J. Colton was born in Port Granby, ON in September 1858. His wife, the former Esther Louise Ford was born near Lindsay, ON in October of the same year. They were married in 1880. Among the first settlers in the Swan River district, they were both active in the community, he as a school trustee for 14 years and a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba for 13 years, and she as a knitter for the CASF in both wars. There are four sons and one daughter, 16 grandchildren and one great grandchild. The daughter is Mrs. H.J. Mortimer of Harlington, and the sons are Herschel, Almon and Allan of Harlington and John Nelson of Kenville.

## MGS Donations - May - Oct 2007

The Manitoba Genealogical Society would like to recognize and thank all those who have made Memorial donations in memory of former members, Minerva Davis and Allan Pickard, cash donations to the Society and written material for the library, between May and October 2007. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

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Anonymous

## ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

by Kathy Stokes

When I am looking for stories for this column, I sometimes just pick a roll of microfilm arbitrarily from the drawers of newspaper records at the Dafoe Library at the University of Manitoba. And so it was that my hand landed on the reel for June of 1940. I couldn't help but notice the contrast between the stories on the front page, and the stories the Winnipeg Free Press chose to cover on the inside pages.

The front pages of early June had huge headlines describing the retreat from France of the British Army through the port of Dunkirk and how the ordinary people of the seafaring island used "the little boats of Britain" to rescue their entire army trapped on the beaches. It was truly a miracle at the time in what then was known as the "phony" war.

Inside the Free Press, however, it was not so easy to remember that our country was at war. One of the most prominent stories concerned the opening of the Manitoba Jockey Club' racing season at Whittier Park with an attendance of some six thousand racing fans. Photos of women in all their finery filled almost a quarter page. There seemed little to suggest any type of rationing or "making do" in the fashion world of the day. That would come a bit later.

Flowers, flags and bunting decorated the grounds of Whittier Park, and the grounds made an attractive setting for the women's ensembles. Although it was the beginning of June, dark colours were favored - navy, black and burgundy - with lighter hued hats, gloves and purses. Among the women of fashion were: Mrs. J.B. Richardson, Mrs. Peter Curry, Mrs. Juliusz Szygowski, Mrs. Louis Redmont, Mrs. W.H. Carter, Mde. E. Panczel, Miss Beatrice McMeans, Mrs. George Hopper, Mrs. James Crowe, Miss Marjorie Gooderham, Nursing Sister Frances Watt, Miss Betty

Allen. (A much longer list, with ensemble descriptions and photos is included in this article).

The only thing which marred the day of perfect weather and exciting races was a collision in the second race which resulted in a promising young horse, Tower Bridge, being put down.

And yet, there were stories which indicated that the war was not being forgotten and that Canadians were gearing up for participation overseas. Several photos of training at Camp Shilo where some 5000 troops were training were printed, one showing Fort Garry Horse Lieut. G. W. Fletcher teaching recruits how to shoot at enemy planes with rifles, another with Capt. A.W. Warr of Lethbridge helping to familiarize troops with anti-tank guns. No one forgot to pay the soldiers as Lieuts. H.M Sleigh, W.F. Attwood and Gordon Coutts watched the men parade in for their wages.

Among the first signs of the role women were to play in World War II was the graduation of Women's Auxiliary Motor Services class. Many of these women would go on to serve their country at home and abroad by learning how to tune up and repair car and truck engines. Among the many graduates listed were Betty Cornelius, Mrs. Ada Barnes, Mrs. Mary Rutherford, Mrs. Irene Swann, Mrs. M.A. Quinn, Roselyn Gardner, Betty Ross, Maxine Steinkopf.

Already the plight of refugees was brought home to Canadians. Mr. And Mrs. Max Meyer had escaped from Germany to settle in Holland, but when that country was invaded, they once again were homeless. They were sponsored in Winnipeg by the Canadian Jewish Congress and currently waited at the Immigration Hall for a farm to be found for them.

There are some parallels between the days of June 1940 and today. Our country has troops serving overseas in a war zone today and yet the awfulness of war seems to touch us only when we learn of the death or serious injury to one of our troops.

## BOOK REVIEWS

***The Cullen Collection*** compiled by Lorene (Slack Woodland) Cullen. 19 vol. (approx. 1992). (MGS library call no. FH & BIO 929.2 CUL) reviewed by Enid Dorward #4502

The compiler donated this collection to MGS a number of years ago, but we thought members should be reminded of its existence. This is a massive research project which consists of 18 binders, plus a 19<sup>th</sup> volume that indexes dozens of surnames connected with Ms Cullen's family. There are family group sheets, photographs, letters, clippings, family trees, maps, and even some birth certificates. A few of the family names go back as far as the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Most of the more recent persons resided in Manitoba, Ontario, and the USA. The greatest amount of material is on the SLACK family, with considerable space devoted also to WOODLAND, STEEL, BUCK, CRYSLER & CULLEN. Whether or not you are related to this family, you will find it most interesting to browse through these volumes.

***The Scotsman in Canada*** by George Bryce. Winnipeg, 1911. 19 pages.  
(MGS library call no. MAN 285 BRY) reviewed by Enid Dorward #4502

This is one chapter from a book published in Winnipeg nearly 100 years ago. The chapter is titled "The Scottish Church in Western Canada". The author, himself a prominent churchman at the time, describes the history of the Scottish church from the time of Lord Selkirk whose party came to what is now Manitoba in 1815. He gives a summary of the rapid growth of the church in western Canada during the remainder of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He names numerous influential churchmen, including such well-known persons as John Black, James Robertson and John M. King. An appendix lists the names and dates of ordination of all the ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Western Canada in 1910, and notes the congregation served by each one. United Church of Canada persons will recognize the early names of present-day presbyteries, and even the names of some ministers whose descendants have served the church in recent years.

***Fast Facts for Finding Family from Manitoba*** compiled by Kelly Southworth. Winnipeg, Manitoba Genealogical Society, 2007. 36 p. reviewed by Enid Dorward #4502  
(MGS library call no. REF MAN 929.1 FAS). Please note this copy is for use in the library only. However, you can purchase your own copy for \$10 at MGS (see order form, page 28).

Kelly Southworth has compiled a very useful reference guide for genealogical research in Manitoba. She lists 9 common research questions, then describes the range of records that could be used to answer the questions, as well as the location of those records. For example: to answer the question, "Where are the land records?", it is suggested that the researcher should check at the provincial archives, Library and Archives Canada, Hudson's Bay Company Archives, as well as several books and websites. There is information about records of numerous ethnic groups, e.g. Jewish, Ukrainian, Mennonites, even British emigrants from Ontario. The appendices provide full contact information for various archives, faith groups, and other record sources, as well as genealogical, cultural and historical groups in Manitoba. This book is an excellent source of information for anyone who is researching family history in Manitoba.

#### **President's Report, Southeast and Winnipeg Branch, MGS 2006-2007**

The 2006-2007 year was a busy year that included many programs and the preparation for the October 2007 seminar. Aside from me as President your executive for 2006-2007 was 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Gordon McBean, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Virginia Braid, Treasurer Julia Hall, Past President Jim Oke, Councilors Joan Szucs and Judy Labossière. Special Projects chair was vacant as were all of the other committee chairs. I would like to thank them for all their efforts over the past year, especially as they usually carried on more than one job on the executive.

Gordon also carried the job of Programs and managed the Ezine (the branch's online newsletter). He had a full slate of activities for the 2006-2007 season which included tours such as the Naval Museum, Masonic Temple Archives, and the United Church Archives. Speakers topics included Family Tree Maker (Gordon McBean), Mapping for Genealogists (Howard Mathieson), and Western Land Grants. We had an enjoyable 2006 Christmas Event on December 11<sup>th</sup> in which members shared treasured items and stories of their research.

Gordon led the Special Projects on the Morden Cemetery Transcriptions along with Virginia Braid, Judy Labossière, Jeanette Bullock, Kelly Southworth, and other volunteers. This project requires more visits to verify the transcriptions (weather permitting).

Gordon McBean was chair of the Seminar committee. Gordon and the organizing volunteers (which included the branch executive) met monthly to plan the seminar in October. The seminar was named "Who Do You Think You Are ... the 5 W's of your

family history". The keynote speaker featured Rick Roberts of Global Genealogy. A huge thank-you to everyone involved, all your efforts are greatly appreciated. During the seminar, several people told me how great the seminar was that weekend. While a final meeting is yet to be held, I am told that the seminar not only broke even but is expecting a small profit.

Jim Oke took care of the branch research requests. While it did not generate a lot of revenue, some donations were received from approximately 10-15 research inquiries. Jim also managed the website for the branch and the seminar website needs. Thank you for your efforts in this in both these areas.

This year also saw a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation which resulted in the purchase of a scanner, software for the scanner, a data projector, and an additional Microfilm Reader/Printer for the branch and MGS. In the past Gordon was able to get a data projector for various presentations through the good graces of others, however, it was felt that it was

time the branch acquired its own. The scanner has the capacity to scan not only documents but also various formats of film and slides. It will prove useful to members for research and copying old family photos or slides. Thank you to Gordon McBean and Julia Hall for their efforts in securing the grant and purchasing the equipment. Also, thank you to Daryl Dumanski for guidance on the grant process.

This year volunteers from the branch worked in the Resource Center to keep it open on Wednesday nights. This will continue into 2007-2008. Thank you to all the executive and volunteers who put in their time at the Resource Center on Wednesday nights. The Southeast and Winnipeg Branch AGM was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the United Church Archives, University of Winnipeg. They provided space, food and coffee for our use at no cost. The 2007-2008 elected executive is: President David Sutherland, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Gordon McBean, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Virginia Braid, Treasurer Julia Hall, Secretary Judy Labossière,

Councilors: Lynn Roseman, Jim Oke and Jeanette Bullock.

Special Projects, and the other committee chairs are all vacant. Any volunteers?

The 2007-2008 year is off to a great start with the successful seminar and new programs. The fall season began on September 10<sup>th</sup> with a fascinating presentation by Oriole Veldhuis on her Criddle/Vane research. The computer special interest group (or SIG) restarted every fourth Monday and plans are underway to start an Irish SIG in the New Year on every third Monday. Gordon has been doing a great job with the computer SIG and I look forward to what he has planned for the Irish SIG.

This is my third consecutive term as President and consequently my last. I would like to say I have enjoyed the last three years immensely. I thank those who gave me the position for three terms and most especially thank those on the executive. You have worked very hard and the branch has grown a lot because of it. I appreciate all your efforts.

### Can YOU Help MGS' Library?

We are hoping someone may be able to donate any of the following books.

- a) "Settlers, Sand and Steeple" – Grande Clariere & District 1888-1988
  - b) "History of the Riverside Municipality 1879-1967"
  - c) "Mingling Memories: A History of Wapella and Districts"
- "Golden Memories: A History of the Dand Community", by Dand W.I. History Committee

### *Moving Along with the 1891 Census*

Elizabeth Briggs

Thanks to many dedicated volunteers who have helped us transcribe and check sub-districts for the 1891 census, Lisgar (18,739 entries) and Winnipeg (25,650 entries) are now available for research at the MGS Centre. Excellent progress has been made over the summer for out of our original 123 sub-districts, 5 files remain to be transcribed. Currently there are 2 files in hanging folders at MGS Resource Centre which need to be checked and we have 23 files in the hands of experienced volunteers who have worked on many sub-districts for this project. I am requesting help meeting the following deadlines:

- **Transcribed files:** please return by Dec 6, 2007
- **Checked files:** Please return by Jan 15, 2008

If files can be returned to the MGS Resource Centre before the deadline, it would be much appreciated.

We are indebted to the following volunteers who have made a significant contribution to this project since August 15, 2007.

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If we are able to meet our current goal, the remaining 3 sub-districts: Marquette, Provencher and Selkirk should be completed by the February edition of *Generations*. Again, thank you to all who are helping to make this possible.



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