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## **BOOKS AS FAMILY RECORDS**

By Dan Spurrill, MGS # 1345

The oldest family documents I have seen are books, i.e., with names, presentations or dedications written in the front. Family Bibles come to mind, but often other books given as gifts or prizes, and passed down for generations, are as valuable a record.

From my father's family I have a *Pictures of Christian Heroism* presented to Miss Mary Johnston by the Convent of St. Joseph, Toronto, June 25, 1877, as "1st prize Algebra, Geography and Mode of Recitation" and "2nd 2nd History, Grammar and Natural Philosophy". Now my great grandmother Margaret Agnes (Johnston) Spurrill had a sister Mary, but she would have been too old to be a student in 1877, so this Mary must have been a niece. The same book was given to "Stephen Spurrill by his Godmother M.E. Johnston, probably the same Mary Johnston. My grandfather's youngest brother Stephen Francis Spurrill was born July 8, 1880 and died May 25, 1891 of diphtheria. Then the book was given "to Theodore from his Grand Mother 1909". Aiden Theodore Spurrill (Jr.), 1900-1981 was my Dad's older brother. The book was in Dad's possession.

An old book my mother had, *Enquire Within Upon Everything*, published in 1873, simply had "Emily" written in pencil inside the cover. This was Emily (Sansom) Blackwell, my great grandmother, born about 1854. Grandma brought the book with her to Canada in 1908, and Mom said the book was constantly used when they were farming in the Interlake bush: it was full of household remedies and advice. The book is now falling apart.

Books have been used for family records for a long time. One in my possession, ordered from a Belfast book dealer in 1963, has the inside cover inscription: "Elizabeth Smallwood her book June the 6th/1717 given to her by her mother". Above this is written: "No.77-May 1821 Delgany Circulating Library" At the top corner is a sticker reading: "P Conolly Bookseller 5 Chancery Place Dublin". On the flyleaf are the initials "RF" in one corner and the name "Jyfe" in the opposite. In several places are notes in various handwritings in margins. At one is a calendar page from Jan. 21, 1933. Books acquire a recorded history.

Another book I have is *Here and There in the War Area*, by the Right Rev. Herbert Bury Oxford 1916. The title page was signed H.V. Bury his son 6.viii.65, and then given to "Alfred &

Muriel" Sept/Oct 1965 by Ben Herbert Bury his nephew and Godson". On page 257 is an icon with a note written to "Muriel-Uncle Herbert gave this icon to Dorothy and I on our marriage 30 January 1924...Ben." the front of the envelope is addressed to Mr. B. Herbert Bury, c/o Mrs Muriel Ashton Box 39 Somme, Sask" postmarked Oct 11, 1965. I have taped the envelope to page 257. It's sad that, 34 years later, I found this book in a Winnipeg antique shop. So much family history disappears this way.

Sometimes the name written in a book may be of historic importance. In the 60's I bought an old book at the Goodwill stamped "St. John's College Rupertsland John McCallum Memorial Library 1872, with the signature "J McCallum". The book was published in 1830. John McCallum was one of our earliest schoolteachers, arriving in Red River in 1833. I have since donated the volume to the Provincial Library. A few old books I bought locally have the signature W.G. Speechly, St.John's Cambridge, 1924" and 1925. One also has "University of Manitoba Athletic Association with Speechly's signature as President. Another has "Mary Speechly" as owner. The Speechlys were once prominent at U of M. A third historically significant person was Father A.G. Morice who autographed a copy of his *Memoirs* to Miss Ruth Savage in 1935. She married my grandfather Aiden Theodore Spurrill in 1941. When "Granny" Spurrill died in 1954, I got some of her books.

A collection of books may chronicle generations of a family's history, if names and notes are written in them. The *Pictures of Christian Heroism* inherited from my great grandmother's family is the oldest of a series of books reflecting the Irish Catholic faith of the Spurriels. For instance, I have a "Mission Book" with the name "Kate Goodwin" written in the cover. this was my grandmother Spurrill's maiden name. She married Aiden Theodore Spurrill, my grandfather, in 1896. The book is falling apart, it's so well used. A similar book, *The Garden of the Soul*, from about the same period, was probably hers. I found both books among Dad's personal collection. A *Catechism* by Dr.James Butler has "Kathleen Alice Spurrill, 318 Ferry St., St.James" written inside the cover. Aunt Kathleen was Dad's sister, and I have a picture of Dad with his sisters, Kathleen and Alice, dressed for Confirmation. They lived at 318 Ferry Road in 1917-18, and attended St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church. Two more books came from Dad's grandmother: *Fabiola, or Church of*

*the Catacombs*, has "M A Spurrill, Comox, BC 1910 now 1917 St. Boniface". My great grandfather, William John Spurrill, died in 1900. In the 1901 census their family is listed as Mrs. Margaret Spurrill and daughters Agnes, Marie, and son Frederick. Aunt Agnes married Thomas Hudson, a farmer near Comox, BC in 1904, and later, Uncle Fred also moved to the Comox area. According to the book's inscription, Great Grandmother Spurrill also lived there until 1917 when she moved with her disabled daughter Marie to the Tache Hospital in St. Boniface, where they lived the rest of their lives, to 1943 and 1948. Another book, *St. Basil's Hymnal*, says "Mrs. M. Spurrill Hospice Youville St. Boniface June 1917", then in pencil "to my dear Grandchildren", which I presume were Dad and his older brother and sisters, as Dad had the book. I suspect she gave the hymnbook and maybe *Fabiola* to Grampa's family after 1918 when they moved to Fish Lake School District, which was at least 20 miles from the nearest Catholic Church, at Inwood.

Other books from Dad's family had more everyday functions: *For Name and Fame, or Through the Afghan Passes Has the Name*, "Aiden Theodore Spurrill, Dunrea, Man.", where Grampa farmed 1910-1917. "Uncle Tete" (Aiden Theodore Jr., Dad's brother) was nine when they moved to Dunrea, and the name is written in childlike handwriting. On the inside cover is an award sticker, "Prize Awarded to Hugh Smith, arithmetic, December 1890", so the book must have been sold, or given, to our family at least 20 years later. From the same period is a *Morang's Complete Geography* 1909, that has "Sarah G. Spurrill 1/8/11, then in pencil, "August 1st 1911 Buttrum School" Aunt Sarah was born in 1897 so this was likely a Grade 8 or 9 textbook. Buttrum School was just south of Dunrea, and west of their farm. All of the A.T. Spurrill family attended there, including Dad, from 1915 to April 1917, when they moved to St. James.

From the St. James period is the novel *The Hundredth Chance*, 1917, owned by "Alec Laing, 330 Lipton Street, Winnipeg". Alec was Dad's closest friend during that year at St. James, when Dad was seven and eight years old, 1917-18. I met Alec Laing once when he came to visit us during my childhood years. In St. James they went to school together and went fishing in the Assiniboine River, and apparently traded books. From the same year is Dad's book, *The Young Outlaw* by Horatio Alger, signed "Leo Spurrill, 318 Ferry, St. James" in a

childlike version of Dad's careful, neat script, still recognizable 80 years later. Another book of Dad's mother's is *The Modern Crochet Book* with "Mrs A.T. Spurrill" written inside. No date is on the book, but the clothing illustrated looks pre-1914. A much earlier book, *Fancy Work Manual* MDCC...? (before 1900, which would be MCM) was probably Grandma Spurrill's, although no name is on it. Two other crochet books, from 1915 and 1917, have the name "L.M. Fitzpatrick" who was Dad's teacher at Fish Lake School 1919-1920. Then there is Ogilvie's *Book For a Cook*, 1922, also without a name, and no cover. Mom said she had an old cook book without a cover from Grandma Spurrill. *Poems of a Canadian Pioneer Family*, copyright by W.O. Keogh, was presented "to Mr. and Mrs. Aiden Spurrill from Mr. & Mrs. W. Keogh, Christmas 1925, W. O. K.". I know nothing of the Keogh family or their connection to Dad's family. They came from southern Ontario like the Spurrills, Goodwins and Johnstons, and may have settled in the area of Dunrea or Fish Lake, although I haven't found any poems set in Manitoba.

Some of Dad's books date from the first years at Fish Lake. *The Biography of a Grizzly* by Ernest Thompson Seton was published in 1919 and signed "Leo Spurrill, Fish Lake S D", where Dad attended from 1918 to 1925. This book was a favourite of mine and Ken's when we were small - witness the many scribbles on the pages, and I remember studying the sad, scary, haunting engravings long before I actually read the book around 1950. *Selections of Prose and Poetry*, 1923, also says "Leo Spurrill Fish Lake S D", and would have been one of his textbooks probably in Grade 6-7-8 which he took all during 1924/25 after the school had been closed two years. *Neighbours* by Robert Stead, 1922, and *Tarzan the Untamed* by Burroughs, but the "Tarzan" signature looks more like Dad's adult signature. *Ju-Jitsu Self Defence* says "to Leo from Alice", and may have been from about 1923 when Aunt Alice finished school and went to the city. The inside cover has ruled lines and penmanship practice letters that look like Dad's handwriting. Paper was often hard to come by. Finally *Ben Hur* has "To Leo Joseph Spurrill, Christmas 1927, from Sarah". Dad was 18, and Aunt Sarah, age 30, was newly married.

Fifty years of one family's history is chronicled in fair detail by names and dates, etc. written in their books – this, together with the cultural significance of the books themselves, gives a lot of genealogical information. Check out those old

books from your own family - they may hide a wealth of unexpected knowledge.

### ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

By Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

In the spring of 1891, the city fathers of Winnipeg decided to change the names of the streets and avenues in the city from their current appellations to numbered names. On 22 May, 1891, there appeared in the *Free Press* a list of the city's roadways with their new numbers and their original names. The compiler of the list was James Henderson, the man who was responsible for the city's directory. In the interest of being able to follow more easily the Henderson Directory of the mid 1890s, we have included the name changes.

Notre Dame Ave. West became the dividing line of the city and became Central Ave. Following are the AVENUES listed by their old names, with their new numbered names in brackets. Note that avenues south of the dividing line did not extend beyond 24th Ave S.

McDermot E & W	(1st Ave N)
Cumberland	(1st Ave S)
Bannatyne E & W	(2nd Ave N)
Sargent	(2nd Ave S)
William	(3rd Ave N)
Qu'Appelle	(3rd Ave S)
Jemima	(4th Ave N)
Ellice	(4th Ave S)
Ross	(5th Ave N)
Portage	(5th Ave S)
Mc William	(6th Ave N)
Graham	(6th Ave S)
Alexander	(7th Ave N)
St. Mary	(7th Ave S)
Logan	(8th Ave N)
York	(8th Ave S)
Common - Henry	(9th Ave N)
Broadway	(9th Ave S)
Fonseca – Higgins	(10th Ave N)
Assiniboine	(10th Ave S)
Point Douglas Ave	(11th Ave N)
Mayfair	(11th Ave S)
Sutherland	(12th Ave N)
River	(12th Ave S)
Jarvis	(13th Ave N)
Maria	(13th Ave S)
Dufferin	(14th Ave N)
Kennedy	(14th Ave S)
Stella	(15th Ave N)
Gertrude	(15th Ave S)
Flora	(16th Ave N)
McMillan	(16th Ave S)

Selkirk	(17th Ave N)
Corydon	(17th Ave S)
Pritchard	(18th Ave N)
Jessie	(18th Ave S)
Manitoba	(19th Ave N)
Ross	(19th Ave S)
Magnus	(20th Ave N)
Mary	(20th Ave S)
Burrows	(21st Ave N)
Lizzie	(21 Ave S)
Alfred	(22nd Ave N)
Wood	(22nd Ave S)
Limit	(23 Ave N)
Dufferin	(23rd Ave S)
Redwood	(24th Ave N)
Lorne	(24th Ave S)
Boyd	(25th Ave N)
College	(26th Ave N)
Mountain	(27th Ave N)
St. John	(28th Ave N)
Anderson	(29th Ave N)
Church	(30th Ave N)
Machray	(31st Ave N)
St John's College	(32nd Ave N)
Bannerman	(33rd Ave N)
Pacific	(34th Ave N)
Polson	(35th Ave N)
Athol	(36th Ave N)

STREET name changes are listed below. For some unknown reason, they were also shown as north or south of the dividing line, instead of east or west.

Albert	(1st St N)
Fort	(1st St S)
King	(2nd St N)
Garry	(2nd St S)
Princess	(3rd St N)
Smith	(3rd St S)
Adelaide	(4th St N)
Donald	(4th St S)
Charlotte-Lizzie-Schultz	(5th St N)
Hargrave	(5th St S)
Ellen-Fountain-Charles	(6th St N)
Carlton	(5th St S)
Gertie-Laura-Robinson	(7th St N)
Edmonton	(7th St S)
Harriet-Patrick	(8th St N)
Kennedy	(8th St S)
Isabel-Prairie	(9th St N)
Balmoral	(9th St S)
Juno-Salter	(10th St N)
Spence-Carey	(10th St S)
Kate-Bushnell	(11th St N)
Young	(11th St S)
Lydia-Gunnell-Powers	(12th St N)
Langside-Ness	(12th St S)

Margaretta-Gwendoline	(13th St N)
Furby	(13th St N)
Nena-Andrews	(14th St N)
Mulligan	(14th St S)
Olivia	(15th St N)
Boundary	(15th St S)
McGregor-Penelope-Lulu	(16 th ST N)
McGee-Portland	(16th St S)
Emily-Rietta	(17th St N)
Agnes	(17th St S)
Spencer-Nora-McKenzie	(18th St N)
Victoria	(18th St S)
Norman	(19th St N)
Toronto	(19th St S)
Parr-McLelland	(20th St N)
Beverley	(20th St S)
Morris	(21st St S)
Simcoe	(21st St S)
Gibson-Meader	(22nd St N)
Home	(22 St S)
River	(24th St S)
Maude-Queen	(26th St N)

By 1894, the numbered streets and avenues again had names. Most regained their previous names, but a few were changed. Thus ended the grand Winnipeg experiment with numbered streets, although the street names were listed both ways in the 1894 Henderson Directory.

Names that were changed are as follows:

From Limit to Aberdeen  
 From Yonge to Barber  
 From Selby to Bertha  
 From Jemima to Elgin  
 From Wood to Garwood  
 From John to Thomas  
 From Kennedy Ave to Wardlaw  
 From Mc William to Pacific  
 Part of Machray became Stanley  
 Part of Machray became Derby  
 Notre Dame West remained Central

#### DID YOU KNOW?

By Kathy Stokes, MGS # 125

Sometimes when we read old church records or newspapers, we find listed the cause of death. Often we are unfamiliar with the term used. Here are a few causes of death from early 1900s church records.

**MARASMUS** - condition in an infant or young child who has died of malnutrition. Sometimes marasmus was caused by child neglect, but other times the term was used to cover death

from unexplained reasons or undiagnosed illnesses. Another term popularly used to describe similar children's deaths was "failure to thrive."

**INANITION** - exhaustion or lethargy resulting from lack of nourishment.

**CHOLERA INFANTUM** - a children's form of cholera, particularly common in 1908 and 1909 in Winnipeg, when many children died. Sometimes this illness was listed as "summer complaint".

**APOPLEXY** - now called stroke.

**CONSUMPTION or PHTHISIS**- now referred to as tuberculosis.

**PUERPERAL FEVER**- "the scourge of childbirth". Many women lost their lives after giving birth when they contracted this infectious blood disease.

#### ELMWOOD CEMETERY UPDATE

By Kathy Stokes, MGS # 125

Work is progressing on this mammoth project. All the stones in the cemetery have now been read and we are working in the cemetery office, using the excellent records of this century-old graveyard to complete our transcription. We estimate that, when completed, the transcription will run to some 2500 pages, not including the index and that we will have a collection of nearly 51,000 names.

The inside work is painstaking. We compare the tombstone inscriptions with information in the registers, adding dates of burials if only the year appears on the stone. We make sure that everyone in each plot is listed in our transcription, even though there may not be a stone. We check spellings and given names and make a note of discrepancies between register and tombstone information. When listed in the records, we note the place of death outside of Winnipeg.

Thus far, we have placed sections one to five in our Resource Centre. By the new year, we hope to have completed sections six through ten and have them in binders in the Resource Centre also. Elmwood Cemetery is developing a website and will place the index of the cemetery transcription on it as we provide it to them.

This is the last call for those who may have thought of supporting this project but have not yet sent in a donation. It is expensive to produce this transcription. Think of the printer cartridges and the paper we must use. We gratefully acknowledge those who have supported us thus far and we appreciate any further donations that may come to the Elmwood Cemetery Project.

#### AN INTERESTING NOTE

The Winnipeg Free Press of 21 October 2001 contains information about a unique cemetery which was consecrated that date in Winnipeg. Called the Bet Chaim Cemetery, it is located on land in the Chapel Lawn Cemetery at the Perimeter Highway on the west side of Winnipeg.

This will be the first cemetery in Winnipeg to offer burials for Jews who wish to be cremated. As well, non - Jews will be permitted to be buried with their Jewish partners and spouses. The cemetery is affiliated with Temple Shalom Synagogue in Winnipeg, a reform synagogue.

#### PERIODICAL POTPOURRI

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#### AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

**The Genealogist**, Vol. 10, #3  
- Australians in the Boer War; early police in Victoria.

**New Zealand Family Tree**, Vol. 33, #2  
- merchant navy archives.

**CANADA**  
**Brantches**, Brant Co. OGS, Vol. 21, #3  
- vital stats from the *Brantford Courier* 1891.

**B.C. Genealogist**, Vol. 30, #3  
- WWI graves at Bramshott, England.

**Families**, OGS, Vol. 40, #3  
- Petworth immigrants; murder of James Quirk.

**Generations**, NBGS, Vol. 23, #3  
- Greenwood cemetery Mls 1869-1919; Colpitt family; Keith family of Loyalists; Kingston Peninsula burials 1816-57.

**Heritage**, Vol. 4, #4  
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**Newfoundland Ancestor**, Vol. 17, #3

- "Si" Morgan family; Skanes sisters.

**Nova Scotia Genealogist**, Vol. 19, #2  
- vital stats from Kings Co. newspapers 1866-99.

**Ottawa Branch News**, OGS, Vol. 34, #5  
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**PEI Gen. Society**, Vol. 26, #3  
- partial 1851 census of County Argyll.

**Quebec FHS**, Vol. 24, #1  
- Lucy de la Tour du Pin; Douglastown pre-1800; Quebec City Gazette death notices 1846-55.

**Relatively Speaking**, Vol. 29, #3  
- Swedish names.

**Saskatchewan GS**, Vol. 32, #3  
- Empire Settlement Act of 1922; Irish domestic servants to Saskatchewan; Jewish surnames.

#### COMPUTERS

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- directory of Family History software; Ellis Island records.

**ENGLAND & WALES**  
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- Hindewell parish.

**Cornwall FHS**, #101  
- seaman Charles Hancock; school log book; transportation in Quarter Sessions 1837-44; John Harvey.

**Family Chronicle**, Vol. 6, #2  
- sources online.

**Family History News & Digest**, Vol. 13, #2  
- Indian Army records; Cheshire BMD's on line.

**Family Tree Magazine**,  
Vol. 17, #10  
- average ancestors; married women on the move; infantry; Kassauli, India.  
Vol 17, #11  
- wills at the FRC; children on the move; Antigua records; Castledine family; Mary Bailey.  
Vol. 17, #12  
- unusual printed sources; men on the move; 1901 census; wills at the FRC, cont.; Thomas Hilton, German ancestors.

**Genealogists Magazine**, Vol. 27, #3

- Anglo-Indian ancestry; London probate records.

**Northumberland & Durham FHS**, Vol. 26, #3

- the Land Tax 1798 list; irregular border marriages.

**Oxfordshire Family Historian**, Vol. 15, #2

- James Toovey; Oxfordshire papists 1705-6; Franklin family.

**Sussex Family Historian**, Vol. 14, #7

- Thomas Watts of Chichester; Wollborough Manor; Sarah Buss mystery.

**West Middlesex FHS Journal**, Vol. 19, #3

- parish of Harmondsworth.

**IRELAND**

**Irish Roots**, #39

- 2001 Australian census; GRO Dublin; Catholic records & research; the Alien Registration Act; Ellis Island records.

**The Septs**, Vol. 22, #3

- Co. Antrim; McNally family.

**The Septs**, Vol. 22, #4

- the Irish in New Orleans; complete surname list.

**ONE-NAME**

**Journal of One-Name Studies**, Vol. 7, #8

- putting your research on CD-Rom; Carbis surname; ideas for a common surname.

**SCOTLAND**

**Dumfries & Galloway FHS Newsletter**, #41

- Scottish drapers, cont.; village of Wanlockhead.

**Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS**, #62

- Lithuanians in Scotland; Catholic records; Allan family.

**Scottish Genealogist**, Vol. 48, #3

- Roderick Mackenzie; Clan Mackellar; Mause Henderson; Pictish Law of Inheritance.

**UNITED STATES**

**Family Chronicle**, Sept/Oct 2001

- Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Minnesota Genealogist**, Vol. 32, #1

- Ellis Island; the History Research Centre at the University of Minnesota.

**New England Historical & Genealogical Register**, Vol. 155

- William Bradford; Boston home for aged coloured women; Abigail Dibble; Peter Brockett; some marriages of the First Congregational Church in Thompson, Connecticut 1796-1850.

**Seattle GS**, Vol. 50, #4

- understanding & using Federal census records.

**LIBRARY LINES**

By Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS # 567

A Library serves no purpose unless someone is using it. Please come and use 'your' library.

Some notes of interest

From a National Archives of Canada website one can find legal land descriptions of their ancestors. These records show the land description i.e. SE 24, 11, 25, W3 - which means SE quarter of Section 24, Township 11, Range 25, West of the 3rd Meridian. Also noted are the Reference # for films and the person's name. However, how does one find out exactly where this piece of land is in Western Canada? We do have a couple of maps in the Resource Centre which show townships and ranges across Manitoba - one is displayed above one of the microfilm readers. I have recently found another which covers all three prairie provinces and this will be catalogued and available soon. Also, a book called *Back to the land* compiled by Dave Obee and in MGS' reference section, has the answer. Its sub-title is "A genealogical guide to finding farms on the Canadian Prairies". Also included are the film numbers for the 1901 Census for the areas. The book may be purchased from Interlink Bookshop, Victoria, BC for about \$10.00 ISBN 0-9685026-4-4.  
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Re journals in our library: I was rather surprised one day when a member mentioned that The Society of Genealogists had a good web site and had many, many sources for family historians and genealogists. This person had not been aware of the Society which has a large Library/Resource Centre in London, England and which publishes a quarterly journal, *Genealogists' Magazine*, which is in our own MGS Library. If you have research in Great Britain you are missing a lot of sources if you do not check out this journal. Their web site is <[www.origins.net](http://www.origins.net)>. Their newsletter states: 'Anyone can access the site free and select a number of entries of interest. Only if opting to see details of those

entries is a charge made...of 6 pounds for 150 selected entries. Members of the Society are entitled to one free access each calendar quarter'.

Book reviews of some donated books. The Library Committee and in fact, all members, are grateful for all the donations of various items to our Library/Resource Centre. Our volunteers try to thank each of you individually but sometimes things do 'slip through the cracks'. Please be assured that your donations, of time, as well as material things, are the lifeblood of our Society. If you feel that a book, CD, etc. which you have given should be written about here please contact me personally, Louisa Shermerhorn, at MGS on Tuesdays.

Compiled by some of our MGS members is a useful list of Census Indexes in our own MGS Library. This includes reference and circulating books, microfilm, microfiche and CDs. Thanks to Elaine Chadney and Mary Bole for this. It is in a green duo-tang and stored with the 'Manitoba Census information near the MF machines'. Please let us know if you notice any other Census indexes in the Library which are not recorded here.

*Genealogy handbook: the complete guide to tracing your family tree.* Reader's Digest, 2001. ISBN 0-7621-0308-6. This was donated by a member but is probably readily available at bookstores. A glossy, well illustrated book with the usual chapters on "Getting started", "Interviewing", etc. New features on saving data on disk, CD, etc. and on 'Internet searches' will be welcomed by many. The 'International Directory' of archives, societies, etc. is reasonably up to date. (It has MGS' current address but has our old website address). Also, reflecting the international community, there are addresses for such places as South Korea, or for such Ethnic groups as Afrigeneas (African ancestry). MGS GENERAL 929.1 Gen.

*The history of WILLIAM ROSS (1829-1906), his wives ELEANOR JARVIS (1826-?1870), SARAH ANN HARPER (1832-1895).* by Donald F. Stott, 1999. ISBN 0-9685354-0-2. No information on purchasing but see author's address with Jarvis history below. A complex family history covering the descendants of William, Eleanor and Sarah Ann. William Ross was born in Banbury, Oxfordshire, England. Eleanor Jarvis was also born in England and had a son before her marriage to William. They immigrated to Wentworth Co., Ontario, between 1854 and

1858 and on to Bruce Co. in the mid 1860s. William and Eleanor had 6 more children before her death sometime between 1868 and 1870. William then married Sarah Ann Harper and they had 2 children. Sarah Ann had previously been married to John Hewitt by whom she had 5 children. Besides carrying all these children forward in this book the author has documented two foster children. For those who have multi-marriage families, this would be an example of how to set up the history. There are numerous descendant charts, illustrations and photos. Sources are listed and the Acknowledgment pages cover those persons who supplied information. There is a complete Index. MGS FH&BIO 929.2 Ros

*History of EDWIN JARVIS (1845-1929) his wife ELIZA EMACK (1949-1903) and their descendants.* by Donald F. Stott, 2290 Amherst Ave., Sidney, BC, V8L 2G7, Canada. e-mail <dfstott@home.com>. Copies available for \$9.00 Cdn. This family history is continuation of *The History of William Ross...* above. It continues the story of Edwin Jarvis born Turweston, Bucking -hamshire, England in 1845 to Eleanor Jarvis. Edwin immigrated to Canada with his mother and stepfather, William Ross. He married Eliza Emack in 1876 and they had four children as follows. Margaret Jane married George Sherwood and moved to Wilkie, Saskatchewan. Eliza Ann married Robert Farrier and lived in West Wawanosh Twp., Huron Co. Ontario. Isabella Matilda married Samuel Reid of Ashfield Twp., Huron Co. George Edwin moved to Deloraine, Manitoba, where he died within a few years. The author has recorded the different spellings of names which he came across in his research. This is a useful feature to remember when we are searching our own ancestors. Some differences recorded: 'Gervis' for 'Jarvis'. 'Edward' for 'Edwin'. 'Amack' for 'Emack'. There is a complete name Index. MGS FH&BIOG 929.2 Jarv

*Breezes. Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute, 1923-1998.* A pictorial history of Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute (Winnipeg, Manitoba) Written for the 75th Anniversary of the school to complement *A History of Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute, 1973* and *Memories 1923-1983.* Well-illustrated and with an index of teachers from 1983-1998; Governor General's Medal winners 1982-1998; McIntyre Medal winners 1985-1998 and School Presidents 1983-1998. MGS MAN 371 Win Dan

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS

### PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

#### MGS

President: Geoff Lambert, MGS #3591

The work of the Society went on in the last year. The Resource Centre and the volunteers who work there continued to operate at a high level of expertise and efficiency. There were a few cracks in the edifice, however, and I do not mean the leaking in the windows after a heavy rain! The pressures of limited space began to mount; a few security issues emerged; and our pool of volunteers remained small.

In the latter regard, MGS is facing a problem common to most voluntary organizations — that of an absence of new blood and the shortage of people willing to get involved. Thus, our volunteer pool is senior, and the number of younger people interested enough to give us some of their time is small. What the solutions are, we do not know. The fear must be that in the not too distant future, our operational viability may be threatened.

Still, our membership base remains strong, standing currently at over 750. Moreover, we remain relatively secure financially. The government grant has remained the same for several years, but we are grateful for their support. One very positive trend in MGS is that we have proved quite effective in raising money by our own efforts. Special events plus donations, fees for service, etc., have all been increasingly important sources of revenue.

This year has seen the twenty-fifth anniversary of MGS. In April, we hosted, at the Resource Centre, a wine and cheese party honoured by the presence of the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. In June, the new edition of *Generations* featured a history of MGS written by Kathy Stokes. Also in June, over sixty people attended the 25th Anniversary Dinner at Winnipeg's Greenwood Inn. The guest speaker was Professor Peter St. John, who is also the ninth Earl of Orkney. His Lordship talked with great feeling of the area of Scotland in and around Orkney. In September, Ruth Breckman hosted a successful garage sale. (This one continued what appears to be the tradition of rain on sale day!)

We also had our first experimental experience with our School Project. We established a Dedicated Fund for special purposes. And we were pleased to note the high level of activity in the Branches. Challenges for the near future, besides the volunteer issue mentioned earlier, include upgrading our computer resources, maintaining adequate support for library acquisitions, building our membership, and developing a higher profile and a stronger network in the wider community.

I am proud to have been President of MGS for the last two years. I thank all the volunteers for everything they have done. I wish I, in my turn, had been able to do more. But I thank you all for the opportunity to serve in my day and generation.

### DAUPHIN BRANCH

President: Connie Blackmon, MGS #3942

Dauphin Branch meets each month except June, July, August and December, on the last Thursday of the month at the RN Building.

We ask two members, each meeting, to be presenters. They may speak on the research they have completed or are beginning to do, publishing a family book, or problems they have encountered doing their history. This is very helpful to new and old members alike.

We have tables at the fair, Heritage Days, etc, where we display pamphlets and history books, and answer questions. This invites new members to join us.

We have fundraisers, bakeless bake sales, and a raffle, in order to have money on hand for pamphlets, copying, mail, etc.

A member is designated to answer mail from those enquiring about "lost family members in-the-past" and a very small charge is asked. These letters come from all parts of the globe.

Our November meeting is a potluck supper with a Christmas theme which is always a good and enjoyable evening, ending with a short business meeting, singsong, and gift exchange.

In all, we are an active group and hope to continue for a long time as such.

## **SWAN VALLEY BRANCH**

Secretary: Donna Fox, MGS #1738

President:	Eric Neufeld
Treasurer:	Helen Ellingson
Secretary:	Donna Fox

The Swan Valley Branch of MGS has completed another successful year. Our meetings are held at the Town Office Basement every second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Our branch closes down for July and August for summer breaks.

Each year we continue to answer many queries from all over the country and, in a few instances, the world. We have started to index a "Names of Interest" database to identify families who are being researched from our area. When we get a query involving similar family names, this enables us to connect people who are researching the same family.

Another of our new projects is an "Obituary Database" from the Swan Valley. Several of our members are clipping obituaries from our area. We will then prepare a database with basic information for the researcher who writes us for information.

Every year it becomes clear to our Society that many of our local history books are becoming rare or extinct. So this past year we have had several members "scout" local auctions for any old local history books for our reference library. We have had some success and have purchased three or four books that are out of print and considered quite rare. Our library now includes *80 Years in the Valley*, *Life in the Old West* by F. A. Twilley, and *Durban* by Stuart Harris, to name a few.

We have submitted our *Star and Times* index for 2000, and will continue to index the *Star and Times* in 2001 for births, marriages and deaths.

One of our projects in the past year is to revisit some local cemeteries and update some of our cemetery transcriptions.

## WINNIPEG BRANCH

President: Jim Oke, MGS #2729

The Winnipeg Branch has completed another successful year. Several meetings were held at the MGS Resource Centre and several field trips made to places of interest. Meetings/outings held were:

Oct	No meeting (MGS' AGM)
26 Nov	"Researching, Caring for, and Operating a Cemetery in Rural Manitoba" — Jack Mavins
10 Dec	Christmas social
27 Jan	"Genealogy Resources on the Internet" — Personal Experiences
31 Mar	Visit to Provincial Archives of Manitoba
28 Apr	"Getting Started Workshop" — Daryl Dumanski/Carol Moore-Glenn/Joan Whiston
26 May	Winnipeg Branch' Annual General Meeting

A spring 2000 edition of the Winnipeg Branch Newsletter was prepared and distributed to the Branch membership.

The Branch project of creating an index to the 1901 Census of the City of Winnipeg continued with paper copies of portions of the census being obtained and some data entry beginning. However, soon after it was brought to our attention that a full transcription of the 1901 Census was available on a commercial basis from an Internet source. Further effort in creating an index was thus suspended pending contact and possible negotiation of an access agreement with the commercial provider. These discussions are ongoing.

Winnipeg Branch members continued to support MGS activities at large by staffing the MGS Resource centre one evening per week. Branch members also assisted with the MGS transcription of Elmwood Cemetery under the leadership of Kathy Stokes. This project is now complete — it is time to seek out a new cemetery on which to begin!

Winnipeg Branch research activities for both members and non-members continued under the leadership of Branch member Wayne Neilly. There are lots of inquiries are coming in — more branch researchers are needed.

The Branch membership remained stable at approximately 150 members. The Branch financial situation is also stable with the main expenditures involving 1901 Census project costs and the newsletter.

At the spring Annual General Meeting the following members were elected to the Branch Executive:

President:	Susan Tremblay
First Vice-President:	Malcolm Dewar
Second Vice-President:	John Rockey
Secretary:	Crystal Rose
Treasurer:	Daryl Dumanski
Councillors:	Desmond Ireland George Glenn Harold King

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all those who have assisted with Branch activities during my term as President and to extend my best wishes to the incoming Executive.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Jayne Paradis, MGS #45

This past year has been a busy one with it marking our 25th Anniversary of existence. The Wine and Cheese, held in April, was a success with the Lieutenant-Governor attending. The 25th Anniversary Dinner, held June 16, was another great event. The anniversary celebration rounded off with the Garage Sale held at Ruth Breckman's home. All of these events could not have been held without the help of all the wonderful volunteers.

### **COMPUTER**

Chair: Bill Burland, MGS #3727

During the past year we have changed our Internet server. We now have an account with MTS which allows us a maximum of 30 hours per month without extra charges.

Although there was a problem with a member availing himself of this service to excess for personal use, that has now been dealt with, and the Internet service is available to all members.

We have replaced a very old computer in the office with a slightly newer and more dependable one.

In looking ahead, we have purchased a CD burner to help in storing vital data, such as cemetery transcriptions. This will, I hope, allow us to make archival backup copies of purchased software so we won't lose it if a disk gets destroyed. As well, we have purchased a scanner and a good program to aid in converting transcriptions from print to electronic form.

I recommend that a group of volunteers be found who would be willing to learn to scan, proofread, correct, and save, cemetery transcriptions.

Plans for the near future include possible purchase of more computers — if we can get some quality ones at a reasonable price. At least one computer should be dedicated to running the index of our holdings and be available to all patrons. As well, at least one extra hard drive with a large capacity must be purchased and be installed to store data.

If possible, I would like to upgrade all the computers to the same operating system — Windows 98.

### **LIBRARY**

Chair: Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L

MGS' Library has not seen increased use over the past year except in the use of Manitoba sources. This area, of course, is a main focus of the Manitoba Genealogical Society, so it would seem that we are filling our mandate. The increased use of the Internet has, no doubt, been responsible for the decreased use of materials from other geographical areas. In view of this we will again be concentrating on adding to our sources for Manitoba, hopefully to include some Indexes on computer discs. Another area which seems deficient in resources is that of Immigration, so we will be trying to add some more of those materials. Many of these sources are now on CDs and we already have some in the Library, so we must become familiar with using this format. Users of the Resource Centre are urged to become familiar with these — our volunteers are there to help you. We thank all volunteers, those daily ones who do so much to make our Library a good place to work, and those who work behind the scene at home or office.

#### **LIBRARY STATISTICS:**

- 74 periodicals are exchanged with other societies. We send them *Generations* and they send us their journals.
- 9 periodicals are received by subscription
- 300 periodicals were borrowed by 134 members
- OGS' *Families* was the most widely circulated periodical
- 1757 books were reshelfed. This does not include refiling of Cemetery and Church Register transcripts, microfilm and microfichepr periodicals.
- 95 persons or archives/libraries donated over 153 books, periodicals, supplies and furnishings
- The library budget was \$3200.00
- 20 books were circulated by mail to 3 members. Dauphin Branch took a box of books for one of their meetings.
- 193 books, plus about 6 Manitoba Cemetery transcripts, 2 Manitoba Church Register transcripts, 13 microfiche or sets, and 10 CDs or sets of CDs were added to the collection.
- CDs have been signed out for use in the Library 60 times

The Library Chair salutes those who perform the miscellaneous library tasks, many of which can be tedious and time-consuming, but no complaints are heard. Thank you. To anyone who would consider helping with any of the MGS office and/or Library tasks, we do hold Orientation sessions each year. All volunteers are invited to attend. Besides being good learning experiences, these sessions are a good place for volunteers to get to know each other, as well as to air concerns.

#### **OFFICE MANAGEMENT**

Chair: Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L

The past year has again seen a steady use of the Library and Resource Centre. Read individual committee reports for those activities. Our volunteer base is still able to cover the demands but there is always room for more and everyone who comes to volunteer in the Resource Centre comments on how it benefits his/her own research, as well as the social aspect in getting to know other members. 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 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.
- Volunteers: scheduling and training.
- 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

#### **STATISTICS:**

- 2874 patrons signed our register.
- 1322 volunteers signed in.
- 2195 pieces of mail were sent from MGS.
- 3145 pieces of mail, including e-mail and faxes, were received by MGS.
- 667 incoming phone calls were recorded.

Again our volunteers are a wonderful group of people — they put their hearts into making our Resource Centre one of the best, if not the best, venue for genealogical research in Canada. Thank you all.

## **RESEARCH**

Chair: Jim Rutherford, MGS #2632

There has been a dramatic change in research queries over the past 12 months. We received 268 research queries; 54 originated from sources other than the Internet. We responded to all of them but only a total of 138 sent money to cover the research. Sad to say, the difference of some 130 did not respond to our request to look at our web page and fill out the form and mail in with payment. These are people wanting us to do free research. I always explain that we have to pay the light bill and we are all volunteers.

I estimate that we took in approximately \$2,500 for research, or an average of \$19 per query. At the time this report is written we had less than a month's backlog of queries to handle.

We were most sorry to lose Eleanor Corbett who has been the Correspondence Secretary for many years, handling the unpaid research requests by mail. We wish her well on her move to Ottawa. Replacing Eleanor is Doreen Massie who helps out now as well with the paid research, since most of the unpaid queries come by Internet. We are very glad to have the former head of Research Services, Hazel Runchey, back helping us again.

My thanks as Head of Research to all those volunteers that work on this committee: Connie McLeod, Bonnie Bridge, Hazel Runchey, Rick McLellan, Bruce Sutherland, and Doreen Massie.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

This committee has not been as active as in years past; that is to say, we do not have as many new resource materials from around the province. However, many of the resources that we do have, have been or are in the process of being updated.

Many of our cemeteries were originally transcribed some 20 years ago and naturally, there are many new burials in them since their original dates of transcriptions. We have received more than 30 updates during the past year. As well, two members are working towards completing the transcriptions in the Flin Flon area. Winnipeg's Elmwood Cemetery's stones have all been read and we are now working in their office with the registers to make sure that our transcription will contain all the burials in that cemetery, even those without stones. We hope to have this mammoth project completed within the next year.

Newspaper indexing continues. Our Winnipeg Obituary Index now stretches back to 1969 and will probably stop at that year unless we can find someone to read the earlier papers. Births, marriages, and deaths from pre-1900 newspapers are still being indexed, with the Winnipeg papers having been read to the middle of 1895 and the rural papers to 1887.

Anglican and United Church baptism, marriage, and burial indexing continues.

Currently, the various committees of MGS are planning a day-long session to organize the computerization of indexes currently in the Resource Centre.

As always, we need your help. There are a multitude of records which need to be entered into the computer; newspapers, both more recent and pre-1900 need to be read and indexed. Those of us who have looked after these things are getting greyer and more tired. It is time for some newer and younger members to take over.

## **COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

Communications is an interesting department. It involves contact with branches, working with the editor of *Generations* to make sure that we have an interesting and informative journal, deciding whether to publish results of our indexing projects, spreading the word about MGS to libraries, seniors' groups, and to the public at large. This is, in all, a pretty big task, and we don't always do as much as we should, but we do as much as we can, given our limited manpower.

After a few years in a holding pattern it seems as though MGS is getting more and more requests for information sessions and classes and we are delighted. For the first time in several years, we have an Outreach Chair to handle such requests.

Our new editor of *Generations*, Jayne Paradis, is rapidly learning the joys and pitfalls of developing a quality journal every three months. Please help her by contributing your articles.

Publications has not produced any books this past year. We need volunteers to assist in reading old newspapers, so that we can develop new publications.

Replies to our letters to our branches are always appreciated and are given consideration when policy is being developed.

## **GENERATIONS**

Editor: Jayne Paradis, MGS #45

- 4 issues published: September & December 2000, March & June 2001.
- Stiff cover and bound-in inserts were continued.
- Expenses app. \$6,250.00      Budget was \$7000.00.

## **M ANITOBA HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP**

MGS Representatives: Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031, and Geoff Lambert, MGS #3591

From the first meeting November 27, 1997, we have attended several meetings that proceeded to form an association of 11 heritage organizations to be known as The Manitoba Heritage Partnership. Many objectives were discussed and our first project goal was to have a poster created for our cooperating groups. It is near completion, thanks to a heritage grant from Culture, Heritage and Tourism and will be ready for distribution shortly.

## **OUTREACH**

Chair: Myrna Mackey, MGS #3188

I assumed the Outreach position in May 2001 and I wish to thank Kathy Stokes and Daryl Dumanski for their guidance and support over the last few months.

George Glenn and Carol Moore-Glenn again represented us at the Scottish Highland Festival in Selkirk on July 7. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to this venue.

MGS and Winnipeg Branch again joined to present display and information booths at two Folklorama

pavilions this year. We were a presence at the Scottish pavilion Aug. 5-11 and at the Australian pavilion Aug. 12-18. I wish to acknowledge the dedicated volunteers for their support: Louisa Shermerhorn, John Steele, George Glenn, Carol Moore-Glenn, Harry Skene, Cécile Alarie-Skene, Yvonne and Jack Mavins, Pat Morley, Jean and Jack Rockey, Bill MacDonald, Daryl Dumanski, Malcolm Dewar, Leta and Darrell Noakes, Wayne Neilly, Jim Miller, Orma Sozansky, Judith Kelly, Jayne Paradis, Pat Allan, Joe Hawkins, Lynn Roseman, Geoff Lambert, and Walt McCaw.

My goal for the coming year is that of continuing to build on our presence in the community and to establish networks with organizations in our province in order to foster the growth, and awareness, of our Society. We all know that genealogy is experiencing phenomenal growth and with this growth comes demand for services and information. With that in mind, we are planning:

1. a noon-hour presentation at the East Kildonan Seniors' Centre on September 21.
2. Meetings will begin on September 10 with the Centennial Public Library to focus on presentation of a series of seminars on genealogy at the library in the winter of 2002.
3. Preliminary discussions are taking place with McNally Robinson for an information seminar at the Grant Park store during the fall season.

I close this report by issuing an invitation for your visions regarding outreach for our Society and I invite you to contact me and share these ideas. I may be contacted at 204/274-2133, or at [mackey@sympatico.ca](mailto:mackey@sympatico.ca)

## **MEMBERSHIP / HUMAN RESOURCES REPORTS**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Chair: Betty Atkinson, MGS #2117

Current as of September 12, 2001

Member Type 1:	Individual	549
Member Type 2:	Associate	41
Member Type 3:	Institutional	18
Member Type 4:	Life	46
Member Type 5:	Exchange	76
Member Type 6:	Deposit	16
Member Type 7:	Administrative Memb.	1
Member Type 8:	(not used)	
Member Type 9:	No mail out	<u>8</u>
Total		755
		(2000:759)

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031

Our department goals:

- Meet twice over the current fiscal year to make recommendations at Council Meetings.
- Have our finances published in December's *Generations*.
- Review financial needs of MGS and prepare budget for 2001-2002 fiscal year, reformat Budget for ease of review and evaluation by Council, consider fundraising suggestions, review prospective grant proposals.

Policies that were updated, revised, and approved through Council included:

- 1) Establishment of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Dedication Fund
- 2) Cemetery transcription remuneration policy for updating transcriptions

Goals and Recommendations for 1999/2000

- Continue to work on updating and creating new Policies for the Society if they will be of assistance in clarifying existing and new roles of our volunteers
- Further develop Donation Policies
- To pursue new grant opportunities while refining existing ones
- Find new sources and suggestions for Fundraising — Ways and Means
- Develop a department planning calendar
- Maintain our memberships with Manitoba Heritage Federation and Thomas Sill Foundation

I am officially retired as V.P. Finance, as my 4 year term is up. I'd like to thank the Finance Department for the many achievements we have accomplished. I will be glad to offer advice to the incoming V.P. and I know that he/she will be in good hands with Treasurer Joan Whiston and the newly appointed committee. Many thanks to the expertise of Walt McCaw, who so ably completed our Special Project Grants for many years, and to Geoff Lambert, who has been hard at work on Fundraising while he served as President. Also thanks to Ruth Breckman and Chris Irwin for their insight on the Dedication Fund committee.

# THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

STATEMENT 1

## BALANCE SHEET

(UNAUDITED)

JULY 31

	Operating Fund	Lifetime Memberships Fund	Publications Fund	Seminar Fund	2001	2000
<b>ASSETS</b>						
<b>CURRENT</b>						
Cash	\$ 40,751	\$	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 43,251	\$ 10,344
Short term investments	12,000				12,000	46,800
Accounts receivable	1,685	2,050			3,735	4,645
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,468</u>				<u>3,468</u>	<u>3,019</u>
	57,904	2,050	2,000	500	62,454	64,808
<b>LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 3)</b>						
		9,900			9,900	9,600
	<u>\$ 57,904</u>	<u>\$ 11,950</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 72,354</u>	<u>\$ 74,408</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
<b>CURRENT</b>						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,423	\$	\$	\$	\$ 4,423	\$ 6,999
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	<u>15,502</u>				<u>15,502</u>	<u>15,726</u>
	19,925				19,925	22,725
<b>SURPLUS</b>						
FUNDS SURPLUS	<u>37,979</u>	<u>11,950</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>52,429</u>	<u>51,683</u>
	<u>\$ 57,904</u>	<u>\$ 11,950</u>	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 72,354</u>	<u>\$ 74,408</u>

Approved by the Board

Director \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_

**THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.**  
**OPERATING FUND**

STATEMENT 2

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND SURPLUS**  
(UNAUDITED)

YEAR ENDED JULY 31

	2001	2000
REVENUE		
Beverages	\$ 121	\$ 146
Donations	11,519	5,538
Generations	492	360
Grants	10,800	14,209
Interest income	2,463	2,043
Memberships	18,239	18,593
Other	710	3,078
Services	4,638	5,067
U.S. exchange	878	631
User fees	720	925
	<u>50,580</u>	<u>50,590</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES ( <i>Schedule 1</i> )	<u>53,375</u>	<u>57,817</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE	( 2,795)	( 7,227)
TRANSFERS FROM FUNDS		
F.F.H.S. fund	400	
Publications fund	3,241	4,420
Seminar fund	---	197
OPERATING FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	446	( 2,210)
SURPLUS, <i>beginning of year</i>	<u>37,533</u>	<u>39,743</u>
SURPLUS, <i>end of year</i>	\$ <u>37,979</u>	\$ <u>37,533</u>

# THE MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

SCHEDULE 1

## OPERATING EXPENDITURES (UNAUDITED)

YEAR ENDED JULY 31

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Annual general meeting	\$ 687	\$ 332
Contract work		3,352
Capital expenditures	4,197	890
Committee - outreach		12
- library	3,554	5,883
- special projects	2,447	111
- computer	586	889
- memberships	365	410
Conventions and meetings		164
Equipment maintenance	1,009	1,829
Generations	5,958	5,502
GST	3,177	7,721
Insurance	916	895
Office and administration	4,355	3,482
Photocopying	359	376
Professional fees	2,050	2,050
Relocation/travel	12	50
Rent and common charges	20,242	20,866
Telephone	1,029	997
Utilities	<u>2,420</u>	<u>2,018</u>
	<u>\$ 53,375</u>	<u>\$ 57,817</u>

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MGS Canada 266.972 Mis.

**Bodle, Claude James 1886-1980.** Comp. by Gerald R. Brown, 2001. Gerald undertook this research and compiled this collection of materials about the life and family of Claude James Bodle. He was born in Bedford, England in 1886 and died in Toronto in 1972. His ashes are interred at Elmwood Cemetery, Winnipeg. He graduated from the Manitoba College of Pharmacy, (University of Manitoba) in 1916. His main career was as an x-ray technician in Winnipeg and he was in the forefront of organizing the Manitoba Society of X-Ray Technicians and the Canadian Society of Radiological Technicians. Other articles touch on the lives of his wife and children. A son, Douglas, was a professor in the Faculty of Music

at the University of Winnipeg from 1966-69 when he returned to Toronto and was a Professor at the Royal Conservatory of Music. A fascinating collection of articles and data on a Manitoban family.

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*Homespun threads through the years. McLeod/Jackson/Dyck Chronicles 1797-1998*, Betty L. Dyck, c1999. ISBN 0-9683093. Includes "The Dyck Family Connection 1879-1953" by John A. Dyck. This large work covering these families starts with The McLeods of NB, whose ancestor was William McLeod born in 1740 on the Isle of Skye, and who joined the military and served in Newfoundland. After discharge he went to Nova Scotia, settling in the district of Penobsquis, which was later to become part of New Brunswick. The Dyck family are traced from the late 1700s beginning in Europe to their migration to Southern Manitoba. The author's grandfather, Ernest Herbert McLeod was the one in that family who moved to Northern Ontario and much of the history takes place around Ignace, Ontario. Betty and John met while both were teaching in Gimli, MB, and were married in 1954. They have both pursued interesting careers and now have given us this comprehensive, lavishly illustrated history of their families. Purchasing information not available.

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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Resource Centre. It was well attended and elections were held. We have some new and welcome faces on the executive.

President – Bob Stokes

Vice-President, Administration – Jayne Paradis  
Vice President, Communications – Des Ireland

Vice President, Membership – Kathy Stokes  
Vice President Finance – Nellie LaRoque  
Secretary – Liz Jonasson  
Treasurer – Joan Whiston

As well, the Eric Jonasson and Flo Cox Awards were handed out. Margaret Goodman of the South West Branch of MGS is the winner of the Eric Jonasson Award for 2001, our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. From the time she joined MGS, Margaret has been an active and supportive member of both MGS and South West Branch. She has served in executive capacities within the Branch and has acted for many years as co-editor of *Leaf of the Branch*, their quarterly publication.

Margaret's talent for organization has been demonstrated when she chaired MGS seminars. Above all, she was the driving force behind South West's very successful indexing of the 1901 census of their area, an enormous undertaking.

For these reasons, Margaret is a very deserving recipient of the 2001 Eric Jonasson Award.

The Flo Cox Awards went to Beth Audette, Durlene Germscheid and Mary Bole.

Durlene has served MGS in several capacities – on the executive and council and was the driving force behind computerizing MGS.

Mary has been a member of MGS for nearly 20 years and works behind the scenes cataloguing all the books and other items that come into MGS. This is not an easy task and Mary often spends many hours a week on this job. She also volunteers on Sundays in the Resource Centre during the winter.

Beth joined MGS in 1984. She began volunteering while we were still on Lombard and has been a regular Tuesday volunteer since. Her main 'task' in the past few years has been that of Periodical Librarian. This involves a lot of paper work and monitoring our exchanges and subscriptions, as well as the physical work of shelving them. Besides that she helps patrons as necessary. Her main area of research is Ireland so those of us who do not have Irish research often rely on her for that area. Beth has also been one of the continuing 'Library Committee' members and her judgement on many issues has helped us make decisions.

## DEDICATION FUND

Our society now has a process in place to establish a Dedication Fund. This fund has been set up for the purpose of receiving undesignated bequests to the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. This fund will be separate and apart from our general operating fund and used for non-budgetary items. It will be administered by an advisory committee with established criteria governing the distribution of this fund. For more info, please call Joan Whiston at 832-5216.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bob Stokes, MGS # 432

As your new president, I welcome this opportunity to introduce myself and to tell you about some of the ideas I hope to see us carry out in the upcoming year.

My name is Bob Stokes. I am a retired civil engineer of English, Scottish, Irish and Icelandic background. Although born in Edmonton, I have lived in Winnipeg since 1948. My interest in genealogy began more than 35 years ago and I have been a member of MGS since its early years and have served several terms on the MGS executive.

I have reviewed the growth of MGS, its early spurts and, in later years, a levelling of membership to between 800 and 900 members. I hope we can once again develop a growth spurt within the next year.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find an announcement about the setting up of a Dedication Fund, something that we have long worked towards. It will provide a means for those so inclined to leave or donate larger sums of money to MGS. Many other non - profit organizations have similar funds.

In this issue, you will also find a discussion of a possible seminar, along with a small questionnaire asking if you want a seminar and, if so, what you would like to see included. In earlier years, MGS had yearly seminars and they were well attended, whether in Winnipeg, Brandon or Dauphin. By next fall we will not have had a seminar in three years, mainly because no member has stepped forward to chair the Seminar Committee. Surely seminars are important, not only for what we can learn from them, but also for the fellowship they provide to everyone who attends. Although genealogy can be a solitary recreation, it can also be a means of meeting new people with

similar interests and areas of study by way of seminars. We would like to provide members with a fall seminar, but we can only do so if members other than the council will step forward to take some of the responsibility for organizing.

For the first time in several years, the MGS executive is complete. We are, however, still lacking volunteers to fill several chairs on council, particularly those to do with obtaining grants for our projects, and fundraising for our other activities. Please contact me if you are interested in such work, or in volunteering in any other capacity in your organization, the Manitoba Genealogical Society.

#### SYMPATHY TO:

Gord McBean, (MGS # 3033) and family, on the death of his mother, Bernice McBean, on November 1, 2001.

Linda White, (MGS # 2129) and family, on the death of her father-in-law, Gordon White, on September 26, 2001.

Alma Bentley, (MGS #2834) and family, on the death of her husband, Albert Bentley, on November 21, 2001.

John and Joyce Christie (MGS # 3011 & 1590) and family, on the death of John's mother, Marjorie Christie, on October 1, 2001.

To the family of Don Hyde, (MGS # 1757), who passed away on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Don Hyde was a former President of MGS and was instrumental in getting MGS moved from our office on Lombard to Notre Dame Ave.



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### SOMERSET(T)

Robert b. 1842 Barrie, ON, married Jane Rowen b. 1845 Illinois, U.S. to Sharon, ON. Children Debra b.c. 1863, George H. b.c. 1867, Charles William b.c. 1877. Robert – Irish, Methodist, carriage maker, moved west in 1887. Brother John in Walhalla, N.D. to Winnipeg. Did Robert and family live in Winnipeg?

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### GRANT

William, raised in Brandon as an orphan in the 1890s. Father's name may have been Francis or Phillip. Had brothers sent to different families.

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- 2) What topics would you like to see covered at this seminar? (i.e. Beginning Genealogy; Genealogy and Computers)
  
- 3) Do you have any suggestions as to where a seminar might be held?
  
- 4) Do you prefer the seminar be held over one or two days?
  
- 5) Do you have any other suggestions?

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