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## From the Editor

David Farmer #2277

Well it is almost June as I write this, and it appears that summer has arrived (I have cut the grass twice in the last week). Not sure what happened to spring, but it is nice to finally have some consistent warm and sunny days.

Well after some effort I finally got back into a little family history research these past few days. My son-in-law expressed some interest in knowing where his family came from, so I said 'Give me some names and dates of what you know, and I will see what I can find for you!'. Well it seems his descendants, for the most part, came from Belgium, with the most recent few generations moving to Manitoba (still have not determined the reasons why). With a little bit of luck and some effort, I have traced one of his lines back to the mid-1500s. He is quite impressed! And I got to have a little fun with the research again.

This issue has a couple of new contributors and is also somewhat of a historic issue. Trish Cullen, a guest columnist with *The Brandon Sun*, shares some very good tips on how to research your First Nations ancestry (*Ten Tips for Searching First Nations Ancestry*). Another new contributor, and as far as I know the first ever member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly to submit an article, Doug Martindale tells us how he got started in family history. (*Searching in the Graveyard: How I Began My Family Tree Research*).

This issue is also historic in that, at least during my time as Editor, we have reduced the number of pages. With less submissions of articles, and a tight budget, it does not seem to make sense to use 'filler' to keep the number of pages consist and have to pay for it. So from here on in, *Generations* will have a variable number of pages. The quality will remain the same, so if you have an idea, let's get a story written and into the issues.

Enjoy this issue and the summer. See you in the fall.



## From the President

Jim Oke #2729

Our long awaited spring is upon us at last and surely summer cannot be far behind. I hope everyone will soon enjoy their favorite summer activities whether it's at a family cottage, one of the local beaches or just going for a walk in the park.



Perhaps it is also time to plan a family history trip some place to visit a particularly significant cemetery or see where an ancestor or relative lived in earlier times. From personal experience, I can say that "walking the ground" where someone has lived, whether it's the grandest of estates, a working farm, or a humble tenement in a city, does much to amplify and give context to the paper or online records that we deal with most of the time. With luck, you will meet some interesting people or maybe even a long-lost cousin or two on the way!

At a recent Council meeting, members approved a set of motions that will go forward at the fall AGM seeking to amend the MGS Constitution. These items will appear elsewhere in this edition of *Generations*. As fair warning, these things are not exciting reading, but are necessary changes to move MGS forward from earlier times, when membership numbers were larger and travel to meetings was less costly. I want to thank Kathy Stokes and Janice Butcher for taking on this challenging and somewhat thankless task. This is not really an end state but a step on the way to ensure MGS remains structured to serve its members and to prosper in the coming years.

This year on Manitoba Day, MGS participated in a significant event at the Manitoba Museum to let our fellow citizens know of our contribution to preserving Manitoba's history and cultural heritage. Thanks go to Bill Curtis for looking after this appearance for MGS. As a consequence, our traditional Open House event will move to a September date and hopefully draw some new members in at the beginning, and not the end of the research season.

I can report that the MANI database project to consolidate and improve the accessibility of our numerous data sources and indexes, within the Resource Centre, is moving along well. It would be unwise to set deadlines or guaranteed release dates, but it appears that MANI should be available for use on an in-house basis during the fall of 2013, with external on-line access to come early next year. An updated web-site offering MANI access to MGS members and other paid users is part of this project as well. Thanks go to Gord McBean and Linda White for ensuring this project moves along.

Again, have a pleasant summer, happy and safe travels, and hope to see everyone in the fall.

### *Our Condolences ...*

G. Noreen "Nonie" Rooke, 105 years, mother of MGS members #0125 Kathy Stokes, MGS Past President and #2117 Betty Atkinson, Past Membership Chair, passed away on Good Friday, April 18, 2014 at the Poseidon Personal Care Home.

### The Front Cover

What could be more summer-like than butterflies and flowers? Hopefully this image will bring you some joy and help to forget the long, cold winter.

The image was taken from the [www.8screensavers.com](http://www.8screensavers.com) web site.

*The phrase, "In the name of God, Amen" in an English will means that the will's author is an Anglican. If the phrase does not appear, the assumption is that the person belongs to some other religion.*



### 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.

**HOSLER** – what happened to the children of Albert William HUTTON and Fanny Jane (HOSLER) HUTTON, married 26 May 1903, Plumas, MB?

Children's names are: William b. 13 July 1903; Mary Ann b. 1 Apr 1905; Samuel Gordon b. Feb 1908; Lloyd James b. 22 Feb 1909. All of the children were born in Rosedale, MB.

Fanny Jane d. 19 Sept. 1911.

Please reply to Joan Conley (#5230) at [wayjo@telus.net](mailto:wayjo@telus.net)



### Notices of Motion for MGS Constitution Changes – 2014 AGM

The following Notice of Motion to Amend the MGS Constitution (Motions 1-10) were approved at the April 26, 2014 MGS Council meeting. To assist in understanding these Notices of Motion it is advisable to first read the original article in the current constitution (as revised Nov. 26, 2011) and then read the Notice of Motion which gives the proposed change and the rationale for the change. Other long term issues requiring more deliberation will be addressed in another article in this issue of *Generations* and Notices of Motion will be prepared for consideration at the 2015 or later MGS AGM.

**Preamble:** At the March 11, 2014 MGS Executive meeting, the Executive directed the Constitution Committee (Kathy Stokes, Janice Butcher) to focus on four urgent issues:

- Number of journals MGS should publish per year
- Quorum of MGS Council
- Adjustment of fiscal year
- Amending procedures for constitution

Notices of Motion have been prepared for each of these four issues, to be presented at the 2014 AGM.

### **Motion 1 - Article 3.1.4**

**Motion:** To change “produce a **quarterly** journal” to “produce journals”.

**Rationale:** The Executive needs flexibility to choose the number of journals MGS can afford to produce.

### **Motion 2 - Article 5.4 – Quorum of MGS Council**

**Motion:** 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”.

**Rationale:** The present quorum of ten Council members sometimes cannot be met. The proposed change will consider the number of Executive Officers and Standing Committee Chairs possible. Two examples follow: a) the quorum, if all Executive positions are filled and twelve committees have chairs, would be 50% of  $(8 + 12) = 10$  members. b) The quorum, if only six Executive positions are filled and eight committees have chairs, would be 50% of  $(6 + 8) = 7$  members.

Note: At present the Council consists of the Executive Officers (maximum 8 if all positions are filled), chairs of Standing Committees (maximum 12 if all positions are filled) and representatives of each Branch (maximum 5).

Note: Branch representatives will not be used to establish the quorum because of the difficulty in attending meetings but if they do attend they are entitled to vote.

### **Motion 3 - Article 11.6 – Fiscal year**

**Motion:** To change the fiscal year from “1 August to 31 July” to “April 1 to March 31”

**Rationale:** The proposed dates are similar to the fiscal year used by Government and other organizations; coincide with Provincial Heritage Agency grant timelines; and, make it easier for the Treasurer to prepare the annual financial statements before the summer.

Note: If the fiscal year is changed, other significant dates will have to be changed in accordance with various articles of the constitution as follows:

A. *Current Timeline* (according to present constitution):

August 1 Beginning of fiscal year

By October 31 AGM (within 90 days of end of fiscal year) – a new Executive Elected

By December 31 First Council meeting (within 60 days of AGM)

July 31 End of fiscal year

B. *Amended Timeline* (if this motion is passed):

April 1 Beginning of fiscal year

By May 31 AGM must occur within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year

By July 31 First Council meeting must occur within 60 days of AGM

March 31 End of fiscal year

### **Motions RE: Article 15 – Amendments to Constitution**

**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”.

**Rationale:** The Executive should be able to present changes.

**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”.

Rationale: The month in which journal issues are published may change.

**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 30 days prior to the AGM.

Rationale: Printing AGM Notices of Motion in the journal may require several pages and be costly to print. Most organizations only require 30 days for Notices of Motion to be sent to members. With the increasing use of e-mail communication, it is no longer necessary to rely on printed notices that are restricted by publication dates. However, if a member wishes a printed notice, they can ask to receive one.

## **II. Minor or Terminology Changes**

### **Motion 7 - Article 4.1**

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

Rationale: More appropriate term.

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

Rationale: An honorary life membership is an Award, not a membership category.

### **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.

Rationale: As above.

### **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.

Rationale: In Motion 9, we ask to remove the word “Committee” from the term Executive Committee. This motion would allow us to remove the word “Committee” wherever it appears in the constitution in reference to the Executive.

### **Motion 10 - Article 10 - Meetings of the Society**

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

Rationale: Meetings of the Council and Executive have been described in Articles 5 and 6 respectively. Article 10 refers only to general meetings of the Society and the heading should reflect this.

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

Rationale: For clarification.

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## **MGS Constitutional Revisions**

*Janice Butcher #4499*

The constitution of any organization is a living document that needs to be re-evaluated and revised from time to time. This is true of MGS; a constitution revision committee has been struck, presently consisting of Kathy Stokes and Janice Butcher (other members welcome).

This past year the MGS Executive decided to first work on some urgent changes (e.g. the dates of the fiscal year and procedures for revising the constitution) and some minor/terminology changes for presentation at the 2014 Annual General Motion. Next year we will work on more substantive issues for presentation at the 2015 AGM.

The current Notices of Motion are presented in this issue of *Generations* (as per the requirements from the present constitution). I encourage you to read these over in preparation for voting at the AGM to be held in October. The constitution revision committee will continue to work on more long term issues and would like to involve all MGS members in the

process. We encourage you to offer suggestions and comments about how you want the society to be governed and how decisions are made. We have listed a few of the issues below along with questions for thought.

### **1. Role of MGS Council in planning and decision-making (Article 5)**

- The present constitution states that the Council is “the governing body” responsible for “the effective control of the affairs of the society” but it has not done this in reality.
- What is the purpose of Council? Is it a decision-making body or a communications and rubber-stamping body? How can it be used effectively?
- How many and what individuals should sit on Council?
- How many Council meetings should be held each year?
- Voting procedures - the present constitution makes no mention of voting procedures.

### **2. Structure/Function of the MGS Executive (Articles 6 – 8)**

- There are presently eight officers on the Executive, six elected (past president, president, and four vice presidents) and two appointed. Do we need to change the titles and/or duties of these officers?
- Should we add some Members at Large which many organizations have? They could be useful for contributing ideas and could serve as training for future VP positions.
- Voting procedures – presently both elected and appointed officers have one vote. There is no procedure for breaking a tie.
- If the President is unavailable for a meeting or becomes unable to continue in the position, who will take over?

### **3. Committees of the Society (Article 9)**

- MGS presently has 12 Standing Committees and 7 Advisory

Committees. Does our committee structure need to be revised? How can we make it as effective as possible?

### **4. Branches of the Society (Article 12)**

- MGS presently has five branches in various regions of the province. How can the branches and MGS work more closely together?

### **5. Separating Constitution and Bylaws**

- It has been suggested that the MGS constitution should be divided into two parts (constitution and bylaws) with different procedures for revising each. Is this a good idea? If so, what articles would be put into each part?

These are just a few of the “big picture” issues that need to be discussed this year. Please join in the discussion – contact the members of the Constitution Committee with your ideas. We would love to hear from you. Even better, why not join our committee?



## **Branch News**

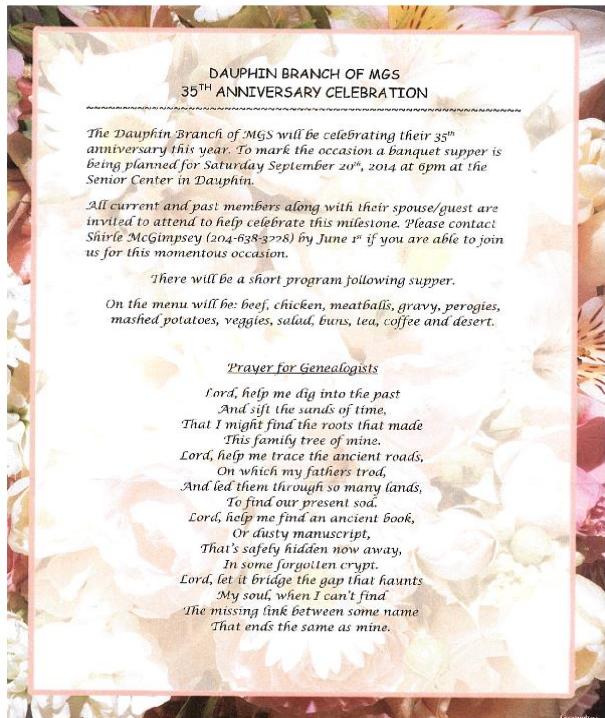
### **Dauphin Branch**

*Shirle McGimpsey #0473, President*

The Dauphin Branch is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The flyer below highlights the activities of this event.

“The Dauphin Branch of MGS will be celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. To mark the occasion a banquet supper is being planned for Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Senior Centre in Dauphin.

All current and past members along with their spouses/guests are invited to attend to help celebrate this milestone. Please contact Shirle McGimpsey 204-638-3228 by June 30<sup>th</sup>, if you are able to join us for this momentous occasion.”



## Southeast and Winnipeg Branch

*Virginia Braid #0868, President*

On May 12, the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch held its AGM. The following were elected to the executive for 2014-2015.

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

Kelly Southworth was the recipient of the Branch's Certificate of Appreciation.

Sheila Woods and Kathy Kristjansson gave a 5-week course on genealogy through the Winnipeg 1 School Division's "Life Long Learning" program. The course was presented during April and May and ended with a field trip to the MGS Resource Centre.

Thanks to Susan Wellman, the Branch had an excellent Monday night's program during the past year. Susan has planned an equally exciting educational program for the coming

term. Please check our website for information or sign up for our e-zine by contacting Sheila Woods through the website.

## The Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. is a registered charity.

Donations can be made to the Memorial Fund, the Library Fund, or the General Fund. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$5.00 and are much appreciated

## Changes to Wednesday Night Library

*Virginia Braid #0868, Co-ordinator*

For the 2014-2015 year, the Wednesday Night Library will be closed for part of the winter season. The library will close after the second week in December; December 10, 2014 will be the last night. It will reopen on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

Last year the volunteers had a difficult time coming out during the very cold and stormy nights. There was no way to let patrons know, on short notice, that the library would be closed. (More often than not patrons did not come out on those nights.) Hopefully we do not have as bad a winter next year. We are not prepared to risk that chance and put our volunteers in harm's way, thus the changes.

We apologize for any inconvenience these changes may cause. We appreciate the support of our patrons and our members.



*The Manitoba Genealogy Society is supported by a grant from Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism*

## **Friends of the Cemetery**

*Louisa Shermerhorn #0567*

As you may know, MGS is very involved in researching and collecting data (names, dates, locations, etc.) in relation to the various cemeteries in the province. Our cemetery index is growing quickly and will be a focal point of the Society's new online computer information offering.

Friends of the various cemeteries are also very involved in documenting the graves and people within, as well as accumulating histories and stories of this individuals and their past lives. The Friends of the Cemetery for St. James Cemetery is one of these groups and is very active in promoting the history of those interred within the cemetery.

Many activities are held to promote the cemetery (dinners, events, church services, etc.) and to fundraise, to aid in the cost of restoration and data collection.

A large emphasis for the Friends of the Cemeteries is the collection of the stories pertaining to those who have passed on and now rest within the St. James grounds. Anita Schmidt and Hazel Birt are gathering stories about people buried in our cemetery. This is an ongoing project and they welcome contributions. If you have information of someone buried here, or perhaps a family member, that you would care to share stories regarding, please contact:

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## **From the Past**

### **Rural Ramblings**

*Kathy Stokes #125*

Rural Ramblings will return in the September issue.

### **Are These Your Ancestors?**

*Kathy Stokes #125*

Sorting through some old papers and letters I have been collecting for MGS over many years, I came across a typewritten letter dated June 1987 from Grace Ronnander. She had taken the time to learn about the early cemeteries and burial sites in the RM of Shoal Lake and had very kindly sent MGS a copy of what she had learned. Her writings made the people mentioned come alive for me. We do have transcriptions of the Argyle, Thompson and Shoal Lake Municipal cemeteries in our collection as well as the stories of individuals told below, but I thought that they deserved a wider audience. Perhaps someone here is a long lost ancestor from the United Kingdom or Ontario and no one has been able to trace him.

### **SUTHERLAND**

George SUTHERLAND Sr. and his son, George Jr. came to the Oakburn district in October 1879 and took out a squatter's claim. George Sr. died in 1882 while his son was away in Winnipeg. His coffin was made by John Menzies and David Mair who also dug his grave. The coffin was made from boards sawn by hand from green poplar. His body lies buried in an unknown and unmarked grave somewhere on the west ½ of 32-18-23W about 1.5 miles north of the town of Oakburn, Manitoba. George SUTHERLAND Jr. later obtained a loan on the land and left the district. Tradition had him killed at Batoche in the Northwest Rebellion.

### **HARMER**

Mr. Harmer came from Cheshire, England as a young man of twenty-two years, coming first to Quebec and then to the Oakburn district, where he stayed at Alex Brown's in the first week of July 1886. While resting under a wagon in the heat of the day, something stung him on the

cheek below his eye. He died within thirty hours in delirium. His tombstone still stands on a knoll where the Baptist Church at Wheatfield once stood, on 18-18-23W. A cairn marks the location of the school. It is about two miles west and 2.5 miles south of the town of Oakburn.

#### **GARDINER**

Thomas GARDINER, son of Andrew GARDINER Sr. came to the Oakburn district from near Clinton, Ontario, in 1883. Tom was a great fellow to fight and while in Portage la Prairie he got into a fight with half a dozen fellows who gave him a mauling with cordwood sticks. He received injuries from which he never fully recovered. He died in 1886. His remains lie in an unmarked grave close to the north line on NE33-18-23W, about 1.5 miles north of Oakburn, Manitoba.

#### **FINDLAY**

Agnes FINDLAY, daughter of Charles and Magdalena FINDLAY was born in Salem Ontario. The family moved west to the Shoal Lake district and homesteaded in 13-17-23W, about two miles west of the town of Shoal Lake, Manitoba. Agnes, born in 1878, died of appendicitis in 1893 and is buried under a spruce tree on the farm.

#### **MOWAT**

Mrs. Alexander MOWAT Sr. moved with her family from Ontario about 1885 and settled on a property some 4.5 miles southwest of the "The Narrows" of Shoal Lake. Mrs. MOWAT Sr. did not long survive the trip to Manitoba. She is buried on the homestead, the site being marked by a carefully preserved wooden fence.

#### **CEMETERY POINT CEMETERY SITE**

Cemetery Point is west of the lake at Shoal Lake and in it are buried:

#### **COOPER**

Fitzmaurice H. COOPER (Johnny) was born in Kilmogar, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland on July 31, 1865. After coming to Shoal Lake, he worked as a clerk in Tom Parkinson's store. In the summer of 1886, the Manitoba and North West

Railway was extended to Shoal Lake and in the track-laying gang there were a large number of outsiders. One July evening, a brawl began in the hotel barroom. Cooper was accidentally struck with a dirk knife and died almost at once. This was on July 12, 1886. He was buried at Cemetery Point. A tombstone marks the spot.

#### **RYAN and WAINWRIGHT**

Neil Ryan and Edward Wainwright drowned in Shola Lake on August 20, 1882. All that remains of the tombstone of RYAN and WAINWRIGHT is the stone base, in the clump of trees, east of the clubhouse on the golf course.

#### **ROGERS**

A stone, originally at Deadman's Point on 30-16-23W is now in the Shoal Lake Municipal Cemetery. It is a large stone which reads: "ROGERS /James /son of /William and Elizabeth/ROGERS/born August16, 1876/died July 30 1897.

#### **ARGYLE CEMETERY (once called MacLean Cemetery)**

ARGYLE CEMETERY is located on NW31-17-23W which was the homestead of Mrs. MACLEAN and her sons John and Neil. They were early settlers in the district. The cemetery is about 2.5 miles east and four miles south of the town of Oakburn, Manitoba. Many of the early settlers of the area are buried here. The cemetery is still in use and well maintained.

#### **THE THOMPSON PLOT**

This was originally on Matt THOMPSON's homestead, which is located near the Shoal Lake hospital. The few graves remain in a small copse of trees close to Hwy. #42, between Elizabeth and Helene avenues.

#### **SHOAL LAKE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY**

This cemetery is located near the town of Shoal Lake on the homestead quarter of George WILSON who died in 1881 at the age of 29 years. It was the first death in the settlement. George was buried on the homestead on the banks of the Oak River. His grave is well

marked with a wooden marker. The cemetery is still in use.

The Special Projects Committee of MGS would be very pleased to hear from anyone who has information and/or stories on burial sites anywhere in the province. We have quite a few locations identified, but we know there are many more to be found.

### MGS Research Services

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### Our Library

*Mavis Gray #008*



### School Histories

The schools that we attended, and the teachers and other students that we met in our classes, are important parts of our own personal development. It was the same with our ancestors, and finding information about the schools they attended can help us further our knowledge of our family histories. In addition, in rural areas in earlier years, the history of the local school is often a significant part of the history of the community as a whole.

The MGS Library and Resource Centre has a number of books concerning the history of Manitoba schools, both in general and in particular. Some examples are:

### General

**Daniel McIntyre and the Winnipeg Schools**  
by William J. Wilson. 1981. Family History & Biography 921 MC1

**One Hundred Years in the History of the Rural Schools of Manitoba** by Mary Brewster Perfect. 1978. Reference 371 SCH

**School Divisions and Districts of Manitoba**, with maps of rural districts showing location of older school districts. 1987. Reference 371 SCH 1

### Individual Schools/Districts/Divisions

**The Book of Friends : Memories of High School and Lifelong Friendship / by the women of the 1953 class of Viscount Alexander Collegiate Institute**, Fort Garry. 2007. Manitoba 371 WINN VIS

**Daniel McIntyre Collegiate, Class of 1929.** [Photo.] Pictures 371 DAN

**From Slate to Computer : in the Transcona-Springfield area, 1873-1983** by Nan Shipley. 1983. Manitoba 971.27 SPRI FRO

**Laura Secord School, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 1987.** Manitoba 371 LAU

**Memories of Grassmere School Days. 1990?** Manitoba 971.27 ROCK MEM

**Passing the Torch, 110 years, 100 stories – St. John's High, 1910-2010.** 2011. Manitoba 371 WINN StJo PAS

**Rural Schools : Portage la Prairie School Division #24.** 1996. Manitoba 371 POR/RUR

**Ryerson School #360 (located at SE30-10-23 W1) : a look at a rural school through its attendance records.** 2010. Manitoba 971.27 WWOR RYE

**Schools, Our Heritage : from 46 school districts to Hanover Unitary School Division, 1878-1968** by John K. Schellenberg. 1985. Manitoba 971.27 HANO SCH

**Special People in a Special Place.** [A collection of oral histories compiled by the students of Hugh John Macdonald School,

relating to the ethnic character of their neighbourhood.] 1991. Manitoba 371 SPE

**Woodlands School Memories.** 2000. Manitoba 971.27 WLAN WOO

## Yearbooks

**Alta Petens** [Jefferson Junior High School yearbook]. Manitoba 371.8 JEF

Hapnot Collegiate : **Flinonian**. Manitoba 371 SIS

St. John's High School, the **Torch**. Manitoba 371 WINN St.Jo

St. John's High School, the **Torch**, 1910-1985 : 75<sup>th</sup> reunion edition. Manitoba 371 WINN StJo

Portage Collegiate Institute Yearbook : **Tatler**. Manitoba 371.8 PCI

## Architecture/Buildings

**Isbister School.** 1984. Manitoba 379.71 ISB

**A Study of Public School Buildings in Manitoba** by David K. Butterfield. 1994. Manitoba 720.9 BUT

## Miscellaneous

**Educational Echoes : a History of Education of the Icelandic-Canadians in Manitoba** by Roy H. Ruth. 1964. Manitoba 371 RUT

**A Day in a One-Room School** by Harvey L. Walker. Manitoba 371 LANS WAL

### KOHA Update

There has been a change of the address for KOHA – MGS' online card catalog.

This will not affect patrons using the library computer, however if you have bookmarked the address on your home computer it will not work. Instead, please go to the Manitoba Genealogical Society homepage <http://www.mbgenealogy.com/> and follow the link to KOHA.

You can then save this new link to KOHA on your home computer.



## Library Lines

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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.*

### Library Lines for May 2014

#### Manitoba

**281.9 Eli** St. Elie 1908 Pioneer Church Museum. [Boulton municipality]

**338 Man** Manitoba Christian Business Directory, 2009/10. [Reference]

**363.2 Tem** Templeman, J. *From Force to Service: a Pictorial History of the Winnipeg Police Department*, 1998.

**371 Lans** Walker, H. *A Day in a One-Room School*, 1999. [Lansdowne municipality]

**371 Por/Cra** Craig, R. *Dawn to Dusk*, 1992. [Oakville School, Portage municipality]

**377 Kin** King's Herald: *Yearbook of the Winnipeg Bible Institute & College of Theology*. Various years.

**378 UofM** University of Manitoba Students' Union Brown and Gold, 1964. We have various volumes from 1921 to 1967.

**726.5 Man** *The Manitoba Prairie Churches Project and The Manitoba Prairie Icons Project*, 2003-2008.

**929.5 Oak** *Obituaries from Oak Lake Town & Country News, 2009-, plus index by E. Dorward.* [Reference] [Sifton municipality]

**971.27 Bou/A** *Boulton Municipality, Manitoba. Miscellaneous Records.*

**971.27 Han** *Schools, Our Heritage, 1985.* [Hanover municipality]

**971.27 Min** *Beulah Minnewashta Memories, 1995.* [Minita municipality]

**971.27 Min** *Minnedosa Valley Views, volume 2, 1983-2008, 2008.* [Minto municipality]

**971.27 Mor** *Furrows in the Valley, 1980.* [Morris municipality]

**971.27 Roc** Edwards, W. *Stony: a History of Manitoba Penitentiary, 2004.* [Rockwood municipality]

**971.27 Sal** St. Onge, N. *Saint-Laurent, Evolving Métis Identities, 1850-1914, 2004.* [de Salaberry]

**971.272 Man** Shermerhorn, L. *Manitoba Settlers, an index.* [Includes Selkirk Settlers, Hudson Bay Personnel, Fur Traders, NW Co. Personnel]

## Western Canada

**971.2 Pra** *The Prairie West to 1905: a Canadian Sourcebook, 1975.*

## Eastern Canada

**929.5 Ont/Lan** Dewar Cemetery, Lanark County, 1986.

**929.5 Ont/Ren** Goshen Public Cemetery, Renfrew County, 1993.

**929.5 Ont/Wel** *Palmerstone Cemetery, Palmerston/ Wellington County, 1993.* [Section M]

**929.5 Ont/Wel** *Woodlawn Cemetery, Guelph, Wellington County, 1995.* [Block E]

**971.3 Gre** *Markdale, the Crossroads of Grey, 1988.*

**971.3 Lan** Miller, J. *Lanark County Land Transactions, 1820-1847, 1991.*

## Great Britain and Ireland

**364.942 Cri** *Crime and Punishment: Your Family Tree Research Guide, 2013.*

**912 Sco** Moncreiffe, I. *Scotland of Old, 1998.* [Map]

**940.3 Wor** *World War I in Pictures, 1914-1918, 2014.*

## Europe

**947.71 Son** Sons of Ukrainian Pioneers: Millennium Review, 1986-2000, 2014.

## Family History and Biography

**929.2 Hud** Shermerhorn, L. *Index to The Winds Blew West, 2014.*

**929.2 Isb** Cooper, B. *Alexander Kennedy Isbister, 1988*

**929.2 Pea** Hammond, L. *Jerusalem: a Peacock family History, 2014.* [CD ROM]

**929.2 Por** Porteous, B. *The Porteous Story a Scottish Border Family from 1439 A.D.* [CD ROM]

## General

**929.1 Pel** Pelling, G. *Beginning Your Family History, 1990.*

**994.3 Pro** *Proserpine, Then and Now: a Pictorial Record, 1988.* [Queensland, Australia)

## DVD Reviews

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You can borrow these materials from the MGS library!



These DVDs were recently donated to the MGS library, and are available for loan.

*The Porteous Story: a Scottish Border Family from 1439 A.D.* by Barry Porteous. MGS library call number: CDROM 929.5 POR4

This DVD is a reprint edition of the book that was published in 1980. It gives historical data about the origins of the Porteous family, whose family home was Tweedsmuir parish and the town of Hawkshaw in southern Scotland. Porteous heraldry, the kilt and tartan, and the older families prior to 1700 are described. Pictures, maps, and genealogical information of the present families are also provided, along with interesting Porteous biographies and achievements. The appendices provide such information as a list of dates in Scottish history, and Scotland's line of kings.

***Jerusalem: A Peacock Family History, Northern Ireland to Ontario and Beyond*** by L.P. Hammond. Vancouver 2014. MGS library call number: DVD 929.2 PEA

This DVD contains the story of the Peacock family who lived in Northern Ireland, Pennsylvania, Upper Canada, King Township (Muskoka), and Manitoba. It looks at the reason the Peacock families left Ireland, and records what is known of the descendants of Thomas and Hugh Peacock. There are many pictures and maps, as well as a bibliography.

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## Periodical Potpourri

*Enid Dorward #4502*

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

## MANITOBA

***Dauphin Pioneers Association*** (March 2014) Cairn at Fort Dauphin Museum.

***The New Leaf*** (March 2014) Death notices from *The Oak River Post* 1920-1922.

## CANADA

***Families*** (May 2014) Recent developments in Canadian law affecting genealogists.

***Family Tree*** (USA) (Jan-Feb 2014) Canadians exploring their Jewish roots.

***Kingston Relations*** (Jan/Feb 2014) Tips on using the 1921 Canadian census.

***Mennonite Historian*** (March 2014) Mennonite Central Committee in Canada.

***Okanagan Researcher*** (March 2014) The *Empress of Ireland* (CPR ship) - commemoration of 1914 sinking.

***Qualicum Beach FHS*** (March 2014) Canadian surname distribution maps.

***Trails*** (2014, vol. 36 no. 1) Researching African Americans in Canada during slavery.

## This month's feature: ENGLAND

***Ancestor*** (Australia) (Sept 2013) Brief guide to early English records before 1700.

### ***Berkshire Family Historian***

(Dec 2013) Tips on watching out for mistakes in BMD records.

***Bristol & Avon FHS*** (Dec. 2012) Has a list of names of persons from Bristol with a connection to the War of 1812.

- (Dec 2013) The Huguenots of Chewton Mendip.

***Kingston Relations*** (March-April 2014) Liverpool Catholic Children's Protection Society – list of children from 1884.

***Lancashire*** (Feb. 2014) List of patients who lived and died in Billington Asylum 1740 – 1842.

***Oxfordshire Family Historian*** (April 2014) Monument in Bonn Square, Oxford, with many names listed.

***Chinook*** (July 2013) Land tax records in Devon.

***Cleveland FHS*** (July 2013) A list of names of plague victims in the parish of Auckland St. Andrews in 1597.

***Family Chronicle*** (March/April 2013 & July/Aug 2013) Researching the British army abroad.

**Family History Monthly** (Feb. 2012)  
Researching Gibraltar family history.

**Family Tree** (Feb. 2013) Workhouses, asylums & prisons.

- (March 2014) The Sheffield flood of 1864, including a list of names of victims.

**Footprints** (Nov. 2012) Clandestine marriages in Northamptonshire.

**Genealogists' Magazine** (June 2013) In an asylum for the census.

- (Dec. 2013) UK burial records on the Deceased Online website.

**Gloucestershire FHS Journal** (spring 2012) An article about the Holloway family of Gloucestershire, written by our own Elizabeth Briggs.

- (winter 2013) Names from a WWII war memorial at Longhope, Glouc.

**Hampshire Family Historian** (March 2013) Some fascinating "detective work" based on graffiti about the tragic death of a young woman.

**Internet Genealogy** June/July 2013) Cornwall online parish clerks: an invaluable & free genealogy resource.

- (Aug/Sept 2013) Online memorial inscriptions of UK & Ireland.

**Metropolitan** (July 2012) St. Pancras Old Church, London.

- (Oct. 2012) Butlers and other servants.

**The Midland Ancestor** (June 2013)

A list of obituaries of people originating from the Midlands, who died in Canada. Includes name, birthplace, and death date.

- (Sept. 2013) Epidemics Timeline (UK).

- (Dec 2013) Royal Navy personnel from HMS Impregnable (names from 1901 census).

**Norfolk Ancestor** (June 2013) Neglected family history sources in the Kirby Hall library.

**Northumberland & Durham FHS** (spring 2013) An article tells of female convicts who were transported from Northumberland to Australia.

- (summer 2013) Bishopwearmouth burials.

**The Okanagan Researcher** (Dec. 2012)  
Sources for researching English agricultural labourers.

**Origins** (Sept 2012) The Loudwater local volunteer defence force, with list of names & addresses.

**Oxfordshire Family Historian** (Dec. 2012)  
Romany travellers in Oxfordshire prior to 1750.

- (April 2013) An alternative register for Combe, Oxfordshire.

- (August 2013) Facts from Oxfordshire wills.

**Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin**  
(August 2013) An article by MGS President Kathy Stokes about a marriage law referred to as the Deceased Wife's Sister Act.

**Tracing Family History** (May 2012)  
Researching Oxfordshire ancestry.

**West Middlesex FHS Journal** (March 2013)  
Hounslow Powder Mills explosions and accidents - with dates and names of victims 1757-1869.

- (June 2013) Newspaper notices 1931 and 1940-42. Names of persons e.g. golden weddings, exam results, funerals, awards, etc.

**Who Do You Think You Are?**

(Christmas 2012) Northumberland research tips.  
- (Feb. 2013) Berkshire research.

Also an article about London archives.

(March 2013) Researching Merchant Navy masters & mates.

- (April 2013) Derbyshire research.

## WORLD WAR I

**Family Tree** (UK) (Jan 2014)  
World War I uniforms.

**Generations** (New Brunswick) (spring 2014)  
World War I experiences of a New Brunswick man.

**Internet Genealogy** (Feb-March 2014) Digital maps of The Great War.

**Saskatchewan Genealogical Society** (April 2014) 60<sup>th</sup> Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, Canadian Expeditionary Force nominal roll and casualties.

## Recent Acquisitions in the Library

Enid Dorwood

*Military Dependents' View of the Cold War Years 1951-1986 with an Index of some Memorials* by Louisa J. Shermerhorn. Winnipeg, 2014. 87 p. photographs. (MGS library call number CAN 940.2 SHE).

Long-time MGS member Louisa Shermerhorn, has written personal reflections on life in the military during the cold war years. She married an RCAF member who was twice posted to Europe, once to Marville, France, and once to Lahr, Germany, during the 1950s and 1960s. They were also posted to four different locations in Canada during that time.

She describes her life as a dependent, raising children in France and Germany and the various Canadian locations. Her daughter and son also contributed their memories and impressions of growing up in Europe.

Ms Shermerhorn wanted those who died overseas during the cold war to be remembered, so she searched for information about those people; both the military personnel and their dependents, who died and were buried far from their Canadian homes.

Her research revealed that 570 military members and 926 dependents were buried in 44 cemeteries in Europe after World War II; she has provided an extensive index of the names of those people. Information includes: name, death date, cemetery, and where stationed. As well, information regarding which part of the military they served in, e.g. PPCLI, RCAF, Army; dependents are identified as "civilian".

The index also includes some Peacekeepers who served in a variety of countries. An appendix lists cemeteries and memorials in various countries. This is a fine memorial to military personnel and their dependents that lived and died during the cold war.



**Generations can be e-mailed!** Have you signed up yet for your electronic copy? You can sign up at:  
[mbgenealogy.com/index.php?page=generations](http://mbgenealogy.com/index.php?page=generations)

## Ten Tips for Researching First Nations Ancestry

Trish Cullen

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### 1. Understand the customary etiquette in respecting the Spirits of those passed.

Before you begin a search, it is a good idea to understand the beliefs of the culture on which you are about to seek information. I will use my own Anishinaabe culture as an example. We are taught that the person who passes should be honoured and respected in many ways that a typical search could potentially hinder their "peaceful rest" in death.

After a strict one year period of mourning, loved ones are encouraged to moderate their grief and to refrain from talking of any Spirits passed. It has been said that hearing the echoes of their names, or the sorrowful sounds of grief, could disrupt the journey in which they travel. These acts of woe can often will the person's Spirit back to comfort those who are still of this 'realm'.

As an Anishinaabe person, I would prepare by smudging, make an offering of tobacco and food, and/or consult with an Elder before beginning this very special process. Respecting the customary traditions surrounding death and their tribe is a sign of honour to those you will encounter in the journey ahead of you.

## **2. Research the applicable tribe's social structure.**

I would strongly encourage you to research the family social structure of the tribe's customs as it pertains to kinships. Read books, use Internet search engines and familiarize yourself with the family and community interactions of that time and specific group. Was the culture a matriarchal or patriarchal one? Were they a stabilized community, or a nomadic one? What were their known hunting or trading routes? These are some aspects which can give you insight into their lifestyles.

## **3. Familiarize yourself with the official Treaty document of such given areas.**

If you know the area or region in which your ancestor lived, you should then research the official government Treaty that applied to them. Understanding the terms of such treaty can reveal a lot of details which may have governed the health, welfare, education and source of incomes for these ancestors at the time of signing. The Treaties also identify the various Chiefs, Interpreters, Agents and Representatives who negotiated and signed these documents during this period.

## **4. Try to ascertain whether your ancestor had an Anglicized name, as well as a Traditional one.**

It is not uncommon to have an ancestor who had multiple names. This is a factor that can be particularly frustrating and confusing when researching First Nations' ancestry. The individual may have had a single Traditional name and/or an Anglicized first and surname. Both possibilities can be misleading and incredibly confusing. For example, in one census they may be identified as "Quesance" and on a Treaty pay list as Mary Ann Jourdain and then on a child's death registration as "Marianne Jordan". These three women are all the same individual, just with different presentations of their names.

These discrepancies can likely be due to errors in transcription, translation or the involvement of multiple Indian Agents, Registrars and Enumerators who all had their way of spelling

the foreign names with which they were provided, by such individuals or families.

It would be particularly beneficial to determine whether or not your ancestor in question had multiple aliases to search under. Never be so quick to exclude such possibilities when accessing multiple records. This is a factor that can, all too often, make or break a person's search . . . like looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack. Be patient and be thorough, eventually over time something might catch your eye or an anomaly may challenge your theories.

## **5. Sound names out, phonetically.**

When you are pouring through hundreds of census pages for various years and locations, I would recommend trying to sound out some of the names that you will come across. Reading the names and sounding them out phonetically may prove useful when you encounter recurring names or families. As I used the example of "Quesance" prior, it might help to understand this actual name. Quesance in Ojibway means "Little Girl". When Quesance was counted on treaty day, she may have been listed as "Kwaysance", and then enumerated as "Quaysens". These may appear to be three very different variations, but having sounded them out will give you a familiarity with the name. Then, when you cross-reference these sources, you will realize that they may all be one and the same!

## **6. Allocate a generous date range when querying events.**

Another area of contention when pursuing your First Nations' ancestors is the tendency for ages, dates of birth/death, and residences to be grossly inaccurate. I have realized, in my own cases, that when performing searches with a "+/-" range option, it is necessary to use, at minimum, a five year range (give or take). For example, Quesance has multiple birth years in the varying documents (1875, 1878, 1881, etc.), I have discovered. The differentiating years can ultimately lead to a searcher dismissing potential leads, by assuming that one given year should be "the one".

Why are there such large discrepancies in the First Nations' records? It is my personal belief that this was due to multiple reasons; Natives did not follow a "calendar" . . . their patterns and schedules relied heavily on the seasons and the positions of the moon. If a girl was "eight years old" in English, for parents who could not speak the language, how would you convey the age of your daughter? It is possible that the Agent in charge would estimate the ages of her and her siblings, when there was no official registration of her birth, prior to being counted in the initial pay lists. As well, many families would be away during the winter to trap, hunt or farm. Should a child be born, or pass away, during this time, then this event was often recorded in the summer and the parents would *describe* when it happened according to their recollections.

## **7. Utilize the Library and Archives Canada online databases.**

Aside from the obvious paid genealogy databases online, the Library and Archives database can be extremely informative, entertaining and affordable if you have determination and patience, to explore the multitude of collections available online.

Start your searches with very detailed parameters or keywords, then investigate the results and read these documents online. A treasure trove involving names, dates of birth, locations, and professions are in the *Metis Scrips*. Other useful files within the Archives are the admissions and transfers, negotiation reports, correspondence between the Agents and Ottawa, school reports and commutation records.

## **8. Contact any potential Band offices in the vicinity of such ancestor.**

Band offices are an excellent resource for identifying additional departments or contacts who may be able to assist with your search, depending upon the information you already have. If they are unable to help you themselves, they will often provide you with names, numbers or e-mails of someone they believe can help you.

## **9. Communicate with the Elders.**

Our Elders are a very special and respectable source of information. When approaching an Elder with your request, be sure to never go empty-handed. Their memories are relevant connections to the past. Elders are the gates to past generations and they often remember some of the people you may ask about, or have family that spoke of them in their own childhood. The memories belonging to Elders are valuable gifts and should be respected and appreciated to the fullest.

Sometimes, these memories can communicate what paper documents cannot. These memories also reveal more dimensions than a piece of paper might. Just be sure that before requesting or receiving the gift of their time, to provide them with a token of appreciation equal to the value of your appeal.

## **10. Remain open-minded and forgiving for any potential indiscretions which you might discover.**

Our ancestors were humans. Many of our Grandfathers and Grandmothers struggled with issues beyond what we can comprehend today. Some succumbed to such social, spiritual, economical and medical challenges in the most unflattering ways. Despite the negatives we might unearth, we must still honour their need for peace after death and maintain the dignity of their memory.

Technology has enabled the generations of today to look back and read some of these documents as though they were unauthorized biographies. It may have been their assumption that their honesty and disclosure of certain details to the record keepers, would be held private forever . . . never imagining that their descendants could, or would, seek such information out. As well, all too many of our ancestors' documented descriptions of their lives were at the mercy of those who had the power to filter the flow of information. Tread softly into the world they desired private and remember that the person you were searching for is still the same person, good and bad, as when you first started.

## **Searching in the Graveyard: How I Began My Family Tree Research**

*Douglas Fraser Martindale*

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We found what we thought was the oldest graveyard in Lachute, Quebec and began looking for names on tombstones that matched the names on a list of Frasers that my mother had given us. We couldn't match any of the names but did find the grave digger who was putting the finishing touches on a grave with a shovel. He took us to the office and showed us a map of plots, most of which had names. Still, we found no matches. "If anyone knows about the Frasers, it will be the Hon. Mr. Cottingham. He lives right there, over the fence. Go and ask him about your family."

My wife Carol (nee Wachniak) and I timidly knocked on the door and I said I was a descendent of a Fraser from Lachute. "Do you have any information about my family?" He enthusiastically said that he did and welcomed us in. We sat spellbound as he told us stories about the original Frasers, who came from Banffshire, Scotland and settled there about 1830. The one story I remember is about an ancestor or relative who lived on a farm and every day came into town with a horse and wagon to pick up cow and horse manure from people in town who kept these animals. "People made fun of him," he said, "yet, this is one of the most fertile farms in the area to this day!"

The Hon. Mr. Cottingham, who had been a cabinet minister in a Quebec Government, told us that there was only one Fraser left in Lachute; Annie Fraser. "We attended Grade One together" he announced and then picked up the phone and called her. He told her he had some relatives here and was sending them over.

Annie Fraser lived in a beautiful fieldstone house and the furniture looked like it came from Scotland over 100 years ago. She was very hospitable and just assumed we were related, even though we had no proof whatsoever. I

asked if she had a family tree and she said her copy was with a relative in Toronto.

The next steps were easy because in 1975 we lived in Toronto. With one phone call, my mother obtained the "*Roster of The Fraser Family*" compiled by Jessie J. White, 1926". We photocopied the family tree for my mother and then my sister typed a copy for me. It was forty pages long and not particularly helpful. Every page was full of Fraser names. Frustratingly there were no birth dates, death dates, place names or any other kind of information. Nonetheless it was wonderfully exciting. There on page four of the descendants of William Fraser and Elizabeth Wardrops Young, was my great-grandfather: John James Anderson Fraser who was born in Lachute in 1843. He married Christine McKay and they eventually homesteaded in the Breadalbane District north of Virden in 1879.

Since 1976 I have learned much more about the Frasers of Lachute, Quebec. I got my mother interested in genealogy, which she found to be an exciting hobby. My nephew Mark has made family research a passion and uses all his holiday time to travel across Canada doing research. One thing leads to another, as researchers know. I once brought greetings from the Government of Manitoba to a weekend of MGS seminars and my greeting ended up on the Internet. I began my speech by saying that I was the son of Marion May Martindale, who was the daughter of Elizabeth Fraser and Jack Bellinger. And Elizabeth Fraser was the daughter of John James Anderson Fraser. As a result an unknown Bellinger relative in New Brunswick e-mailed me a 10 page Bellinger family tree!

What began in a graveyard many years ago, has led to a wonderful hobby and pleasant hours doing research in the fabulous library of the Manitoba Genealogical Society.



## Questions That Perplex Me

Anonymous

You have probably never even thought of many of these questions, but once you see them, they certainly make you think, or at least smile.

- ❖ How important does a person have to be before he/she is considered "assassinated" rather than simply murdered?
- ❖ Once you're in heaven, are you stuck wearing the same clothes you were buried in, for all eternity?
- ❖ Why do round pizzas come in a square box?
- ❖ What disease did cured ham actually have?
- ❖ How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- ❖ Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours or so?
- ❖ Why are you IN a movie, but ON TV?
- ❖ Why do people pay to go up into tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things back on the ground?
- ❖ Why do doctors leave the room while you change? (They're going to see you naked soon enough!)
- ❖ And why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?
- ❖ Why do toasters always have a setting that burns toast to a horrible crisp, which no normal human being would eat?
- ❖ If "Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares," why is there a stupid song about that?
- ❖ Why does Goofy stand on two legs while Pluto stays on all fours? (Jeez, they're both dogs!)
- ❖ If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
- ❖ Do the Alphabet Song and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" have the same tune? (And why did you just try singing both of those two songs? Come on, you know you did!)
- ❖ Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets upset, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

- ❖ Why, Why, Why do we press harder on a remote control when we *know* the batteries are giving out?
- ❖ Why do banks charge a fee for 'insufficient funds' when they already know there's not enough money?
- ❖ Why does anyone accept your word when you state there are four billion stars, but check for themselves when you tell them the paint is wet?
- ❖ Why do they use sterilized needles when performing death by lethal injection?
- ❖ Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- ❖ Why can Superman stop bullets with his chest, yet ducks when someone throws a revolver at him?
- ❖ Why do Kamikaze pilots bother to wear a helmet?
- ❖ Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?
- ❖ Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
- ❖ Why do people repeatedly return to the refrigerator in hope that something new to eat will suddenly and miraculously be there?
- ❖ Why do people keep running over a thread on the floor a dozen times or more with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it back down to give the vacuum one more chance to suck it up?
- ❖ Why is it that no plastic bag will ever open from the end on your first try?
- ❖ And how do all those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?
- ❖ Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table, you always manage to knock something else over?
- ❖ In winter, why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer, when we complain about the heat?
- ❖ How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

Also, statistics on sanity tell us that one out of every four persons suffers from one form or other of mental illness. Then think of three close friends. If they're all okay, does that mean it's *you* who are nuts?

Think about it...

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## Lists – Ya Gotta Love ‘em

Submitted by Mary Bole #0884, MGS Librarian

We all make lists. Lists of what to pack for a trip, things to do around the house (usually made by a spouse), life style changes, people to whom we should send Christmas cards and the lists go on.

But did you know that lists are also a valuable tool in genealogy? Lists can help us to find ancestors, and help to resolve discrepancies in names, dates and places. The MGS Resource Centre has a long list of lists that can prove valuable as you search your past.

Here is just a sample, with some random names (contact the Library for more information on these or other lists):

### 1. The Chelsea Pensioners of 1848/50

“In 1848, the Imperial troops were recalled and replaced with a body of out-pensioners of the Chelsea Hospital...These pensioners were sent out partly as troops and partly as settlers.” The List contains names, age, country of origin, family status, rank and possessions. Here is a sample:

Ashford, James  
43 Ire. Married Private

Kenny, Edward  
41 Ire. Married Private  
1 cow

Picksley, Thos.  
46 Eng. Married Private  
1 house

Rice, George  
46 Eng. Married Corp.  
1 cow

And there are many others.

### 2. 1885 North West (Riel) Rebellion

“Honour Roll of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Composing the North-West Field Force which suppressed the Rebellion of 1885.” The *War News*, a weekly journal, published between April 4 and August 1, 1885, was designed to keep the Canadians (especially in Ontario) informed of the events and personalities of the 1885 North-West, or Riel, Rebellion. It is a very long list, listing both military units or regiments and the men who served, also indicated those that were killed in action, died from their wounds, wounded in action or deserted.

Winnipeg Troop of Calvary

Capt. C. Knight  
Sgt. J. StL. McGinn  
Tpr. E. J. Evans

Moose Mountain Scouts

Capt. G.W.R. White  
Cpl. F. Duffy  
Tpr. R. Sanders

And many, many more.

### 3. Manitoba Legislative Assembly 1870

This list lists the members of the MLA who were elected. It also provides the names of parents, spouses and where born and died. It could be a very useful tool in searching for those who might have had a political persuasion.

**Poplar Point** David Spence

son of James Spence and Jane Morwick  
Born 1824 Died 1884  
Married Catherine Hallett

**St. Clement's** Thomas Bunn

son of John Bunn and Catherine Thomas  
Born 1839 Died 1875  
Married Rachel Harriot

Twenty-four names in all.

### 4. Great Britain Strays – “Nanaimo Miners” – 1881

“The following are shown as “Miner” on the 1881 Canada Census of the Nanaimo, Nanoose Bay district, located on the east coast of

Vancouver Island, across the Strait of Georgia from the City of Vancouver., British Columbia.”

Ashman, Jabeza	22 Single	English
Harris, Samuel	48 Single	English
Meakin, John	53 Married	English

Some are as young as 16, while others are much older.

## 5. Some “Nixies” of Manitoba

(By C.E. Parker)

“According to the “Distribution” Books of the Post Office Department, a “nixie” is a post office that has been closed or the name of the office changed. Manitoba has had many such post offices and, for those interested in postal history, some of these offices are listed below.”

**Acorn** Opened July 1912

Closed Sept. 1917

**Bethel** Opened Aug. 15, 1923

Closed Nov. 10, 1953

**Lone Tree** Opened July 1893

Closed Oct. 23, 1910

So if lists are your thing, come on down to the MGS Resource Centre and have a look at what is available. You will be amazed!

So what is happening? Gord McBean, VP Information Technology, has been very busy working on various aspects of the project. The first thing needed to be done was to upgrade the computer hardware and software in the MGS Resource Centre to allow the online project to continue and to facilitate the day-to-day operation of MGS.

As of May 31, 2014, MGS has purchased four reconditioned computers and upgraded all computers to the Windows 7 operating system. Nine computers have been upgraded with three more to do. A non-profit licence for new Office 2013 software has been purchased (\$500 for all the computers) and is being installed. SAGE 50 accounting software is being purchased and will be installed to make the Treasurer’s job easier. As well Adobe software (for printing and creating read-only files for the online database) has been purchased for \$50. We have not spent a lot so far, but are getting some tremendous deals.

A new hi-speed scanner has been ordered, which will allow the ‘copying’ of hardcopy documents (e.g. cemetery transcripts) into databases. These ‘files’ or documents, can then be viewed online, locally or remotely.

Specifically with the online database project, we have received two Heritage grants to enable Red River College students to work on the project for the past year. The new ‘system’ is almost ready for “Beta testing” (where a number of MGS users will use the ‘system’ to identify problems or things that have been missed) before it actually goes live, out to the world to be used.

We are applying for another Heritage grant for RRC students for the January 2015 term to continue work on the project. We also need User Guides, Technical Manuals and Online Training to help everyone make the best use of the new system. The present target date for the system to go public is January, 2016.

There is much still to do but the plan is in place. So be patient and watch for further updates in *Generations*. Thank you for your support.



## Online Database Project – Status

*Capital Campaign Planning Committee*

If you remember, the Capital Fund Raising Campaign was meant primarily to fund a project to put MGS databases online for everyone to access. And I bet you are wondering how things are coming along? Have we spent any money? Have we made any progress? The simple answer to these questions is ‘YES’!

## **Call for Articles for the September Issue of *Generations***

2014 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. Our September issue will be focused on stories of Manitobans, and others, who served during that conflict.

We would like to highlight a significant number of personal stories of your ancestors who served in some way. These stories can be happy, sad, funny, tragic, whatever you would like to share about them. A picture related to the individual or the situation would also be nice.

Stories should be in Word format, about 300 – 350 words long. Pictures should be jpeg format, if scanning, then save the scan as jpg. The deadline for the September issue is August 1, 2014.

Let us make this truly a memorable issue, filled with heroes and family members. We look forward to your submissions. If you have any questions, contact the Editor at [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com).

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- "When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found. They forgot where they came from." -- **Carl Sandburg**
- You live as long as you are remembered. -- **Russian proverb**
- "We are the children of many sires, and every drop of blood in us in its turn ... betrays its ancestor." -- **Ralph Waldo Emerson**
- "People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors." -- **Edmund Burke**
- "Everyone has ancestors and it is only a question of going back far enough to find a good one." -- **Howard Kenneth Nixon**
- "It is a desirable thing to be well-descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors." -- **Plutarch**
- "He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning." -- **Old English proverb**
- "If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance." -- **George Bernard Shaw**
- "We've uncovered some embarrassing ancestors in the not-too-distant past. Some horse thieves, and some people killed on Saturday nights. One of my relatives, unfortunately, was even in the newspaper business." -- **Jimmy Carter**

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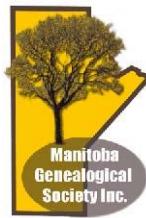
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