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From the Editor

David Farmer #2277

I was looking through some back files the other day, getting my thought together for this issue, and I realized that this December issue of *Generations*, marks the fourth year of my Editorship – that's sixteen issues. I had no idea it had been that long.

Over those years, there have been some great articles (well, they are all great actually); many events highlighted complete with photos; and recognition of some of the fantastic volunteers that work so hard within MGS. We have had non-MGS authors contribute stories; recognized and awarded youth for school projects and of course, as much humour as we can fit into each issue (if you don't laugh doing genealogy then you are not doing it correctly. Or maybe that is just with my family!)

Of course, it has not been all perfection; we have had some 'oopsies'. We have struggled with costs of printing and distribution and recognized that *Generations* might have to change in some ways. We have seen more of our members turn to the electronic version of the Journal, giving them full-colour issues.

We have tried to remain pertinent and true to the Manitoba genealogist, while recognizing that some of our readership is not from Manitoba, with a mix of articles both of local and non-local interests. From the comments we have received, readers enjoy each issue and look forward to its arrival. I know I have fun (ok, maybe some frustrations too) in putting it together. I know I have learned a lot.

Who knows what the future will hold. But for sure it will be interesting.

It is the December issue, so enjoy the Season, Merry Christmas to each of you and all the Best in 2015.

Enjoy the issue and see you next year.



From the President

Jim Oke #2729

First, thanks to all, who attended the MGS AGM in October. Your presence and input at the meeting were appreciated. I also thank you for your confidence in returning me to the position of President for a second term. I look forward to again working with a very able and talented Executive Committee in the months ahead as well as with the Committee Chairs who do so much to keep MGS functioning behind the scenes.

Two welcome additions to the Executive for the coming year are Janice Butcher who becomes Vice-President of Communications and Linda Wray who will be our Treasurer assisting Vice-President of Finance, Rick McLellan, with keeping our financial records in order. Thank you for accepting these responsibilities. I must also thank Linda White, our retiring Vice-President of Communications, for her service to MGS and her many valuable contributions to the Society over the years. We wish Linda well in all her future endeavors.

The details will appear elsewhere but I can report that the Constitutional amendments put forward at the AGM were largely adopted. These changes will match our written documents more closely to our current situation and equip the Society to move forward while keeping our activities transparent and open to the membership. This is not the end of the Constitutional road and the Executive will continue to look for ways to structure the Society to meet our needs in the longer term.

One outcome of the AGM is that the current financial year will end on March 31st, 2015, instead of continuing through to the fall. As per the requirement to hold an Annual Meeting within a certain time frame after the end of the financial year, this means that the 2015 MGS AGM will be held in May leading to a shortened term for the just-elected Executive. This will be a one-time only occurrence as MGS moves to an



April 1st to March 31st financial reporting period, with a spring AGM becoming the norm.

I have reported before on the Manitoba Names Index (MANI) computer indexing and access project within MGS. Again, as more and more family history research moves to on-line sources, it is our hope to become a significant on-line research resource within Manitoba. Gordon McBean, our Vice-President of Information Technology, is discussing the way ahead with the Red River College computer studies department and we hope to have some significant progress in the months ahead, involving providing a members' portal to our data collection and an external on-line sales outlet. It is critical that the necessary energy and resources be devoted to these areas to bring them to the next stage in order to provide an enhanced benefit to MGS membership and to bring in outside revenue. The MANI plan is in place and I ask for everyone's patience as work continues on this important project.

On a related topic, Janice Butcher is looking ahead towards updating the MGS web site to ensure it is ready to integrate with the MANI project, when the latter becomes ready for public access. A new "look and feel" is being considered along with a means of allowing regular updating to ensure the information provided is relevant and current. No surprises will be sprung, but please watch for positive change in this area in the months ahead.

I am preparing these notes in mid-November, but I shall close by wishing everyone a happy and pleasurable Christmas Season!



Help Wanted!

Having trouble finding an ancestor, or don't know where to look for certain types of information? Submit your query to *Generations* and perhaps a reader or two can give you some leads. If you need detailed or long-term help, then please contact our Research Team through the MGS address.

Gord McDiarmid of Winnipeg needs your help! What started out as an innocent genealogical search for relatives, has turned into a massive research project for Gord. He has identified more than 200 projects on the Prairies involving either the J. McDiarmid Co. Ltd. (1906 – 1940) or the J. and J. McDiarmid Brothers Partnership (1892 – 1905). Gord's interests are in finding buildings and finding background material on Thomas Borgford, Edward Cass, and Peter Muir who were key people in the J. McDiarmid Co. and in the Winnipeg Paint & Glass Co. He believes there is more information out there and invites suggestions and information be e-mailed to gmcdiarmid@gmail.com

The Front Cover

Last issue the Front Page commemorated the start of WWI. This issue the Front Page highlights the first wartime Christmas in December 1914. Shown is a classic photo of two combatants getting together to share a cigarette, probably during the first ever Christmas Truce soccer game. Also shown are Christmas cards sent and received at the Front Lines during the Christmas Season.

MGS Awards 2014

Eric Jonasson Award 2014

Pat Allan



PHOTO: Pat Allan receiving the Eric Jonasson Award from President Jim Oke.

Pat is Member No. 2513 and has been a member of MGS since 1993, becoming an active volunteer since at least 1998. In the beginning she joined, along with her mother, Muriel James. Pat is also a member of the Dauphin Branch.

When she was awarded the Florence Cox Award in 2000, someone wrote that “Pat was responsible for the developing, editing and updating of the MGS Library Holdings.”

This involved typing all the information into a “Library Holdings” book that was published every few years. Well times have changed, but Pat is still helping us look after our Library’s holdings. When we decided to go on-line with the card catalog, Pat sat for hours, entering data and co-ordinating the data that others had typed up. It took her little time to learn the complicated program known as KOHA and still runs the program to make sure that there are no errors in KOHA.

When it was necessary for us to computerize the Indexes to the United Church’s Births, Marriages and Deaths and the Rural Obituaries, Pat learned how to use the new program OmniPage to convert the written lists into an Excel program. She has done an excellent job

of readying all of our paper indexes for the Master Index.

Pat is currently converting various lists of names compiled over the years into a program that will be compatible with the new Master Index.

She has been very generous with donations and spent much time sorting through her mother’s genealogical memorabilia, when the latter moved.

Pat is also in charge of a “Porteous One-Name Study” and supplies our library with their newsletters.

Pat is also very knowledgeable about many computer programs, not to mention the “basics”, and is always willing to help anyone having problems. Besides her computer skills, Pat is a quiet, caring person who is quick with a smile.

It is indeed an honour to present this year’s Eric Jonasson Award to Pat.

Florence Cox Awards 2014

Mavis Gray



PHOTO: Mavis Gray receiving Florence Cox Award from President Jim Oke.

Mavis holds membership No. 8 and has been with MGS since its inception in 1976 and holds the title of “Founding Member”.

Since her retirement as a librarian at the University of Manitoba in 2011 she has volunteered on the Tuesday shift. She does cataloguing, makes entries into the KOHA program and many other library tasks that are

assigned to her. Using her expertise as a librarian Mavis helps keep the library running smoothly.

She assists our head librarian, Mary Bole, by gathering information for "Library Lines" that Mary submits to *Generations*. Mavis also writes a regular article for *Generations* titled, "Our Library". In these articles she highlights different subjects found in the Library. Two recent topics were books on World War I and books about churches. Recently, an individual sent a very generous donation to the Society because she appreciated some research work that Mavis had done for her.

Mavis is a quiet but very dedicated volunteer. Her work ethic and long-time commitment to MGS makes her a very commendable recipient of the Florence Cox Volunteer Award.

Bill Curtis

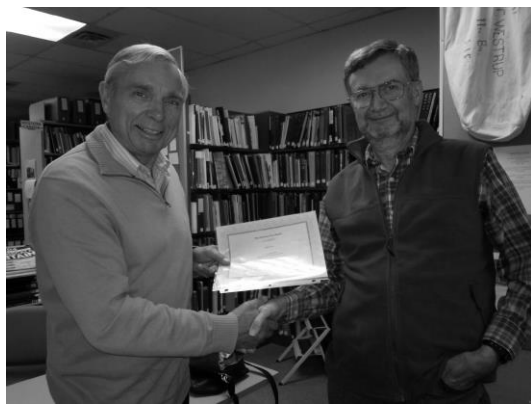


PHOTO: Bill Curtis receiving Florence Cox award from President Jim Oke.

Bill is member No. 2882 and has been a member of MGS since 1995. From 2008 to the present he has been the Chair of Education and Outreach. He has worked tirelessly at this position. He goes to many events every year to promote genealogy and to tell people about MGS.

Some of these occasions are all-day affairs; some, like Folklorama, are even a week's commitment. Bill often arranges for members to accompany him and assist with his outings; he also arranges for expert presentations on specialized topics to other organizations.

Bill has attended, on MGS' behalf, a great many places, functions and events, some of which are: Social Science Teachers' Conference (SAGE), Hydro, Selkirk Highland Gatherings, Age and Opportunity Conferences, Creative Retirement, St. James Assiniboia Seniors Centre, Sturgeon Creek Retirement Centre, CNR Pensioners, Retired Social Workers, Red Hat Ladies, Good Neighbours East Kildonan Branch and many different libraries throughout Winnipeg and the province. He has also made presentations to the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch on topics of interest to that Branch. In the past he has worked as an adjudicator at the Lord Selkirk School Division's Heritage Fair.

Bill returns to some of these places year after year. This year he was at the Manitoba Heritage Day event at the Manitoba Museum, different seniors' organizations and our own Open House this past September. Bill is the quintessential volunteer – well worthy of the Florence Cox Volunteer Service Award.

Report on the 2014 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. was held on Saturday, October 18, 2014. The following excerpts are from the reports submitted and business conducted in conjunction with that meeting. For the complete minutes, including the financial reports, please see a member of the Executive.

Branch Reports presented at the meeting are provided under the Branch News of this issue of *Generations*.

AGM Reports

The President's Report

Jim Oke, #2729, President MGS

This is my first report since becoming President of MGS at the October 2013 Annual Meeting. The past year has been a positive learning experience for me as I became aware of the internal workings of MGS. One of my concerns on taking office was how to keep the

administrative wheels turning, while I learned the duties of President. I need not have worried, and have been impressed with the way the Society operates so smoothly behind the scenes.

I must thank those volunteers who answer the mail, look after membership renewals, publish *Generations*, operate the extensive MGS library and carry out the many, many tasks that keep MGS functioning administratively. The dedicated work of our volunteers is one of the true strengths of MGS.

I always prefer to be positive but there are challenges facing MGS that have been described before and are typical of many family history organizations today. To put it very simply, our membership numbers and income are decreasing, while our operating expenses are climbing. The details will be in the financial reports, but our operating expenses, despite every possible and reasonable effort at economy, continue to exceed our income. Items beyond our control such as postage, rent and provincial sales tax continue to increase. We remain solvent by drawing down past accumulated funds, but this cannot continue over the long or even medium term. Either a significant change in MGS operations must be made or new sources of additional income found.

The Manitoba Names Index (MANI) computer indexing and access project within MGS has been a key move in this direction. As more and more family history research moves to on-line sources, it is our hope to become a significant on-line research resource within Manitoba. The MANI project has moved ahead considerably over the past year and is close to fruition, but the final steps of providing a members' portal to our data collection and an external on-line sales outlet remain. It is critical that the necessary energy and resources be devoted to these areas to bring them to the next stage, in order to provide an enhanced benefit to MGS membership and to bring in outside revenue. I would emphasize that these are highly specialized areas which will probably require outside assistance. Hopefully our past relationship with the Red River College

computer studies department will continue to provide this.

One of the projects that the Executive took on was a review of the MGS Constitution to update certain items such as meeting quorum requirements and communication methods to reflect present realities. Amending an organization's Constitution must be done slowly and with care to avoid unintended effects and I feel the amendments being put forward at this year's Annual Meeting meet this test. I must thank Janice Butcher and Kathy Stokes for taking on this important task. It has been a pleasure working with a talented and hard-working Executive Committee and meeting with many interesting and helpful MGS members over the past year. Thank you to each and every one of you for your contributions.

The Administration Report

Virginia Braid, #868, VP Administration

Once again MGS has been well-served by the wonderful volunteers that staff the Resource Centre, and by those that do work outside the centre. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding job done by the Chairs that come under the Administration department's authority: Mary Bole, Library; Jan Butcher, Membership; Jim Rutherford, Research; and Kathy Stokes, Special Projects - all have worked tirelessly for the Society. Their expertise and dedication is much appreciated. A special thank you goes to Daryl Dumanski for her work with recruitment of volunteers.

This past year administration did the following:

- Created an "Incidents Book" so that when things occur to our building, that may need to be recalled in later years for legal purposes or clarification; they can be easily found by using the "Incidents Book". In this way the Executive can then refer back to the minutes for further information.
- Assisted with Volunteer Luncheon.
- Assisted with the Society's presentation at Heritage Day at the Manitoba Museum.

- Assisted with the preparations of the Open House held on September 27.

- Met with Landlord about the following situations:

1. Inability to open back door due to snow accumulation.
2. Raising of front door sidewalk.
3. Flooding of library because of water coming in from building next door.
4. Post Office box damaged (thanks to Kathy Stokes for helping with contacting P O concerning this).

- Established policy for temperature control during winter months.

- Made a form for MGS passwords to be placed in Resource Centre safe that is used by the Library, computers, treasurer and web site. This has not been completed.

- Sorting and cleaning out filing cabinets. This is an ongoing activity

Next year's priority will be to complete the arrangement of MGS files for the Manitoba Archives. As well we should look at rearranging things in the office for easier placement of purses, binders etc. We also need to get some newer filing cabinets for the office.

Statistics for 2013- 2014

Here is a brief summary of the statistics. (For further information please ask to see our Statistics Binder):

- Volunteers 1,403. Volunteer hours 6,253.5
- Patrons 809
- Copies made on copier 6,665
- Number of phone calls 398 • Periodicals checked out 230
- Books shelved 913 • CD-ROMS checked out 18
- Books sent by mail 6 • Cemetery Sales earned \$307 (profit of \$57.00)

The Library Report

Mary Bole, #844, Librarian

Library Statistics

341 books were donated during the year and 7 purchased.

Out of the 341 books, 147 were new-to-us items and were added to the library. The 7 books purchased came from donations from members - an extra special thank you to them.

913 books, 232 periodicals, 54 cemetery records, and 11 CD-ROMs were shelved. Once again I stress the fact that many people shelve their own books, especially the cemetery and church records.

68 periodicals were exchanged with other societies, 32 of these arrive electronically. 225 periodicals were checked out by patrons. The most popular, again, were the glossy types. These are general how-to magazines. 6 books were sent out by mail to members.

Library volunteers

We continue to maintain the library in the Resource Centre and have been busy digitizing indexes for the "Master Index".

Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked in, and for, the library.

Thank you for all the donations of books, CD-ROMs, supplies and money.

Thank you to the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch for paying for the subscriptions to the *Ancestry.library* database and to the *NewspaperArchives.com* database.

The Research Report

Jim Rutherford, #2632, Chair

It was a banner year for the department since our research showed an increase of 48% in fees. Over the past 12 months we took in \$2,396.68 with conversions from foreign money. Our fee of \$60 for the Basic Research Package is still lower than what many other research organizations charge for a minimum of 6 hours. We had 45 paid researches during the period and much praise for the work we had done. However, as of September 4th, we did not have any research requests in our file. This is the first time that this has happened.

We had 126 queries by e-mails that we responded to, regarding research. Of these, only 15 came through with money eventually.

We would like to welcome Jane Pattison to the Thursday Research group; she joins Sheila Woods, Rick McLellan, Myrna Mackey, Bonnie Batchelor, Kathy Kristjanson and Jim Rutherford.

The Membership Services Report

Janice Butcher, #4419, Chair

Susan Thorpe, #5191, Committee

Membership Numbers

The following table provides a membership comparison for the last four years - end of the fiscal year (July 31), except for 2012* (August 31). (Note: only the first three membership categories pay fees.)

The number of individual memberships continues to decline even though we attracted a number of new members. MGS must make a concerted effort to attract more. This year we took part in the "Culture Days" program in conjunction with our Open House, Saturday, September 27.

Branch memberships have also declined this year, although all memberships may not be reported to MGS.

Membership	2014	2013	2012	*2011
1. Individual	337	387	426	441
2. Associate (no <i>Generations</i>)	21	30	26	25
3. Institutional	18	19	20	18
4. Life (do not pay annual fees)	57	57	57	61
5. Journal exchange (other societies)	76	76	72	75
6. MGS Branches, libraries	15	15	15	15
7. Heritage Canada	1	1	1	1
9. <i>Generations</i> not mailed	28	28	31	29
Total	553	613	648	665

Branches

Dauphin	2	6	8	6
Beautiful Plains	25	27	28	30
Southeast & Winnipeg	91	101	113	114
South West	55	66	59	60
Swan Valley	5	6	6	5
Total	178	206	214	215

The Special Projects Report

Kathy Stokes, #125, Chair

The Special Projects Committee has been without a Chair for most of the time since I resigned some eight to ten years ago. I thank those who did work on Special Projects during those years, but for one reason or another found that they could not continue.

Currently the committee, comprised mostly of Wednesday office volunteers and one devoted rural member, is working hard at entering into the computer, the many cemeteries which were documented, in years gone by. They are also amassing an integrated index from these cemeteries, which will eventually be placed into our MANI computer index. It is a work in progress.

Cemetery sales have decreased markedly in the past four years or so. However, we are hoping that those sales we do have will be more efficiently handled by sending them via e-mail, thus avoiding the postal charges now in effect.

Because we had no Special Projects Chair for much of the time after 2000, the committee has not begun any new initiatives. Once we complete the cemetery project discussed above, we will look at new projects. Suggestions for new projects are welcome.

Thanks are due to our committee and other helpers: Orma Sozansky, Linda Toews, David Jenkins, Mona Philip, Karen Becker and Julia Pierce; and to Virginia Braid for her advice and support.

The Communications Report

Linda White, #2129, Vice President

After previous years, which have been busier with strategic planning and other projects, this past year has been very quiet for the Communications portfolio, as we have maintained a “holding pattern”.

I am older than I used to be and I have now been working full time at my current job for almost two years, so I have had to be more selfish with my free time. Recognizing that I am no longer able to give the positions the attention they deserve, I have tendered my resignation as Vice President Communications, and as Chair of Grants and Applications, effective at this year’s AGM.

When I wrote this report, we still did not have a replacement volunteer lined up for the position of Vice President Communications, so I have agreed to continue with the housekeeping responsibilities of the position. I amalgamate and e-mail the electronic edition of *Generations*; and keep an eye on our web site and the hosting account (including providing a valid credit card for fee renewals). An important day-to-day responsibility involves making updates to web pages as requested. I am quite happy to hand over responsibility for the web site and hope that we will soon identify someone who will have the skills to manage current content, as well as make plans for future content additions and e-commerce.

I must say a few words about my very capable team. Unfortunately, this year we have had to say goodbye to Stacey Lee, Chair of Publications and Tyler Ostapyk, Chair of Publicity. Before she left following the birth of her lovely baby, Charlotte, Stacey completed her project to scan the five volumes of the BMD indexes and we are now able to provide copies of those publications in electronic form. Tyler, who injected a much needed dose of youthful enthusiasm into his position, has recently moved to Ottawa with his new wife and has given up his post. They have been valued contributors and they will be missed. I expect David Farmer will be continuing in his post as the very

dedicated editor of *Generations*. Bill Curtis, long-serving Chair of Outreach and Education, has faithfully kept up with MGS’s display and outreach commitments. The Communications committees are very demanding portfolios in terms of time and effort and we owe these Chairs a big vote of thanks.

The Outreach and Education Report

Bill Curtis, #2882, Chair

This year MGS members have taken part in events such as the Red River Heritage Fair, Manitoba Days at the Manitoba Museum, the Manitoba Social Science Teachers Association Conference (SAGE), and a week-long stint at Folklorama again.

We have also run classes of varying lengths at the Winnipeg School Division, Good Neighbours Senior Centre, and the Munroe Library. Also included were special sessions on French heritage for unilingual Anglophones at the Winnipeg Public Library, and “Tombstone Tales” at the Millennium Library. We also continue to do our yearly volunteer night at a Winnipeg casino.

We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested, please let us know by calling the Resource Centre, at 204-783-9139.

The Information Technology Report

Gordon McBean, #3033, Vice President

The MANI (Manitoba Name Index) project has again been the major activity in the Information Technology (IT) area over the past year. We received an unexpected chance to work with a team of RRC students in the fall semester, when their original sponsors pulled out at the last minute.

The purpose of this phase was to build from the work done by the previous project group, to enable multiple records to be uploaded and searched, and to enable full control of the database, by way of forms on the web site for administrators and volunteers at MGS. This team was able to improve the background code and add functionality to MANI, as well as applying standards to the data, and applying a

large number of corrections to data imported into MANI.

It was originally planned that MANI would be moved to a server acquired by MGS at the end of the term, but the server mal-functioned when it was moved to RRC for the set-up. This has put us back considerably, in getting MANI on-line for use at the MGS Resource Centre.

Unfortunately we were also set back by a year when the College could not accommodate us, as had been scheduled for the January 2014 semester, and our project was cancelled at the last minute. We have applied for a Red River College student project starting in January 2015, to work on allowing our members to log in and access most of our databases from home. We see this as a benefit to our members outside of Winnipeg but will also benefit those inside the perimeter as well.

The Data Project component of MANI will combine approximately 80 MGS indexes, with over 1,250,000 entries, into one searchable database. It will eventually include access to thousands of additional pages from MGS documents, with expanded information, on a pay-per-view basis. I want to extend a big thank you to the MGS Volunteers helping prepare the data.

We have been busy on the general computer side as well. With Microsoft cancelling support for Windows XP, we were forced to do a Windows upgrade ahead of schedule this spring, when our virus protection quit working on XP.

Most of our computers are now upgraded to Windows 7 and Office 2013, with two still waiting a more extensive upgrade before being returned to service. Four refurbished computers were purchased to replace those that could not run Windows 7.

We were able to take advantage of a Microsoft donation through our membership with Tech Soup Canada. We have acquired Windows 7, Office 2013, and additional Adobe products worth \$11,820, while only having to pay \$443.00!

Additional software upgrades will take place in the coming year. We will also be purchasing a high-speed scanner to convert our paper documents into electronic form for the MANI project.

We have been successful with Fundraising and Grants this past year. Our first ever Capital Campaign was very successful, raising over \$10,000.00 to aid in the MANI and other projects. The Southeast & Winnipeg Branch applied for, and received, a \$5,000.00 grant from the Winnipeg Foundation, in support of the computer upgrades and MANI. We received a grant of \$3,000.00 from the Provincial Government's Heritage Grants Advisory Council (HGAC) that paid for the student involvement in developing MANI.

MGS is experiencing a financial crunch as costs continue to rise. The Southeast & Winnipeg Branch again this year are covering the cost for subscriptions to the *Ancestry Library Edition* (ancestrylibrary.com) as well as *NewspaperArchives.com*; in addition they are covering the cost of the high-speed Internet connection for the Resource Centre. Thank you on behalf of MGS.

We are working with the Manitoba Historical Society to share information formatted for MANI, which they will include in their cemetery locator. In return they will point back from their site to us, as a source for further information on cemeteries.

The Finance Report

Rick McLellan, #3353, Vice President

We are reporting a \$2,291.00 loss for 2013/2014. This was after transferring \$4,455.00 from the Life Membership account. The reasons for this were both a loss of revenue and an increase in our expenses.

There were decreases from most of our revenue-generating accounts; most noticeably Memberships and General Donations. We were fortunate that our Research fees provided an increase over last year.

Increases in rent and the PST resulted in higher expenses.

Our computer upgrades have been mostly covered by a Heritage Advisory Council Grant, Lotteries Commission, and a donation from the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch. The balance was drawn from the Capital Campaign Fund.

We must look to a way of raising operating revenue. The remaining Life Membership account is \$10,700 and will only cover us for another few years, if we continue to sustain these shortfalls.

Our Heritage Grant only covers our rent for approximately 4 months. Our other revenue sources, mainly membership fees and donations, must cover the rest of our operating expenses. All of our expenses are basically fixed, as we have kept discretionary spending in check.

We saw a reduction in printing and photocopying costs, owing to a new lease for our copier at a lower rate; which also allowed us to do some of our own "in-house" printing. The Capital Campaign Funds will be used for system upgrades.

The Board will continue to look for ways and means to increase our revenue.

The Fundraising Report

Judith Roe, #4326, Chair

A September 2013 fall basket raised \$47.00 At the December 2013 Christmas luncheon the raffle baskets raised \$195.00; the silent auction raised \$8.40 and the bake sale raised \$23.15. A total \$273.55 was raised. This was down from the previous year.

The fund raising is done on a shoestring budget with almost all items donated. A huge Thank You to all who have given things; without you this would not be the success that it is.

An audition for the CBC program, "Four Doors", with some of our donated items was made in the fall. If you have watched the program, you would see that the items up for bid are huge, expensive and rare. Sadly we were not chosen to compete.

Closing thought is that a gimmick is needed - something that would draw people from the

outside, instead of always asking the membership to participate.

The Grants and Applications Report

Linda White, #2129, Chair

Management of the Provincial Heritage operating grant application process was very capably managed by Jim Oke this year.

Once again this past year our dedicated MGS volunteers stepped up to the plate. Mary Bole and her husband Jim, Bill Curtis, and Pat Allan worked a bingo for MGS, raising \$1,500.00 towards the last term's Red River project.

At Gord McBean's suggestion, we did not try for a Heritage Grant this last intake in January. The Executive accepted Gordon's recommendation to take a break, and take stock of what has been accomplished so far in our indexing projects and plan what has still to be done.

Notices of Motion – Constitution Revisions

(All Notices of Motion were Approved and Carried. Please see "Notices of Motion for MGS Constitution Changes – 2014 AGM" in Generations V39I3, page 3 for complete details.)

Motion 1 - Article 3.1.4

To change "produce a quarterly journal" to "produce journals". - Carried

Motion 2 - Article 5.4 – Quorum of MGS Council

To change "Ten council members present shall constitute a quorum" to "the quorum for Council meetings shall be equal to 50% of the total number of Executive officers and chairs of Standing Committees whose positions are filled". - Carried.

Motion 3 - Article 11.6 – Fiscal year

To change the fiscal year from "1 August to 31 July" to "April 1 to March 31". - Carried.

Motion 4: Article 15.1.

To change "may be proposed by Council or by

petition” to “may be proposed by Executive, Council, or by petition”. - Carried.

Motion 5: Article 15.2.

To change “A call for Notices of Motion to amend the Society Constitution shall be printed in the first issue of the Society journal each calendar year” to “A call for Notices of Motion to amend the Society Constitution shall be published in the Society journal at least 90 days prior to the AGM”. - Carried.

Motion 6: Article 15.2.2.

To change “All Notices of Motion received shall be printed in the second issue of the Society journal” to “All Notices of Motion received shall be distributed by electronic or paper means to the membership no fewer than 30 days prior to the AGM. - Carried.

Motion 7 - Article 4.1

7a) To change the word “classes” of membership to “categories” of membership.

7b) To delete HONOURARY LIFE MEMBER from the categories of membership. - Carried.

Motion 8 - Article 4.6 – Description of Honourary Life Membership

To delete as per Motion 7b) above and move description to Article 14.2 – Awards of the Society. - Carried.

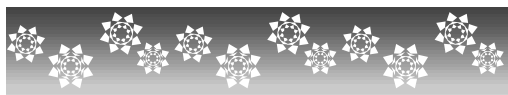
Motion 9 – Article 6 - Name of Executive

To change the term “Executive Committee” to “Executive” in the Title of Article 6 and in sub-articles 6.1, 6.4 and 6.4.1. - Carried.

Motion 10 - Article 10 - Meetings of the Society

10a) To add the word “General” in front of the article heading, “MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY”. – Carried.

10b) Article 10.4. To add the word “general” in front of the word “meeting”. – Carried.



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OOOPS

Seems we got ahead of ourselves in the last issue, when we announced two new MGS Volunteers (we are just so darned happy to have new volunteers!)

In welcoming Linda Wray, we stated that she would be filling the position of Treasurer. In fact that position is appointed by the Executive, as part of the Annual General Meeting, which had not yet been held. Linda has since been officially appointed as MGS Treasurer. Congratulations.

We also welcomed Eileen Kellner as the new Chair of Special Projects. In fact Kathy Stokes is currently serving in this position. Eileen still has not decided where she would like to devote her talents. Congratulations on joining the team.

Our apologies to all parties involved for any inconvenience. (We do try to include a surprise in some issues!)

From the Past

Rural Ramblings

Kathy Stokes #0125

Winnipeg Telegram December 6, 1916

Pte. A. Isherwood, father of 17 children, enlisted recently in the 251st Battalion. He wanted to be overseas with some of his family.

Already in France are sons Pte. Fred (184th Battalion); Pte. A. (221st Battalion); Sgt. John (61st Battalion) and sons-in-law Pte T. Barry and Pte. D. Roberts, both of the 79th Cameron Highlanders.

Winnipeg Telegram December 8, 1916

Nursing Sister A. Berret, formerly of Brandon, served 18 years with the British Army – the entire South African War in which she received two medals, and later at Aldershot, England. Since coming to Canada she has been a member of the Army & Navy Veterans' Association. On May 9, 1917, she will receive long service and good conduct medals. Because of ill health, she is unable to serve in the present conflict.

Winnipeg Telegram December 9, 1916

A double wedding took place in Neepawa recently. Tying the knot on December 7th were Winnie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John HALL, and James Maxwell BUCKHAM of Winnipeg. Also married was Lyla STEENE of Winnipeg and Robert John AGNEW of Neepawa.

Winnipeg Telegram December 11, 1916

Nursing Sister Ruby M. DUFFUS, a graduate of Brandon Mental Hospital and formerly of Winnipeg, suffered internal injuries when struck by a cab in London, England on November 21. She is expected to recover.

Winnipeg Free Press November 1, 1938

The United Scottish Association held its annual Halloween Carnival which was attended by 200 people dressed in costume. Judged best dressed ladies were: first, Miss Ruth Milligan and second, Gladys Forrester. Best costumed men were Sid Madley of Transcona and W.G. Bull. Comic dress winners were Mrs. Stanley Sheldrake and Hazel Degrose among the women; Alex Bloodwort and Jack Renshaw took the men's prizes.

Mrs. Fredrick E. Cole died in Gilbert Plains on October 30, aged 61 years. Born in Huron County, Ontario, she came to Gilbert Plains in 1898 with her parents. She is survived by her husband, two sons: Grover of Bradwardine and Glen of Gilbert Plains; and daughter Ella, at home.

Herbert Melson HARVEY, 52 years, a Durban farmer, died in Benito October 30. Born in Eldorado, Ontario, he came to Swan Valley in 1900 and married Annie SINCLAIR in 1915. He is survived by four brothers: Albert of Eldorado, William of Ochre River, Arthur of Dauphin and George of Durban; three sisters: Mrs. F. JOHNSTON of Benito, Mrs. BATTLE of Winnipeg and Mrs. ARMSTRONG of Armstrong, British Columbia.

At Alexander, Helen Beatrice, eldest daughter of Mrs. S. COCHRANE, wed John Robert MILNE of Brandon North. Given in marriage by her brother William, she wore her mother's wedding dress.

Gudmunder OLSON, 75, died October 28, in Selkirk. He had come to Canada from Iceland in 1900 and married Ingibjorg Helgadottir in 1903. He was a long time employee of Selkirk Cold Storage. Besides his widow, he leaves son Johannes Wathne of Keewatin, daughter Mrs. A.B. Rogers of Athabaska, Alberta and niece Emma Oddson of Selkirk.

Elizabeth Ann HANDFORD, nee GOULD, 81 years, wife of Samuel, died October 27 at Snowflake. Surviving are six sons: Edwin and William of Winnipeg, Luther, Charles, Cleveland and Kitchener, all of whom were pallbearers; as well as two daughters, Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. W.H. Handford. Mrs. Handford was born in 1854 in London, Ontario and came west with her husband in 1879.

Recent marriages in Souris included the following:

Edith Grace DAVIDSON to Earl M. MCBURNEY, on October 22 in the United Church;

Annie Loretta, daughter of E.C.H. CARLETON of Neville, Saskatchewan to J.E. DUNCAN of Hartney.

Brandon Daily Mail

August 11, 1892 Taken from the *Morden Monitor*

There is gossip in the area at news that Julius Riemann, a German who was employed by Mr. Warnken and previously by Mr. H.P. Hanson, had skipped town. Perhaps it was for financial

reasons or “of a more delicate nature”. He had been courting a young girl, “Katie”, for some time and a wedding had been planned. Julius and Katie had rented a house and purchased furniture. The young Mennonite lady had recently left town and gone home to Plum Coulee for benefits of home and health prior to the wedding.

Did Julius cool his affections or were there financial reasons? No one knew. It was said that he had a habit of caring for money Katie had earned while working at the Commercial Hotel – “just for safety”, he said. However he did not return it prior to leaving. It was also understood that there were problems while Julius worked for Mr. Warnken.

September 15, 1892

Mr. McRae, a section foreman for the Northern Pacific Railway, was the victim of a robbery. Early one day, he had taken off his coat and vest while working and had left them on a handcar. When he went to retrieve them at the end of the day, he found that his purse, with \$146.00 in bills as well as two cheques, was missing. McRae suspected John Bullard of the crime, but when challenged, Bullard denied it. The police got a warrant and searched Bullard’s residence but found nothing. Unbeknownst to Bullard, the police kept an eye on him and soon found that he had changed a \$10.00 bill. The bill had been nibbled at the corner by some mice. Armed with a new warrant, detectives did another search and found the cash sewed into a bed tuck. The purse containing the two cheques was located between lathe[sic] and sheeting[sic] in the hen house. A trial was pending.

April 27, 1893

In Glenboro, an enterprising farmer sprang a good joke on a machine agent recently. The farmer was behind in payments on equipment and was coaxed by the agent into signing a chattel mortgage upon the crop to be sown, and grown, in a certain quarter section during 1893. The money realized would be put towards his machinery debt. The farmer neglected to inform the agent that he proposed leaving the said land to summer fallow that year.

Manitoba Free Press December 19, 1914

The first Winnipeg man reported to be killed in action in France, was identified as William Duncan of 601 Spence St. Before enlisting, he had been a fireman in the city and latterly had worked at Eaton’s for a period of time.

William was born to John and Elizabeth Duncan in Malin, County Donegal, Ireland, about 1882 and had been in Canada for 10 years. He was a member of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, #7640 was his regimental number. He is noted on a plaque (panel 5) in Ploegsteert Memorial Cemetery.

William’s wife Martha and two young daughters, aged two years and nine months survive as well as a sister, Mrs. Elkin of Emerson and a brother in Moose Jaw. William was a member of the Orange Lodge.



A Bit of History

Submitted by Rick McLellan #3353

(Doug Hutton, the author, is the great, great, grandson of John Dalton and Selena Score, and provided the information to go with the photo of the J.D. Score store. The store was located at the north-west corner of Colony Street and Portage Avenue on the site of the current Holiday Inn Suites property and was addressed as 461 Portage Avenue. Standing on the sidewalk outside the store is proprietor John Dalton Score, his wife Selena, and what appears to be a store employee wearing a white smock.

Doug’s best guess for the time of year is either the early spring or early fall; however, the array of straw brooms displayed for sale on the sidewalk outside the store leads me to guess that the photo is an early springtime event. Doug can be reached at huttond@mts.net, should you have any additional information.)



PHOTO: J. D. Score store at 461 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Score family was originally from Cobourg, Ontario. John D's dates are 1854 to 1927 and Selena's are 1852 to 1941; the grave sites for both are located in the Elmwood Cemetery, Winnipeg. The Score family included daughter Mildred, son Merton, my grandfather on my mother's side, and daughter Wynetta and, in the Dominion of Canada census of 1901, John D, Selena, Merton and Wynetta are listed as being residents of Cobourg, Ontario; Mildred's name is absent from this census entry. In the next Dominion of Canada census in 1911, John D, Selena and Merton are listed as being residents of Suite #4, Sherbrook Block, 325 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg; both Mildred and Wynetta's names do not appear on this census listing. So, it would appear that sometime during the ten year interval between census taking, the 1901 to 1911 period, John D, Selena and Merton Score moved from Cobourg, Ontario to Winnipeg.

Unfortunately, there is no date attached to the photo which I examined under a microscope; although there is a possibility that a date is written on the reverse side of the photo, I am not inclined to attempt to find out, since the risk of damage to the photo would be too great. Also, if you examine the left hand side of the photo, the north-east corner of the University of Winnipeg Wesley Hall is visible. Today, if you could see through the mix of structures that currently exist in this area, you will find that the oldest building in your line of sight to this corner of Wesley Hall would be the University of Winnipeg's Bryce Hall, with perhaps the

upper floors of Wesley Hall visible in the background.

So, initially I was hopeful a review of the inception dates for these two buildings would allow me to bracket the photo with a time frame, however that didn't pan out, as the University's published date of inception for these two structures is 1896 for Wesley Hall and 1950 for Bryce Hall. I was hopeful that Bryce Hall would have an inception date of something like 1910 which would have allowed me to assume the photo was taken sometime between 1901 and 1910; but, this is not the case.

So, an alternative was to use the Dominion of Canada census data which reduced the time period for the taking of the photo to the period of time that John D lived in Winnipeg. This was the period from some time between 1901 and 1911 and the date that John D died in 1927. This produces two time lines: the longest runs 26 years from 1901 to 1927, with the shortest being 16 years running from 1911 to 1927. That the photo was taken at the extremes of these two time lines is highly unlikely. More realistic is probably an average of the two time lines which would generate a range running from the period 1914 to 1919 which I am inclined to think is a more realistic time frame for the photo to have been taken.

(Ed's Note: In addition to the interest related to the J. D. Score store, I also found Doug's methodology to date the photo a good example of how we might date any photograph.)



Our Library

Mavis Gray #0008

Elsewhere in this issue, Enid Dorward has listed some books about British Home Children.

The MGS Library and Resource Centre also has



a number of works about other aspects of children's lives in earlier years. Some of them are:

Bilson, Geoffrey. *The Guest Children: the Story of the British Child Evacuees Sent to Canada during World War II*. Fifth House, 1988.

(MGS library call no. Great Britain and Ireland 362.7 BIL)

Hutton, Anne van Arragon. *Uprooted: the Story of Dutch Immigrant Children in Canada, 1947-1959*. North Mountain Press, 2001.

(MGS library call no. Europe 949.2 UPR)

Jocelyn, Marthe. *A Home for Foundlings: George Handel Orphanage*. Tundra Books, 2005.

(MGS library call no. Great Britain and Ireland 362.7 JOC)

Lightstone, Susan. *Flower of the Flock* by Susan Lightstone and Kenneth Bagnall. This Country Canada, 1994. (MGS library call no. Great Britain and Ireland 362.7 LIG)

Parr, Joy. *Labouring Children: British Immigrant Apprentices to Canada, 1869-1924*. University of Toronto Press, 1994.

(MGS library call no. Great Britain and Ireland 362.7 PAR)

Rollings-Magnusson, Sandra. *Heavy Burdens on Small Shoulders: the Labour of Pioneer Children on the Canadian Prairies*. University of Alberta Press, 2008.

(MGS library call no. Canada 331.3 ROL)

We Came as Children: a Collective Autobiography. Edited by Karen Gershon. Gollancz, 1966. These are stories of Jewish children who took refuge in Britain during World War II.

(MGS library call no. General 920 WEC)



Library Lines

Mary Bole #884

MGS Librarian



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

Manitoba

378 UofM *Brown and Gold*, 1932, 1946. [University of Manitoba yearbook]

621 Tow *Town and Farm: Pioneer Royalty*, 1946-1955. [Periodical insert in hydro bills with lists of birthdays, anniversaries of senior citizens] [DVD]

Western Canada

971.24 May *From Sod to Solar: Fielding, Lilac, Maymont, Ruddell*, 1980. [Saskatchewan]

Eastern Canada

285 Kno *History of Knox Presbyterian Church, Centre Road, 1857-1957*. [Strathroy, Ontario].

287.9 Far *Oneness: United Church in Alymer and Eardley*. [Quebec]

971.3 Dur Bigelow, A. *Samuel Bigelow of Hope Township, Ontario*, 2014.

971.3 Lin *Niagara Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1792-1850*. [Lincoln County, Ontario]

Canada

920 Spe *Speaking Together: Canada's Native Women*, 1975.

Great Britain and Ireland

355.1 Com *Annual Report of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission*, 2008-9.

355.1 Deb *A Debt of Honour* [Commonwealth War Graves Commission] [DVD]

363.2 Sta *The British Police: Forces and Chief Officers, 1829-2012, 2011.*

929.7 Deb *The Baronetage of England, Vol. 1, 1815.*

942.2 Ber *Berkshire Baptisms, 2013.* [England] [CD ROM]

942.7 Bir *Birkenhead, 1909.* [Map] [England]

942.9 Gla *Glamorgan Militia Lists.* [4 microfiche] [Wales]

942.9 Gla *Monumental Inscriptions ... Glamorgan.* [13 microfiche] [Wales]

942.9 Roa *Roath, Splott and Adamsdown, 1995.* [Cardiff, Wales]

Europe

947.71 Led Ledohowski, E. *Ukrainian Farmsteads in Manitoba, 2000.*

947.71 Len Lenius, B. *Historic Geography and Locating Ancestral Villages in Galicia, 1996.*

General

796.357 Fid Fidler, M. *The Development and Decline of the All-American Girls Baseball League, 1943-1954, 1976.*

929.1 Aul Aulicino, E. *Genetic Genealogy, 2014.*

Family History and Biography

921 And Andrusiak, N. *Living in the Bush, 2011.*

921 And Andrusiak, N. *Living Near the Border, 2009.*

929.2 Mur *Murray-Campbell-MacGillivray-Black-Hiam, about 1990.*

929.2 Ros Ross, R. *The Christie Story, 1879-1979.*

929.2 War Warren, A. *Warren Family Connections, 2008.*

Book Reviews

Enid Dorward #4502

British Home Children

In September, Roberta Horrox gave a presentation to the Winnipeg & Southeast Branch about British Home Children.



The MGS library has numerous books on the subject. They are found in the Great Britain and Ireland section of the library, with the call number 326.7. Here are some of them:

The Village: A History of Quarrier's by Anna Magnusson. The story of a village near Glasgow, built especially for orphaned children, many of whom were eventually sent to Canada.

The Home Children: Their Personal Stories by Phyllis Harrison.

The Golden Bridge: Young Immigrants to Canada, 1833-1939 by Marjorie Kohli.

An in-depth look at the history of home children and the organizations that sent children to Canada and other countries, as well as photos and some name lists.

Fegan Index of Home Children. Database by Catherine Gollinger-Lorente of *Home Children Canada*.

Dr. Barnardo's Home for Working and Destitute Lads (miscellaneous records)

Barnardo Children in Canada by Gail H. Corbett.

Lost Children of the Empire: the Untold Story of Britain's Child Migrants by Philip Bean and Joy Melville.

The Little Immigrants: the Orphans Who Came to Canada by Kenneth Bagnell.

Empty Cradles: One Woman's Fight to Uncover Britain's Most Shameful Secret by Margaret Humphreys. The story of English children who were sent to Australia.

Neither Waif nor Stray: the Search for a Stolen Identity by Perry Snow. (Family History & Biography 929.2 SNO 2)

Useful Web Sites for Manitoba Research

Enid Dorward #4502

www.manitobia.ca

(Note the spelling.) This website offers a choice of French or English. It contains a treasure-trove of historical Manitoba resources:

- Local history books from many Manitoba communities (searchable)
- Manitoba history
- Old newspapers, mostly late 19th century and early 20th century
- Maps
- Photographs

(Related books – the MGS library has a large collection of Manitoba local history books available for loan.)

<http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/archives>

This is the University of Manitoba's web site for libraries and archives. Under “Main Menu”, click on *Winnipeg Tribune*. This will bring up digitized editions from 1939 to 1945, as well as a news clipping index, photograph index, and photographs.

www.newspaperarchive.com

This paid site is available free of charge to those who come in person to the MGS resource centre. It is very useful for searching many Manitoba (and other) newspapers.

www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/people

This is the web site of the Manitoba Historical Society, which offers lots of information about Manitoba. The above web site address takes you to the “Memorable Manitobans” page, which is searchable by surname.

(Related print material – the MGS library has a “People File” containing information about numerous Manitoba people.)

Periodical Potpourri

Enid Dorward #4502

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

CANADA

Family Chronicle (Sept/Oct 2014) English ancestors in Canada before Confederation.

Relatively Speaking (Aug 2014)

The sinking of the *Empress of Ireland* 100 years ago on the St. Lawrence River.

EUROPE

East European Genealogist (Summer/Fall 2013) German Galician Catholic place names and Canadian locality connections.

(Winter 2013) Genealogical research at the National Historical Archives of Belarus. Also a list of strays

(Summer 2014) Galician villages and the Ukrainian national movement of the 19th century.

(Oct 2014) An article about people from the village of Steinfels; includes a detailed listing of the people with birthdates, occupation and other information.

Family Chronicle (Sept/Oct 2013) Researching Dutch and Frisian Ancestors.

(Nov/Dec 2013) Researching your family in the Netherlands.

(Jan/Feb 2014) Tracing your German ancestors.

Family Tree (USA) (Sept. 2013) Discovering Scandinavian roots.

(Jan/Feb 2014) Finding Russian roots.

(Oct/Nov 2013) Searching German church records.

Galizien German Descendants (April 2014) World War I Jewish prisoners of war cards available on-line.

(July 2014) Contains 9 pages of names of residents of Warthegau (a Nazi administrative area including greater Poland and adjacent areas.) Appears to be a census – lots of information.

Grapevines (April 2014) Information about the Danish Canadian National Museum, Dickson, Alberta.

Internet Genealogy (April/May 2014) German genealogy web sites.

(Oct/Nov 2014) Finding your Dutch ancestors on-line.

Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (spring 2014) Russian Germans in "The Labor Army" (1940s).

Mennonite Historian (Sept 2013) Searching Russian sources for information about Alfred P. Stoesz.

QUEBEC AND ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Ancestry (Spring 2014) What are dit names?

Connections (Spring 2014) A list of Circuit Riders who ministered in the Eastern Townships from 1798 onward.

Family Footsteps (May 2014) Searching in Newfoundland.

Generations (New Brunswick) (Fall 2013) Names of persons buried in Woodland United Church Cemetery, Pearsonville, Kings Co. NB. (Summer 2014) An article about Armstrong Corner School lists teachers from 1900 to 1952 and students in 1920.

Heritage (Vol. XVII, No.3, 2014) Features Prince Edward Island.

Newfoundland Ancestor (Vol. 29, No.3, 2013) This issue contains a huge list of web sites for researching in New Brunswick.

(Vol. 30 No. 1, 2014) Labrador court for 1829.

(Vol. 30 No. 2, 2014) An 1873 list of people vaccinated on the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Nova Scotia Genealogist (Fall 2013) The Shea family and the Halifax explosion.

Ottawa Genealogist (April - June 2014) Early Bytown settlers index.

P.E.I. Genealogical Society Newsletter (April 2014) Alberton, in 1913.

ONTARIO

Bruce Bulletin (Feb 2014) Bruce County strays in Victoria, BC in 1936-1937.

The Bulletin (Kawartha Branch) (February, May and Aug. 2014) Lists of settlers from Northumberland Co. and Peterborough Co., with date and arrival location.

Lanark Log (Feb 2014) The Ballygiblin Riots.

SCAN (Simcoe Co.) (Feb. 2014) Information about various court records.

Traces & Tracks (Wellington County) (Spring 2014) Scottish settlers in Erin & Cotswold.

BRANTches (Nov 2013) The last Canadian battle of the war of 1812.

Families (Feb 2014) Researching your Manitoulin ancestors.

Halton-Peel KINnections (Winter 2014) War of 1812 veterans of the 2nd Regiment of York Militia, part 4 - Nelson Township Veterans.

Lanark Log (Jan 2014) Lanark County people as part of the California gold rush, 1851-52.

Leeds & Grenville Branch News & Views (Sept/Oct 2013) Lists of deaths in 1871, Lansdowne and the town of Gananoque.

(Nov/Dec 2013) BMD notices in *Brockville Times*, January 1897.

(Sept/Oct. 2014) Historical information about several schools in Brockville and Prescott in the 19th and early 20th century.

London Leaf (Nov 2013) International London Old Boys' Association 1900 – list of names and addresses.

Norfolks (Nov 2013) List of Port Rowan war dead (both World Wars).

Notes from Niagara (Nov 2013) 1907 Crowland voters List.

Ottawa Genealogist (July - Sept. 2014) Early Bytown settlers index R – S.

Our Waterloo Kin (Vol. 14 No. 1, 2014) A list of Spanish influenza deaths in Kitchener, Ontario, October 1918.

Perth County Profiles (Feb 2014) Hibbert School – Staffa.

Rooting Around Huron (Aug 2014) A listing of Londesborough businesses in 1887 and 1889.

Roots, Branches & Twigs (2013, Vol. 36, No. 4) A list of names from the Kent County Prisoners' Record Book (19th century) includes age, marital status, crime, sentence and discharge date.
(Vol. 37 No.1 2014) Chatham-Kent black history.

Sault Channels (June and Sept. 2014) Lists of births as printed in the *Sault Daily Star* (ranging from 1822 to 1948).

Traces & Tracks (Winter 2013) A list of men who were recruited at Guelph into the Twelfth Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (WWII).

York Region Ancestors (Nov 2013) Settlers in Markham Township in 1799, names and places of residence. Also innkeepers for Whitchurch Township, 1801-1841.

WORLD WAR I

The Genealogists' Magazine (Sept 2014) Female ancestors and war.

Generations (New Brunswick) (Summer and Fall 2014) World War I deaths in the 140th Battalion (list of names).

Oxfordshire Family Historian (Aug 2014) A special issue with numerous articles about World War I.

Sib Folk News (Orkney) (Sept 2014) Special issue featuring many articles about WWI.

Your Family History (Dec 2013) Image analysis: things to look for in World War I photos.

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Hidden Gems

Métis Resource Centre

Virginia Braid #0868

On October 15 of this year, Mary Bole and I had the pleasure of visiting the Métis Resource Centre at 410 McGregor Street (www.metisresourcecentre.org).

The Centre houses a wonderful library that has a wealth of information about the history of Manitoba. The library has books, microfiche and tapes that tell the story of our early settlements at Red River, and of the First Nations and Métis peoples. There are also some interesting artifacts to see.

If you are doing any research in these areas you should consider going to this library. Give them a call at 204-956-7767 and arrange for a time to go and visit this hidden gem for genealogists and historians. You won't be disappointed.

Transcona Historical Museum

Donna-Mae Burgener #5118

The Transcona Historical Museum has the archival records of the *Transcona and Eastern Manitoba News* from 1912 to current day. The current records would include the *Transcona Views* and the *Heralds*, although some years are missing. From 1931, the volumes are bound. Most records are available to researchers, although some are fragile and can only be handled by the Museum staff. But all records can be viewed.

The curator is Alanna Horejda and is most helpful with all requests. She can be reached at alanna.hodjda@transconamuseum.mb.ca or by phone at 204-222-0423.

The Museum is located at 141 Regent Avenue West (the corner of Regent and Bond Street). The hours of operation are: Tuesdays to Friday 9 – 4; Saturday and Sunday 8 – 4. The Museum is closed on Mondays.

You can find the Museum's web site at <http://www.transconamuseum.mb.ca/>

Branch News

Beautiful Plains Branch

Maxine Woodcock #4270, President

The Beautiful Plains Genealogical Society continues to meet monthly except for July and August. Our membership numbers remain constant. Our library has moved to the Beautiful Plains Museum and this is still a work in progress. In the coming year our focus will be to update the information in a military display at the museum. Hopefully this will get all members involved and rekindle genealogical interests.

Dauphin Branch

Shirle McGimpsey #0473, President

Since my last report we've been quite active and gained a few new members.

In October we had Ray Lofgren speak on "Preserving and Dating your old Photos". November was our Christmas Supper, with each member bringing a food item for our local Food Bank. We presented Marilyn Muller with her well-deserved award, the Florence Cox Award from MGS. Marilyn Strang and I proudly displayed our Loyalist Certificates. That was a lot of research but now we can add UEL to our surnames.

December saw members ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Kettles.

Starting the New Year 2014, showed very few changes with our Executive. Cindy Nicholson, ECI Instructor at ACC, spoke "On Going Paperless " and on the use of different scanners. Members gathered at the Lutheran Church basement to update our displays to be used at "Heritage Days" held in February at our local mall.

In February eight members attended the funeral service for member, Margaret Scrase. Later in February, Sasha Golding from Silver Frame Productions showed us how to organize and present our "Family History with Pictures". Jean Tucker donated "A Directory of Pioneer Families in the Dauphin Area" which was

presented to Marilyn Muller with the hope that she can make use of it doing our queries.

March saw John Riehl speaking on finding his 11 siblings, how it felt to now be part of a dozen and not an only child. Since then John & Fran have become members.

In April Marilyn Muller gave a presentation on "Documenting Your Research".

May was our Wind-up, a fun night with pizza and 'Show & Tell'. We do have some interesting ancestors!

Don White once again attended the DRCSS Graduation and presented our Scholarship. This year we upped the amount of our scholarship and only presented one.

Our summer has been spent organizing our Branch's 35th Anniversary, to be held in September.

Dauphin Branch Celebrates 35th Anniversary

Gloria Baxter #4267

Submitted to "The Dauphin Herald"

The Dauphin Family History Group celebrated 35 years as a branch of the Manitoba Genealogical Society on September 20, 2014, emceed by President Shirle McGimpsey. Thirty-six members and guests attended from Dauphin, Winnipeg and Winnipegosis, with messages received from Ontario and Alberta.

An excellent meal was catered by Sharon McCorvie complete with a cake decorated by Tammy Zurba. Greetings from the Manitoba Genealogical Society were brought by Kathy Stokes. A moment of silence was led by Marilyn Muller. Grace was said by Connie Blackmon and a toast was given by Don White.

Certificates of Merit and Long Service were presented to numerous members by Marilyn Strang.

Jean Tucker, as a founding member, spoke on how she worked for a year, and was interviewed by MGS, CKDM and *The Dauphin Herald*, in order to get interested parties to attend an organizational meeting. The original fifteen

members did a great deal of work recording births, marriages and deaths from local newspapers. A card file was set up and stored at the library.



PHOTO: Jean Tucker receiving her Life Membership Certificate from Kathy Stokes

Area cemeteries were transcribed, amid insects, garter snakes and other wild critters, and the information was added to the files. Members did research by attending seminars, joining family history organizations in Canada and overseas, as well as financing a trip to Salt Lake City where they found Canadian records were lacking. There was much socializing and sharing of information.



PHOTO: Members of the Dauphin Branch received Certificates of Merit and Long Service at the 35th Anniversary event.

Over the years, equipment, books, films and other records have been collected and added to the library holdings in Dauphin. Some members have published their histories and some have found documents to prove a United Empire Loyalist lineage. She referred to the displays that were set up around the room documenting the group's history and activities.

Jean believes that computers have made information much easier to access, but has interfered with the social element of researching family history. The group projects and get-togethers which were greatly enjoyed are more difficult to organize. She expressed a hope that all the past volunteers will be remembered and all the newer members will continue to work to keep the organization alive. She listed many names of those that she remembered personally.

Jean received a Life Time Membership Certificate from the MGS, to honour her commitment and contributions to family history research for the past 35 years.

Several guests mentioned a few ways of collecting information such as visiting cemeteries, travelling, reading phone books, and knocking on doors. Connie Blackmon stressed the importance of collecting and recording your family stories, beginning with yourself.



PHOTO: Gordon McBean, accompanied by Pat Allan, gave a presentation on MyHeritage and MANI to the Dauphin Branch and guests on October 25th

The evening entertainment was a show of fancy footwork by Sara Shuttleworth from the Parkland Tappers which impressed everyone.

Closing thoughts were given by Virginia Fox. This was an enjoyable and appreciated celebration of the past 35 years! Let's inspire the next generations to carry on the research.

The Dauphin Family History Group meets on the third Thursday of each month at various venues in Dauphin and new members are always welcome. Learn how to find and access records, archives and resources, and how to document, source and store your materials. Be

able to determine if that tree on the Internet is really yours and if it is accurate or just a collection of guesses.



Southeast and Winnipeg Branch

Virginia Braid, #0868, President

The Branch's AGM was held May 11, 2014 and the following executive was elected by acclamation:

President: Virginia Braid
1st Vice-President: Susan Wellman
2nd Vice-President: Sheila Woods
Secretary: Kathleen Kristjansson
Treasurer: Susan Thorpe
Councillors: Barbara Becker
Virginia Braun,
Katharine Schulz

Barbara Becker is a new member of our executive.

Kelly Southworth received our Certificate of Appreciation.

This past year we had twenty presentations – one tour, five “12 Heads”, one computer SIG and the rest on general topics. We also organized a Seminar, “New Directions” with Robin Shimpa of Minnesota and Louis Kessler of Winnipeg as guest speakers.

This past spring two members of the executive, Sheila Woods and Kathleen Kristjansson, offered a five-week course on “Beginning Genealogy” through the Winnipeg One School Division's Life Long Learning Program. On the last week the students had a field trip to our Resource Centre. By giving this course \$370 was earned for MGS. Another course was started at the end of September, 2014.

The Branch successfully applied for funding from the Winnipeg Foundation for money for the MANI index project. The profits from the Seminar went to MGS to be used for refurbishing computers. We also paid for the Internet service, *NewspaperArchives.com* and *Ancestry.library* for the Library. These last four items totalled \$2,082.85.

I would like to express my gratitude to the 2013-2014 executive members for their outstanding work this year. Their dedication and creative input has enhanced the ability of the Branch to promote genealogy.

This coming year nineteen presentations and one tour have been arranged. It will be a busy time for the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch.

South West Branch

Laura Crookshanks, #4292, Secretary

The Southwest Branch has had another busy year. Membership has held steady at about sixty-five. We continue to meet monthly, September to June. Our Program Committee has arranged very interesting and educational programs at each meeting. Attendance has averaged about eighteen. Our Annual General Meeting was held in March, with a full slate of officers elected at that time.

In April our Annual Heritage Dinner was very well attended. The guest speaker was Marc George of the Royal Canadian Artillery Museum in CFB Shilo, who gave a very informative presentation on World War I.

At the request of the Brandon Public Library, we presented an introductory workshop: “Getting Started with Genealogy”. It was full with a waiting list. We also offered three sessions at the Library on “Writing Your Memoirs” which drew interest from both members and non-members.

Other activities include: quarterly production of our newsletter, *The New Leaf*; maintaining our web site; staffing the Margaret E. Goodman Memorial Library; and cemetery transcribing.

We're looking forward to another year of interesting programs at our regular meetings and

possibly experimenting with some smaller group sessions.

Swan Valley Branch

Eric Neufeld, #2410L, President

The Swan Valley Branch has completed another year of genealogical research. We are located at the North-West Regional Library at 610 1st St. N., in Swan River. Our meetings are every 2nd 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.

We continue to index births, marriages and deaths from the *Star and Times* and we have submitted this regularly to the MGS office. We thank Helen Ellingson for indexing this for us.

Our branch continues to answer any queries on a regular basis for genealogical information for our Valley. This is one of our branch's most rewarding activities, which we tackle each year. This year we continued to scour auctions and garage sales for any history books or maps for the Swan River Valley to add to our library collection.

We continue to preserve any historical document that may assist anyone to trace their ancestors in our Valley.

Communications Update

Janice Butcher #4499, Vice President

Communication is extremely important for any organization: in this case between MGS and its members – what is happening in the branches, member feedback on Executive decisions, and with the general public for promotion and awareness. In this issue of *Generations*, the five branches are featured, communicating information about what is happening in their areas. Communication is a “two-way street” and we need to know your information and ideas. I encourage more of this type of communication.

My portfolio includes several committees which strive to “spread the word” about genealogy. Our journal, *Generations*, under Editor David Farmer, is a major communication vehicle and

is always looking for people to write articles (long or short).

The Education and Outreach Committee, under Chair Bill Curtis, is very active in promoting both genealogy and MGS in the community attending a number of events in the past year (*please see the Education and Outreach AGM report, page 9*).

The Publicity Committee is responsible for other forms of communication such as creating posters, updating our Facebook site, and helping to organize the annual Open House (this year held in conjunction with MB Culture Days).

As Vice-President Communications, I am committed to improving communication FROM MGS and WITH MGS. We are endeavouring to make the web site more current, communicating with members more frequently by sending monthly “news” to MGS members by e-mail, and to using more media contact.

But I cannot do it alone!. We need to expand the above committees and are looking for people to join the Communication “team”. There are many small jobs that individuals could do: write an article for *Generations*; help out at an Outreach event; contribute to the Facebook page; help with web site information for example. Many of these tasks can be done from home.

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact me, Janice Butcher, at jbutchr@cc.umanitoba.ca. And please COMMUNICATE with me if you have an idea! I look forward to hearing from you.

*“Genealogy is all about
chasing your own tale!”*

The Last Laugh

Who am I?

(Author Unknown)

I started out calmly, tracing my tree,
To see if I could find the makings of me.

And all that I had was Great Grandfather's
name,
Not knowing his wife or from whence he came.

I chased him across a long line of states,
And came up with pages and pages of dates.
When all put together, it made me forlorn,
Poor old Great-Grandpa had never been born.

One day I was sure the truth I had found,
Determined to turn this whole thing upside
down.

I looked up the record of one Uncle John,
But then found the old man to be younger than
his son.

Then when my hopes were fast growing dim,
I came across records that must have been him.
The facts I collected made me quite sad,
Dear Old Great-Grandfather was never a Dad.

It seems that someone is pulling my leg,
I'm not at all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg.
After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree,


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Date	Meeting Type	Topic	Presenter
January 12	General	Southeastern Manitoba, Sirka MB Church and the Andrusiak Family	Frances Andrusiak
January 19	Presentation	Brookside Cemetery – Field of Honour	Jane Saxby
February 9	General	Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives	Conrad Stoesz
February 23	General	Unlocking the Past through Science	Judith Roe
March 9	General	The Wall Came Tumbling Down	Kelly Southworth
March 23	Presentation	Daily Life on the Western Front	Captain Gordon Crossley
April 13	General	Life in the British Workhouses	Susan Thorpe
April 20	Presentation	Tombstone Tales	Kathy Stokes
May 11	AGM	Steamboats on the Red River	Ed Ledohowski
May 25	Presentation	Games Our Ancestors Played As Children And Their Toys	Ray England
June 8	General	Signed, Sealed and Delivered	Susan Wellman



"My old grandmother always used to say,
Summer friends will melt away like summer
snows, but winter friends are friends forever."
- George R.R. Martin, *A Feast for Crows*

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food
and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and
for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for
home."
— Edith Sitwell

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