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## From the Editor

*David Farmer #2277*

Well I guess the big news in this issue of *Generations* is the new look! Wait, which new look, mine or *Generations*? Well you can decide, but really *Generations* is the big item.

This is the first attempt at making *Generations* more readable on-line and a more colourful, fun journal. I don't know if it works or not, so please provide feedback. Wherever possible, we have tried to start each new article or feature on a new page. Pages are predominantly a single column, so no more scrolling up and down to read an entire article. Some colour has been added, some new fonts used, in an attempt to 'spiff' up the look of the Journal. Some things have been removed and some new ones added, all to make the Journal more interactive and better suited to an online environment.

We still have the same features, authors and items, hopefully in a more appealing presentation. But please provide feedback, positive or negative; changes can be made. You can contact [me](#) and share your thoughts.

As for my new look, well, we will see how that long that lasts too.

Enjoy the issue.



## President's Message

*Jayne Paradis #0045*



As I am writing this, it seems that spring has finally arrived. The days are getting warmer and longer.

The April Council meeting was held once again in Portage la Prairie. It seemed to be a productive meeting and it is hoped that we can continue to do this in the future.

By the time you read this, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will have occurred. Most of our current Executive members have had their current positions for 4 years. It takes a lot of wonderful volunteers to make MGS operate – helping keeping the library open, keeping our Facebook and our web pages updated, indexing books and updating MANI are few of the many ways our volunteers help MGS.

I hope that summer is warm and sunny and good to everyone!

## The Cover Page

This issue was tough to find an appropriate cover page item, what with copyrights, suitability, relative to Manitoba genealogy, etc. So, with all the current chatter about re-opening the Portage and Main intersection to pedestrian traffic (what could be more Winnipeg and more Manitoba than Portage and Main?), I thought some old photos of the famous intersection would be appropriate. It does have a history! *(The photos are 'borrowed' from various web sites hosting collections of historic Manitoba photos.)*



## OUR LIBRARY



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## Library Lines

To access KOHA , the MGS Card Catalogue, please use the following link:

<http://koha-opac.bole.ca/>

The MGS Library is still discarding books, but we will not be putting up lists, sorry folks. We found that the discarded books were gone before the list was up on our web site or in *Generations*. We do have a dedicated number of shelves for the purpose of displaying them at the MGS Office. Just come in and check them out. They are free!!

We have had no problems or complaints with the discarding. We check to make sure that the item or information is available elsewhere, i.e. Winnipeg Public Library, Ancestry, etc. before it is taken off KOHA. Some of our books are just not of genealogical interest.

We are not discarding any Local History Books, one of our most popular attractions.

A policy was set quite a few years ago that we would keep Journal exchanges for 5 years and then go through the articles and keep any that have a list of names (e.g. soldiers, inn keepers, cemeteries, train conductors, etc.). These are very valuable lists and not used enough. They are not the same as the information on the big on-line databases: Ancestry, Find My Past, Family Search, etc.

If you look for just Miscellaneous in KOHA you will find 326 hits. I found miscellaneous records which included: Métis, Ireland, France, Texas, Scotland, Iceland, etc. and a Miscellaneous Saskatchewan Cemetery file.



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The articles are put in binders in the appropriate section of the library under the heading *Miscellaneous*. For example, check out Métis on KOHA:

**Title: Métis - miscellaneous records**

Call Number: Manitoba 970.3 MET

I have to admit I also like to search Ancestry, Family Search, etc. but it's time for us to "Look Outside the Box" and come into the MGS library and just browse.

## **Manitoba**

- 004.6 Qui** Quillen, W. *Mastering Online Genealogy*, 2015.
- 029.7 Man3** *Office Machines*, 2017. [Instruction sheets for MGS machines. Reference Section]
- 283 Winn** Walker, R. *St. Saviour's Anglican Church, Celebrating 100 Years of Service*, 2014. [Winnipeg]
- 287 Rock** *Victoria United Church (Presbyterian)—100 Years, 1883-1983*. [Balmoral, Rockwood.]
- 289.7 Loe** Loewen, K. *Meditations on a Place and a Way of Life*, 1982.
- 371 Winn** *General Steele – General Byng Millennium School Reunion, Sept 14-16, 2000*. [Winnipeg]
- 818 Mea** Becker, B. (ed.) *Measured Words: An Anthology*, 2010, 2011, 2013. [3 Volumes]
- 920 Wie** Wiebe, D. *The Great Depression and World War II – Life as They Knew it*, 2011.
- 971.27 Alon** *Patience, Pride and Progress*, 1983. [Eddystone and district, Alonsa Municipality]
- 971.27 Cam** *1982, A Year to Remember*, 1982. [Hartney, Cameron Municipality]
- 971.27 Clan** *Forest to Field: Centennial History of Rural Municipality of Clanwilliam and Village of Erickson*, 1984, 2001.
- 971.27 Corn** Brown, R. *Fort Brandon Story*, 1974. [Cornwallis Municipality]
- 971.27 Morr** *Index to surnames in "Furrows in the Valley"*, 2018. [Morris Municipality]
- 971.27 SAAA** Potyondi, B. *Selkirk, the first Hundred Years*, 1981.

## **Western Canada**

- 355.3 Pat** *The Patrician*, 2006. [Regimental journal of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry]

## **Eastern Canada**

- 971.3 Ont** Johnson, L. *History of the County of Ontario, 1615-1875*.

## **Canada**

- 940.54. MCF** McFee, H. *For We Were Young and We Had Wings*, 2004.

**940.54 MCF2** McFee, H. Oh, Silent Cross, 2016.

## **Great Britain and Ireland**

**285 Rus** *My Ancestors were English Presbyterians / Unitarians*, 1993

**929.1 Cam** *My Ancestor was a Migrant [in England or Wales]*, 1987.

**929.3 Stp** *Index (With Images) to the Baptism Registers of St. Patrick's, Livesey St., Manchester, 1832-1860.* [CD-ROM]

**941.4 Hut** *Old Parochial Records, Deaths and Burials Index, Hutton and Corrie, Dumfriesshire, 1817-1818, 1822-1854*, 2004.

**942 Lis3** *A List of Parishes in Boyd's Marriage Index*, 1992.

## **Europe**

**947.71 Len** Lenius, B. *Genealogical Gazetteer of Galicia*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition

## **General**

**929 Fam** *Companion Guide to Family Tree Maker*, 2017.

**929.1 Hen2** Hendrickson, N. *Discover Your Family History Online*, 2012.

**929.1 Mor3** Morgan, G. *Genealogy*, 2012. [3<sup>rd</sup> ed.]

**929.1 Qui** Quillen, W. *Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors*, 2013.

**929.1 Qui2** Quillen, W. *Mastering Census and Military Records*, 2013.

**972.9 Car** Sandiford, K. *Caribbean Community Millennium Project: Impact of Caribbean Immigration on the Development of Manitoba, 1950-2002*.

## **Family History and Biography**

**921 Mah** Letienne, T. *Letters from Lea*, 2016. Based on actual letters from 1932-3.

**921 Pen** Penner, R. *A Glowing Dream*, 2007. [Biography of men of Manitoba].



**Paraprosdokian sentences:** A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect, sometimes producing an anticlimax. For example:

- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



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## **Place Names Outside of Canada**

Finding out where our ancestors lived, and gaining some knowledge of those places, is an interesting part of genealogy. This column in the previous issue of *Generations* (March 2018, Volume 43 Number 1) listed a number of works on the origin and meaning of place names in Canada; here the subject is continued by listing some works on places and place names outside of Canada.

### **Great Britain**

*A Dictionary of British Place-names* by A. D. Mills. 2011. Great Britain 941 MIL

### **England and Wales**

*English Place Names and Their Origins* by Gordon J. Copley. 1968. Great Britain 910.3 COP

*The Streets of London : a Dictionary of Their Names and Their Origins* by Sheila Fairfield. 1983. Great Britain 942.1 FAI

*Streets, Parishes and Wards of the City of London* by Cliff Webb. 1991. Great Britain 942.1 STR

*Patronymics and Place Names in Wales and Monmouthshire*. 1967. Great Britain 942.9 PAT

### **Scotland**

*The History of the Celtic Place-names of Scotland* by William J. Watson. 2008. Great Britain 941.1 WAT  
*Topographical Dictionary of Scotland ... with Historical & Statistical Descriptions* by Samuel Lewis. 1989. Great Brit 941.1 SCO2

*A Genealogical Atlas of Scotland* by David E. Gardner. 1972. Reference 941.1 SCO

*Scottish Place Names* by Michael Eyers. 1983. Great Britain 941.1 EYE

### **Ireland**

*General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands & Towns, Parishes & Baronies of Ireland : Based on the Census of Ireland for 1851*. Great Britain 941.5 GEN

*The Master Book of Irish Placenames* by Michael C. O'Laughlin. 1994. Reference 941.5 OLA

### **USA**

*Origins of North Dakota Place Names* by Mary Ann Barnes Williams. General 978.4 WIL

*Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island : Their Counties, Their Townships and Their Towns*. General 974.4 MAS

### **Europe**

*Short History of German Place Names* by Harry Davis. 1988. Europe 943 DAV

*Alphabetical Listing of Villages in Poveits of Borszczow, Czortkow, Kopyczynce & Saleszczyki, Galicia, Austria* by Dave M. Olinyk. 1986. Europe 947.71 OLI





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## **Book Reviews**

*These books have recently been added to the MGS library collection and are available for loan. (Ask about low postage rates for out-of-town Canadian members.)*

***Letters from Lea:*** a story based on, and including, actual letters written in 1932 and 1933, by Terry Létienne. Victoria, BC, c2016. 219 p. MGS library call number FH & BIO 921 MAH.

Lea, a young mother of two little children, spent many months in the hospital in Souris, Manitoba, and then in the Sanatorium at Ninette.. During that time, she wrote many longing letters to her husband and mother. Written in French, the letters were forgotten for years, until Jean Mahy, her grandson, arranged to have them translated. The translator, Terry Létienne, has done a fine job of writing a fictionalized version of Lea's story, in which the reader can learn much about rural life in Manitoba during the 1930s.

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The library has recently received two fascinating books by Winnipeg resident Harry McFee:

***For We Were Young and We Had Wings*** by Harry McFee. C2004. 552 p. Illus. MGS library call no. CANADA 940.54 MCF

"A tribute to those who volunteered to restore peace in the world." In this book, McFee focuses on Canadians who served in the Air Force during World War II. It is a collection of stories of one woman and 14 men, who were from Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The stories include various combinations of information including service records, personal memoirs and letters. The book is generously illustrated with numerous photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, maps, poems and stories. The accounts vary in length and amount of detail, but all honour the contributions of the individuals to that terrible war.

***Oh, Silent Cross: Stories Assembled by Harry F. McFee.*** c2016. 726 p. Photos. MGS library call number CANADA 940.54 MCF2

This volume contains the stories of over twenty military personnel who served in the Canadian Army during World War II. Some survived and some became fatalities. Mr. McFee has compiled a remarkable amount of information besides the individual stories,

including the name of the regiment in which they served, dates of service, letters they sent home to their families, newspaper clippings, maps and accounts of battles, poems written by the soldiers, and many, many photographs. Besides this information, there are lists of Canadian Army units in NW Europe, decorations and awards, names of those who were awarded the Victoria Cross (both World Wars). As well, there is a listing of the members of the South Saskatchewan Regiment who took part in the Dieppe raid in 1942. Anyone who had family members who served in Europe during World War II will find this to be a fascinating book.

## Periodical Potpourri

***Important reminder** - When you visit the MGS Resource Centre, don't forget to check the publications that are received by e-mail and are only available to read on MGS computers. Here's how to find them:*

**1. Click on MGS indexes icon**

**1.1. Click on Journals shortcut**

**1.1.1. Select desired journal title**

**1.1.1.1. Click on the edition you want to see.**

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

### MANITOBA

***Mennonite Historian*** (March 2018) Abram Andreas Vogt – trailblazing genealogist.

### EASTERN CANADA

***Connections*** (Quebec FHS) (February 2018) Research tips for using Lovell's Montreal directories.

***Generations*** (New Brunswick) (Spring 2018) Keirstead Mountain School.

***Newfoundland Ancestor***

(Vol. 33 No. 4) Several articles about Christmas customs in early Newfoundland.

(Vol. 34 No. 1) Less used resources: settlement certificates.

- Sealing in the 1930s.

***SCAN*** (Simcoe County) (February 2018) Information about the newly launched OnLand system.

### ENGLAND

***Berkshire Family Historian*** (September 2017 and December 2017) Articles commemorating men who gave their lives at Passchendaele.

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**Devon Family Historian** (August 2017) The Devon and Exeter Boys Reformatory and Industrial School Records.

**Family Tree Magazine (UK)** (May 2018) How to make good use of the many archives in the UK. The article provides information about several of the major archives in all four countries in the UK.

**Genealogists' Magazine** (March 2018) The Jacobite rebellion of 1715 and its aftermath.

**Gloucestershire FHS** (Winter 2017) Help with brick walls.

**Origins** (Buckinghamshire) (Summer 2017) The Parish Chest – a summary of all the types of information available through this resource.

- (Winter 2017) Brewery and publican ancestors.

**Who Do You Think You Are?** Several back issues have recently been donated. Samples of the articles:

(Christmas 2013) Oxfordshire resources and data.

(Nov. 2013) Migration and your family.

(March 2013) Researching Merchant Navy masters & mates.

## EUROPE

**East European Genealogist** (Winter 2017) A well-illustrated account of a Poland/Ukraine trip.

## IRELAND

**Family Tree Magazine (UK)** (May 2018) Banished from Britain: the Irish poor.

## ONTARIO

**Bruce Bulletin** (February 2018) Bruce County strays.

**Leeds and Grenville Branch News and Views** (March-April 2018) Report of a common school in Elizabeth Township, Leeds County: 1842.

## SCOTLAND

**Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS** (February 2018) Maritime deaths in memorial inscriptions.

**GALLUS** (Glasgow) (March 2018)

- Scotland's forgotten Christmas cholera outbreak in 1831.

- Andrew Anderson, Coatbridge's miner hero of the Crimea.

**The Historian** – this publication covers the Tay Valley in Scotland, which includes the counties of Angus, Perth, Fife and Kinross. Several back issues have recently been donated.

**Scottish Genealogist** (March 2018) The origin of the Scottish Barclays, part I is a comprehensive article with many detailed references.

**Sib Folk News** (March 2018) An Orkney welcome in Calcutta!

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*Oregon Genealogical Society Journal* (Spring 2018) Michigan civil war veterans in the Grand Army of the Republic

*Your Genealogy Today* (March/April 2018) Electricity and your ancestors.

## WALES

*Glamorgan FHS* (December 2017) An article called “Decimalisation Blues” which explains pre-pound money in Britain.

- Also articles about three different workhouses.

## WESTERN CANADA

*British Columbia Genealogist* (March 2018) On-line access to BC death registrations.

- Clock & watchmakers and allied workers in BC 1700-1900.

*Relatively Speaking* (February 2018) This is a very special issue, devoted entirely to children and teens who are interested in family history, and who each tell about their family history projects. Great reading for parents and grandparents who would like to encourage their young folk to get involved.

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## Ready for a Contest?

It appears that we are not ready for a contest! Due to a lack of submissions, we will try again in the fall for some kind of contest or submissions feature.

Remember, this is your Journal, a place for you to share your findings, thoughts, ideas, skills related to genealogy, so that others may learn and have the same kinds of experiences you have had. Sharing is caring.



## **Southeast & Winnipeg Branch News**

*Submitted by Virginia Braid, President*

On May 14 the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch held its Annual General Meeting. The following were elected by acclamation for the 2018-2019 term:

President – Virginia Braid

1<sup>st</sup>.Vice President- Barbara Becker

2<sup>nd</sup>.Vice President- Sheila Woods

Secretary – Jill Glover

Councillors -Ted Becker, Maureen Corkal, Kathleen Kristjansson

Treasurer – Vacant

The Branch also had several changes made to its By Laws. Most of the changes were of a “housekeeping” nature.

The Certificate of Appreciation was given to Oriole Veldhuis for her support of the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch by giving many presentations and by sharing her gift of story-telling with us. Another fine example of the quality volunteers that serve the Branch and MGS. Congratulations!

Christine Hanlon was our presenter and she talked about her book, “Out of Old Manitoba Kitchens”. Christine told how she researched for the book and read some interesting stories from the book. She touched on how genealogy research helped her tell the many stories in her book.



**Southeast & Winnipeg Branch  
President Ginny Braid  
presenting Oriole Veldhuis  
(left) with the Certificate of  
Appreciation**



## South West Branch MGS Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The South West Branch celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by hosting a reception on April 20, 2018 at the Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum in Brandon. President George Mackay welcomed over 40 people in attendance. The evening featured a slide presentation of highlights from Branch activities over the last several years.

The following tribute was made in honour of Jack Dodds, a long-time member of the Branch, who passed away on August 12, 2017. His family was in attendance and helped to unveil the Branch's new banner, dedicated to Jack.

### *Tribute to Jack Dodds*

The following is a transcript of the tribute to Jack made by Laura Crookshanks:



It is an honour for me to have the opportunity to pay tribute to Jack this evening.

Jack joined the South West Branch in 2001 and was always very active in Branch activities. He contributed to our Branch in so many ways. I will outline only a few: Jack was Vice-President of Administration; he was instrumental in helping to move our resource library to Knox United Church; he was editor of *The New Leaf* for many years and; He received the Ruth Tester Award in 2012. Jack continued to come out to regular meetings even after experiencing health issues.

One of the major contributions Jack made in the last several years was in dealing with research requests received by the Branch. He was always very thorough about following up every lead, and checking all the sources he could think of. But he always hated to charge people for his time! When the Branch established a policy around research fees, he willingly did the research, but I remember one time, when I was President, he said to me “you can charge them if you like, but I really didn't do that much”. Meanwhile, I knew he had spent several hours on the research. If Jack didn't find it, it probably wasn't there!

Jack was proud of his roots in the Birtle area and would happily share information about Birtle and surrounding area, as well as all the numerous people he knew

there. On a personal note, when he found out I had ancestors from the Birtle area, he connected me with a cousin I did not know about and kept prodding me to go and see him. His gentle reminders worked and it was a very meaningful meeting for me, one that I would not have experienced without Jack's knowledge, but just as importantly, was his interest in helping me.

Jack partnered with Fred McGuinness for several years. Jack would drive Fred around the countryside to their events. Fred did the "Writing Your Memoirs" part of their gig and Jack covered the genealogy piece. They were a good pair and their sessions were always well-received.

Jack was a true community person – he was involved with organizations such as the Optimist Club, the United Way, Heart and Stroke, Canadian Mental Health Association and Civil Air Search and Rescue, as well as being active in union activities. It was amazing to listen to him, how much he knew about this area, and how many people he knew – all over southwestern Manitoba.

As I reflect on Jack's involvement with the South West Branch, there are several words that come to mind: well-liked, ready-smile, always willing to help anyone. He had a natural curiosity about whatever puzzle or roadblock you faced and how he might help you along.

The South West Branch is much richer for Jack's input and his influence will continue to be felt as we grow and develop – his hand will be seen in many of our future endeavors.

The evening concluded with cake, refreshments and the renewing of acquaintances and the sharing of memories.



**Some of the attendees at the South West Branch 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.**

## REVIEW OF THE MGS GOVERNANCE MODEL

It is important for the members of MGS to know and understand how MGS is organized. There are several positions to be filled each year and there is a continuing need for members to volunteer to fill these positions.

The following is the governance structure of the Manitoba Genealogical Society:

1. MGS Executive:
  - a) Elected by MGS membership at the AGM:
    - President
    - VP Administration
    - VP Communications
    - VP Finance
    - VP Information Technology
    - Members-at-Large (2 positions)
  - b) Appointed by the MGS Executive
    - Treasurer
    - Secretary
2. Standing Committees within Departments (see Inside Front Cover for currently appointed Chairpersons of these Committees):
  - i. Appointed by the MGS Executive
  - ii. Overseen by the respective Vice-President
  - iii. Chairs are members of the MGS Council

### ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Library  
Membership Services  
Office Co-ordination  
Research  
Special Projects

### COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Education and Outreach  
Journal (*Generations*)  
Publicity  
Social Media (New)

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Fundraising  
Grants and Applications

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Computer and Network Operations  
MANI Management and Operation (New)

3. Advisory Committees (Chairs of short-term committees appointed by the MGS Executive)

AWARDS

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW REVISIONS (Name Change)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

NOMINATIONS

SEMINAR PLANNING

SUCCESSION PLANNING

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

## REPORT ON THE MGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Twenty-nine members attended the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Genealogical Society, held June 2, 2018 at the MGS Resource Library. Ginny Braid, VP Administration, conducted the meeting in the absence of President Jayne Paradis who was out of town. The following is a brief summary of the highlights of the AGM; a full report will be available shortly on the MGS web site located at (<http://mbgenealogy.com/2018/05/12/2018-annual-general-meeting/>).

1. Proposed Changes to the MGS Constitution (see *Generations* Vol 43 I1 (March 2018) for the complete list of proposed changes and Motions.

Motions 1 – 3 were Carried

Motions 4 – 6 were Withdrawn

Motions 7 and 8 were Carried.

2. Election of Officers for 2018 – 2019

**President:** Jayne Paradis

**Past President:** Jim Oke

**VP Administration:** Vacant

**VP Communications:** Janice Butcher (appointed at Executive meeting)

**VP Finance:** Jim McKerchar

**VP Information Technology:** Gayle Mager

**Members-at-Large:** Mona Phillip; 1 Vacant

**Treasurer (Appointment):** Vacant

**Secretary (Appointment):** Rick Walker

3. Recognition and Appreciation - The following Executive members have completed their terms and were presented with a token of appreciation for their dedicated service over many years:

**Pat Sundmark** - Secretary (15 Years)

**Rick McLellan** – VP Finance and Treasurer (12 Years)

**Gord McBean** – VP Information Technology/Computers (10 years)

**Virginia Braid** – VP Administration (10 years)

**Linda Wray** – Treasurer (4 years)

4. Awards – The following awards were presented to several well-deserving volunteers:

Each year, MGS selects well-deserving Volunteers and presents awards named after previous MGS members. Each award winner exhibits the quality attributes for which the Award is named. Following are the Award Winners for 2018:

## JOAN WHISTON VOLUNTEER AWARD



VP Administration Ginny Braid presenting the Joan Whiston Award to Stephanie Wood, June 2, 2018.

### STEPHANIE WOOD #5549

Stephanie Wood is an ideal nominee for this award. Stephanie has only been with MGS since 2016, but she has been an exemplary volunteer and in her quiet way has influenced MGS' connection with its patrons.

Stephanie works on the Tuesday shift and often arrives before ten to open the office and get things settled before the other volunteers arrive. The fact that she often comes on the bus and lives a good distance from the Resource Centre has not been a deterrent to her dedication. One of

Stephanie's duties is to look after the front desk and phone. She always greets our patrons with a friendly hello whether it is in person or on the telephone. She is helpful to them with their requests. Stephanie is very approachable with the other volunteers and keeps the Tuesday people calm and collective just like she is.

Stephanie never complains about the work she is assigned, such as sorting, cataloguing, photocopying, working on the computer or shelving books, but always does her tasks cheerfully and diligently. She is able to take the initiative and move forward with her responsibilities. While Stephanie may not be a seasoned volunteer, the way she performs her duties makes it seem that she is a veteran volunteer. She has time and time again demonstrated her dedication and interest in MGS.

She always has MGS' interests at the forefront just as Joan Whiston did.

## FLORENCE COX AWARD



VP Administration Ginny Braid presenting the Florence Cox Award to Kathleen Kristjansson, June 2, 2018 at the hospital.

### KATHLEEN KRISTJANSSON #5193

Kathleen Kristjansson is an excellent choice for the Florence Cox Award. Kathleen has been a member of MGS and of the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch since 2010.

She has been on the Executive of the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch since 2013 serving as secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and as a Councillor. Along with the duties of these positions she has looked after the Branch's Monday night educational programs. Two of these sessions were on Genealogy Software and others on members of her family who have served during WWI.

Kathleen, along with Sheila Woods, has also given two workshops (2014-2015 and 2015-2016) under the auspices of the Winnipeg School Division on 'Beginning Genealogy'. She donated the money earned to MGS. At the request of the Branch, she successfully researched to find relatives and information about two War Veterans. These requests came from letters in the *Winnipeg Free Press*.



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Kathleen is a faithful volunteer for the Thursday Research group. Kathy has done many successful researches for the Society during her Thursday work. Her research is meticulous and very thorough. She has been able to handle difficult research requests because of the attention to detail and her wide knowledge of genealogy investigation and methods.

Kathleen is a dedicated researcher and member of the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch. She is a very worth recipient of the Florence Cox Award. Kathleen was unable to attend the AGM as she was in the hospital at the time.



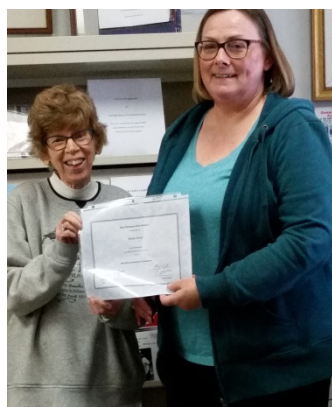
**VP Administration Ginny Braid presenting the Florence Cox Award to Bonnie Batchelor, June 2, 2018.**

## **BONNIE BATCHELOR #3686**

Bonnie Batchelor has been a member of MGS since 2000. She has been an active member of the Thursday volunteer group, running the library along with the Research team, since 2007. As part of her role, Bonnie has looked after the front desk, the duties of which included answering phone calls, welcoming clients, dealing with finances and helping clients who required help with their research.

Bonnie has developed a great knowledge of genealogy from the work she has done for her own family originating in Ontario. She knows where to look on the computers for information and is the only one that seems to be able to find the books the rest of us can't find in the library.

With her friendly personality and her other interests in her birds, fish and plants, Bonnie is very involved in other societies. Mother of two sons, an Airforce wife and a grandmother, Bonnie Batchelor certainly meets the requirements for being awarded the Florence Cox Award.



**VP Administration Ginny Braid presenting the Florence Cox Award to Kenda Wood, June 2, 2018.**

## **KENDA WOOD #3968**

Kenda is a most commendable candidate for the Florence Cox Award. She has been a member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society since 2001. Kenda first worked as an assistant with the Membership team and in 2015 became the Membership Chair. In this capacity she has overseen changes in the filing of membership information as we switched to MANI and made other computer changes.

Kenda is most cooperative with all members who require membership information. She has worked closely with the *Generations* Editor, especially with the change to an all-digital format for the journal, helping this shift to go very smoothly.

Kenda gladly helps other Executive members with their concerns. She also is very quick to answer Branch queries about their membership data. Her membership reports are always in on time, concise and up-to-date. Kenda performs her duties as Membership Chair in a calm, helpful and positive manner.

Kenda is a worthy recipient of the Florence Cox Award.

## THE JONASSON AWARD



VP Administration Ginny Braid presenting the Jonasson Award to Enid Dorward June 2, 2018.

### ENID DORWARD #4502

Enid Dorward has been a most valuable asset to the MGS Library group. She uses her library training and experience to help guide the work of the other volunteers. She will gladly take on any job assigned, and will seek and carry out other needed duties. She went from shelving periodicals to reviewing them for *Generations* in the article entitled 'Periodical Potpourri'. She went from filing cards to using our online card catalog. She is knowledgeable about working with KOHA and has catalogued many books.

Enid is particularly good at selecting books that are appropriate for the library and is very familiar with the collection. She reviews the 'new to us' books for *Generations*.

Enid is very capable when leading group projects. Right now she is in charge of indexing library resources for MANI.

She indexed the local history book *Ox Trails to Blacktop*, about Oak Lake, Manitoba as well as compiling all obituaries from the *Oak Lake Town and Country News* from 2009 to the present.

She is recognized as second in command in the library; whenever Mary is absent she is in charge.

Enid is wonderful when working with patrons – and willing to sit and help for great lengths of time. She is ever ready with a listening ear and is never judgmental.

The Tuesday group enjoys working with Enid and without her we wouldn't be able to sing birthday greetings on key!

She is a most deserving winner the Jonasson Award.

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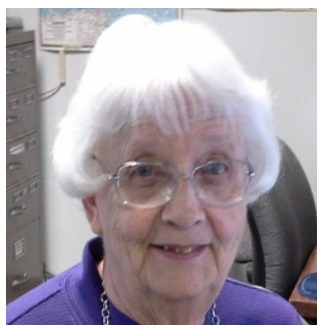
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## FEATURES



**KATHY STOKES #0125**

### **FROM THE PAST**

## Rural Ramblings

*Winnipeg Free Press* August 29, 1906

Mrs. Robert Renwick, 42 yrs., died in Carberry on 27 August 1906. She leaves behind her husband and a son George. Burial took place in Carberry Cemetery.

Mrs. James Leckie died recently in Carberry. She came to Manitoba from Scotland about 12 years previous to her death and is survived by her husband and one son, John. Burial will be in Carberry cemetery.

Jacob Giesbrecht, 48 years old, died suddenly in Winkler while loading sheaves recently. He will be buried in Winkler Cemetery.

*Winnipeg Free Press* August 30, 1906

Mr. Rigaux from near Cypress River died recently. Being inebriated, he had an accident with his team and wagon.

*Winnipeg Free Press* September 1, 1906

Jessie G. McPhee, wife of Cory, died at Baldur on Sept. 1. Originally from Cornwall, Ontario, she was the mother of four children.

Emma McKinney died in Minnedosa on August 30.

*Winnipeg Free Press* September 12, 1917

Lieut. J.D "Jack" Verner of the 79<sup>th</sup> Cameron Highlanders recently received the Military Cross. Since late 1916 he has been in the trenches and has been mentioned in dispatches several times. It was said that he was "one of the best serving with the King's forces anywhere in France or Belgium." Jack is the son of T.H. Verner, a collector of taxes for the Inland Revenue Department. (Photo)

*Winnipeg Tribune* July 18, 1906

Joseph T. Bedford, son of Gilbert Bedford of Newlands Ontario, was married on July 7, 1906 to Annie Goode, daughter of the late Matthew Goode of Adelaide, Australia, at the residence of J.M. Allardyce of Burnside, Manitoba.

Frederick Thomas Smith married Robina Reid of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the residence of Thomas Neville in Rapid City.

*Winnipeg Tribune* August 1, 1906

The Lakeview Hotel in Shoal Lake, a pioneer hotel owned by Richard Bowes, was totally

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destroyed by fire from a defective chimney. Nearly all of the contents, including personal effects of about 15 boarders were destroyed. Partial insurance amounting to \$1,000 helped to cover losses.

*Winnipeg Tribune* August 7, 1907

George A. McClay and Flora McFadden, both of Eden, were married in Neepawa on August 1.

Arthur W. Moy and Louise Clark, both of Clegg, were married in Morden on July 31.

*Winnipeg Tribune* August 31, 1906

William Fulton of the Portage la Prairie area recorded a record crop for the district. This week he threshed 38 acres with a resulting crop of 1,406 bushels of #1 wheat.

*Winnipeg Tribune* November 2, 1934

Joseph Clark, 69 years old, of Dauphin, died in Basswood recently. He was from South Harwich near Chatham, Ontario and came to Manitoba 40 years ago. He is survived by his wife, daughter Mrs. Brandon of Melville, Saskatchewan, brother James of Chatham, Ontario, sisters Mrs. A.B. Cameron of Winnipeg and Miss Mary B. Clark of Chatham. He was buried in Brookside Cemetery.

Mrs. Ann Chalmers, a Fort Garry pioneer of the 1870s, died on November 5 at the age of ninety. Originally from Owen Sound, Ontario, she later made her home in Rosewood, Manitoba until 14 years ago. Mrs. Chalmers is survived by children Mrs. A.Y. Smith and Frank of Winnipeg, Sam and Melville of Rosewood. She will be buried in Rosewood. (photo p.5)

Marjorie Agnes, 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter of James Colquhoun of Deloraine, married George Russell, only son of George Anderson of Melita, in the R.M of Winchester on November 1, 1934.

Frances, eldest daughter of D. McCaig of Foxwarren, was married on October 24, 1934 to Robert John Anderson of Silverton. There were 25 people at the wedding supper. The couple will reside in Foxwarren.

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

The *Winnipeg Tribune* of August 30, 1906 carried a very detailed story of a shipwreck and sinking on Lake Winnipeg, as a result of a storm described by those who lived near or worked on the lake, as the worst in living memory. The coverage in the *Tribune* and also in the *Winnipeg Free Press* of that date, and also the following few days, was detailed and impressive, well worth the read.

The steamer "Princess" was 28 years old and had been completely overhauled and updated some 9 years before the date in late August when it began its last voyage. It was valued at \$1,800.

John Hawes, an Orkneyman, captained the ship. At about 60 years of age, he was a very experienced sailor, having made twenty trips across the Atlantic while working for The Hudson's Bay Company. With his wife and a family of children who ranged from two to six years in age, he had made his home in Selkirk since 1883. Recently, his son Alfred had died from typhoid fever, leaving Hawes and his wife with 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Others on the "Princess" were: Charles Greyeyes, a Métis deckhand, from the St. Peter's area; Alex Joyce, mate, of Selkirk; Arthur Poole, also of Selkirk, chief engineer; George Freeman and William Booth, both from Selkirk, firemen; William Hope of Selkirk, deck hand; James Starr

and John Bird, wheelmen, both from Selkirk; Robert Smith of Poplar Point, deckhand; Flora McDonald aged 17, stewardess; Johanna Jacobson, 20, cook; and passengers Loftus Gudmundson, 50, of Gimli and Joe Einarson/Arenson, 18, an Icelander, Jacob Goodman, James Sinclair, a Métis, his wife and two children, J.M.Olson and Peter Gunnlaugson, all of Selkirk.

The steamer set sail northward on Saturday, August 25. According to survivor George Freeman, it began taking on water during the Saturday afternoon because of waves which measured about 25 feet in height. George's story continued in some detail. By 4 am on Sunday, the two women crew members were awakened, told to dress and were given life belts. By 4.30 am the deck was awash and the steamer broke apart shortly after that. The two women refused assistance from crew members and chose to stay with Captain Hawes in whom they put their faith. Curiously however, the captain did nothing to save himself or assist any of the others. It seemed as if he was resigned to going down with his ship, in the best naval tradition.

Other crew members were able to detach a yawl and a life boat from the sinking steamer. Mate Alex Joyce took command and was able, with the assistance of other crew members, to save many of the remaining passengers, including Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair and their family. At one point Mrs. Sinclair was carrying both her infant and an older child. She threw the baby into the arms of Mate Joyce who was in the yawl, and then tossed her older son. About six others managed to board the yawl. There were 10 people in the lifeboat and another 6 in the other boat. Crew members were heroic in their actions throughout the ordeal. They headed for Swampy Point, about 12 miles away. It took more than two hours to reach land there. The storm which had begun on Saturday afternoon, August 25, continued until Monday morning, August 27.

Back in Selkirk, the ship "City of Selkirk" had set sail northward on its regular run, captained by a man from one of the Dakotas across the border, Captain Thorburn. Crew members noticed the shipwrecked survivors on the shore, waving pieces of their clothing to attract attention. They rescued everyone and gave them food from the provisions they were carrying to northern outposts. Apparently the wreck had occurred 12 miles northwest of Swampy Point which lies 14 miles south of Poplar Point and 100 miles south of Luke's End.

One passenger, W. J. H. Murchison, on vacation on the "City of Selkirk" noted, "It was a most extraordinary thing, survival of a Métis woman weighing about 250 pounds, her baby, her six year old son and her husband."

Although so many survived, six people aboard the "Princess" did not. Captain Hawes chose to stay with his ship to await his fate. The two young female crew members remained with Hawes and so were also lost. A deck hand also perished as did two passengers.

What do we know about those who were lost? Information about Captain Hawes can be seen near the beginning of this story. But what about the others on board that fateful time?

Flora Margaret McDonald was a 17 year old waitress who helped prepare and serve up food to passengers and crew, while also keeping the passengers' quarters tidy. Flora was an orphan with two brothers and a sister who lived with her grandfather. Two uncles lived in Winnipeg – O. Anderson, a printer at the *Winnipeg Telegram* newspaper, and Mr. McDonald, a contractor who resided at 73 Carlton St. Flora had plans to marry her fiancé, George Hisey in October 1906. George became part of a search party which set out a few days later to look for the missing people.



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Johanna Jacobson was a 20 year old cook who resided in Selkirk and was the daughter of G. Jacobson of Big Island. Nothing more is known about deckhand Charles Greyeyes.

Loftus Gudmundson from Gimli was about 50 years old. He had worked for the Dominion Fish Company and saved up about \$1,200 which he had planned to use to return permanently to Iceland. He had no relatives in Canada.

Young Joe Einarson (spelled various ways in reports) was “an Icelander” who had come to the area with his grandfather about a year previously. His parents lived in Moss or Mossey River, Manitoba. His was the first body recovered and he was buried in the Icelandic Cemetery, which one was not mentioned, but it may have been the Lutheran cemetery near Selkirk.

In the August 31 edition of the *Winnipeg Tribune*, the editorial raised some thought provoking questions. Why did the ship break up? Who might have known about its condition? Why did Captain Hawes choose to go down with his ship? Did the “down with the ship tradition” serve those who worked on ships well? The editorial said that the newspaper did not want to “take anything away from Hawes’ reputation” but thought was that such questions needed answers. It noted, “Heroism that saves lives is infinitely more praiseworthy than heroism or resignation and unavailing self-sacrifice.”

Inquest into the tragedy began in the first week of September and reports in the *Tribune* indicated that the ship had had two collisions with rocks in the 1906 summer season but the boat had never been examined, as far as was known, after these episodes. A leak was noted in the steamer on the night of the sinking. Evidence from crew members noted that the captain did not seem to think that the situation was serious and never went below decks to check. He also did not take any role in trying to launch the life boat or to assist the passengers in any way.

The *Free Press* of September 18 reported on the decision of the inquest members. The ship was found to be seaworthy. The first mate, Alexander Joyce, was severely censured because he gave the passengers no time for preparation to leave the steamer and was himself the first to leave it. The ship was undermanned and should have had better inspection of its hull. The owners of the “Princess” should have acted more quickly to organize a search party. A group that did organize a search was unable to locate the bodies of any of the missing passengers or crew in their search. The newspapers did not report success in locating any of the bodies of the victims up to the time of the report of the inquest. Death certificates on the Vital Stats site were only located for Hawes and McDonald.



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## THE STORIES YOU FIND

### Who's Your Daddy?

After my daughters presented me with an Ancestry DNA kit for my last birthday, I confess to experiencing some degree of apprehension about following through. Although I had created extensive family trees for both my maternal and paternal lines, I was still worried about what I could potentially discover about myself and my personal family roots. So, the pre-paid box to Dublin hovered around my real desktop for at least six weeks mocking me every day for being a DNA chicken.

Finally, I opened the box and read all the instructions – inserting myself digitally into my trees and then spitting into the tiny vial and adding the adjuvant (stabilizer). I dropped it into the mailbox and the results arrived with undue alacrity.

Yes, there were surprises. The first was that my genetic heritage was overwhelmingly Irish! The irony of it all was that my remaining English roots were also “Irish” because my English ancestors had actually migrated to Ireland from Norfolk after Oliver Cromwell assumed power in England. This would explain my relatives’ lack of “Irish” names; although there is no doubt that they were very proud to call themselves Irish everywhere they went in the world.

Not only was I unsettled at my almost purely Irish ancestry, there were other surprises too. To put this in context, you need some understanding of how specific and accurate the DNA results are. This accuracy also explains why we are experiencing a hue and cry about the use of genealogical DNA in cold murder cases.

The efficacy of your DNA results is also enhanced if you provide a basic family tree along with some historical geography. Even without these add-ons, it can still be an eerie experience. Some might even suggest creepy.

Unbeknownst to each other, my husband and his half-brother submitted DNA samples about six months apart. Neither had provided any family documentation; yet each was identified as the other’s closest next of kin with the appropriate number of centimorgans\* confirming them as half-siblings.

After this experience, I wasn’t too shocked to discover five people who shared a recent close genetic connection with me (recent implies at the great-grandparent level). Four of the five people had family trees but there was only one tree in common with mine. Scouring my own tree for clues, it appeared pretty likely that the genetic connection was male as there were no suitable females at the correct degree of separation.

So, I began to triangulate the three other trees along with some historical maps of the City of Leeds from the turn of the twentieth century (thanks, John A). From there it wasn’t too difficult to make an educated guess about which one of my great-uncles was appearing on other people’s trees – albeit without a name. Through shared DNA I’ve now gained four new cousins in Edmonton, Olds, and Boston – and we are all the same generation. I’m totally okay, but some of my new cousins may have just discovered they are not who they thought they were.

On a more positive note, DNA has also solved a long-held family mystery about one of my maternal great-aunts. Family myth had it that our great-grandfather was not her father, although our great-grandmother was definitely her mother. One of Aunt Hazel's grand-daughters had her DNA tested and together we discovered that she shared identical DNA circles with me for both of her great-grandparents who are, of course, my great-grandparents. What was unusual was that Aunt Hazel (aged 5) had attended the wedding of her parents in February 1899 in Rusk, Oklahoma. Looks like my aunt was a way ahead of her time.

Doing the DNA dance, I suppose, is not for the faint of heart. It's definitely an adventure into the uncharted no matter how mentally prepared you think you are. Every family has its own myths and legends, secrets and lies and DNA lays them out barefaced and unadorned. For every person who has said to me "I don't need to get my DNA done. We know who our family is." I just wisely nod and agree. But privately, after five years of dedicated genealogical research I know better. There are fault lines in every family – sometimes it is a personal fault but more often it isn't. Usually, it simply comes down to geography, availability, necessity and the ability to hide things by omission. Cultural imperatives also play a big role in what's hidden.

Today, in our hyper-connected universe, hiding information is usually not an option. All of us today have in-boxes inundated with guarantees regarding personal privacy. Yet, we all know that it's largely smoke and mirrors no matter how hard we want to deceive ourselves. For myself, I had to determine where the actual fulcrum was on the spectrum of peril to pleasure in DNA testing. Obviously for me, the pleasure of knowing the truth outweighed the perils of what I might find.

You, well, you'll just have to decide for yourself. Be prepared for an adventure, either way!

\* In genetics, a centimorgan or map unit is a unit for measuring genetic linkage. It is defined as the distance between chromosome positions for which the expected average number of intervening chromosomal crossovers in a single generation is 0.01. It is often used to infer distance along a chromosome. However, it is not a true physical distance.

## Beginners' guides to genetic genealogy

From ISOGG Wiki ([https://isogg.org/wiki/Beginners%27\\_guides\\_to\\_genetic\\_genealogy](https://isogg.org/wiki/Beginners%27_guides_to_genetic_genealogy))

The following is a list of several resources which are particularly appropriate for **genetic genealogy** beginners. (For a complete list, please check the above web site)

- **Beginners' guide to genetic genealogy** by Kelly Wheaton, Wheaton Surname Resources website, 2013.
- **DNA – What, when, how, why – FAQs for beginners** by Donna Rutherford. *Donna Rutherford's Blog*, 30 December 2017.
- **Why do DNA testing for family history if you already “know” your tree?** by Diahann Southard, *Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems*, 6 September 2017
- **Which DNA test should I take?** by Debbie Kennett. *Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine*, issue 125, May 2017, pp17-23 (a UK perspective).
- **DNA basics for a sound foundation** by Judy Russell, *The Legal Genealogist*, 15 January 2017.

## Kenora Great War Project Update

*Submitted by Becky Johnson #5389*

It's been six years since the launch of the Kenora Great War Project and volunteers continue to research the stories of local men and women who served in the Great War.

The most exciting news since our previous article in the September 2013 issue of *Generations*, is that we now have our own web site ([www.kenoragreatwarproject.ca](http://www.kenoragreatwarproject.ca)), thanks to the Lake of the Woods Museum and generous donations from our project funders.

On our web site you'll find the stories of over 1,700 soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses ("The People"). All of these men and women served in the First World War and lived in the Kenora area at some time in their lives. Many of them had connections to Manitoba and thirty of those who gave their lives are commemorated on war memorials in Winnipeg and the towns of Dauphin, Langruth, Selkirk, Virden, Whitemouth, Beausejour, Tyndall, Oak Bluff and St-Pierre-Jolys. As well, over 200 of our veterans who survived the war are buried in Manitoba cemeteries, including about 90 in Winnipeg's Brookside Cemetery.

Other resources on our web site include lists of medal recipients, war dead, and veterans interred in Lake of the Woods Cemetery in Kenora. At least 570 First World War veterans are buried here, a remarkable number considering the size of the town. Fifty of these veterans are in unmarked graves and this summer the Last Post Fund will be installing grave markers for them.

In addition to these resources the exhibit "Husbands, Sons and Sweethearts" is available to view on the web site. It was presented at the Lake of the Woods Museum in 2014 to commemorate the start of the

First World War. The museum will have a follow-up exhibit this summer called "Home Front: World War I and Its Effect on Kenora and Canada." The display is planned for July and August, to mark the end of the war.

New stories are being added to our web site regularly. If you have information or photos to share for any of "The People" we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Lake of the Woods Museum at [museum@kmts.ca](mailto:museum@kmts.ca) or [info@kenoragreatwarproject.ca](mailto:info@kenoragreatwarproject.ca).



*War memorial in front of Augustine United Church in Winnipeg. Lieutenant Cecil Farr (10th name down on the left) worked at the office of the Maple Leaf Milling Company in Kenora for several years before the war. He was killed on April 12, 1917 at the Battle of Vimy Ridge.*

## Help Wanted

If you are interested in the MGS Cemetery Update Program and would like to assist us, please contact Kathy on Wednesdays at the MGS office (204-783-9139) or by email at [bkstokes@mts.net](mailto:bkstokes@mts.net)

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A friend of MGS came into the Resource Centre the other day with information about the remains of a cemetery; there are some stones which are on the banks of the Red River in East Selkirk. They could possibly be stones from the St. Peter's (St. Pierre) Roman Catholic cemetery.

They can be accessed from the land side, but it may be easier to do so from the river, so someone with a boat may wish to assist MGS by searching for the stones and copying down whatever they can read from them. Please contact Kathy at MGS (204-783-9139) on Wednesdays or at [bkstokes@mts.net](mailto:bkstokes@mts.net).

## MGS Research Services

Having trouble with your research, or just don't know where to start? MGS offers [Research Services](#) (for a fee). Our talented researchers are available to help you break down those walls. Call the MGS office on Thursday at (204) 783-9139 for further information.

## Make a Donation!

*(You can use the Membership form on page 29 to submit your donation)*

Your financial support helps with:

- developing new programs, collections and research resources
- upgrading equipment and subscribing to relevant resources to keep MGS abreast with current research
- providing and maintaining a comfortable facility for our members and the public

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## **MGS Welcomes Our New Members**

The Manitoba Genealogical Society would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have joined the society between February 2018 and April 2018.

Claudia Abraham  
Paul Balez  
Lisa Beally  
Paddy Bickerton  
Sabrina Brenot  
Heather Brewster  
John Burchill  
Randell Burns  
Lea Clarke  
Linda Cripps  
Stephanie Crook  
Beryl Dziedzic  
Linda Dixon  
Annette Eibner  
Sharon Faber  
Pamela Forsyth

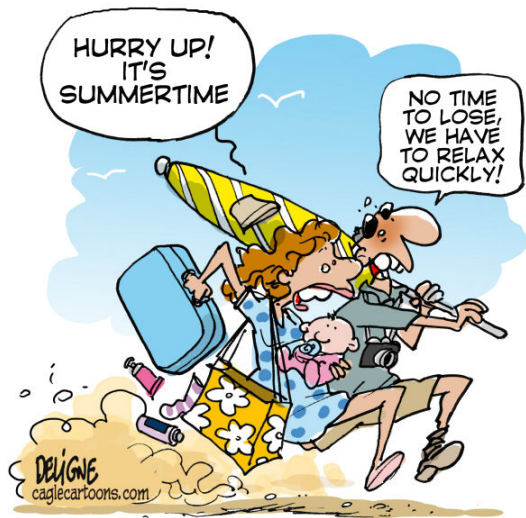
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Karen Haw  
Henry Hong  
Jake Huzel  
Wayne Inkster  
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## **MGS Quarterly Calendar of Events**

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		June – September, 2018		
Date		Event	Location	Time
2018				
June 1 – 3		Ontario Genealogy Conference	University of Guelph, ON	
Sat., June 2		MGS Annual General Meeting	MGS Resource Centre, Wpg.	10:00 am
Wed., June 6		SW Branch Picnic and Museum Tour	Souris, MB	
Sat., June 16		SE/Wpg. Branch Tour	WW1 Museum, Pilot Mound, MB	
Tues., June 19		Winnipeg Library Presentation	Windsor Park Library, 1195 Archibald	6:30 pm
		“DNA and Genealogy”		
June 23 - 24		Manitoba Highland Gathering	Legacy Park, RM St. Clements, MB	8:30 am-4 pm
August 5 - 11		Folklorama Pavilion of Scotland	Glenwood Community Centre, Wpg.	
Sat., Sept. 29		MGS Open House / Culture Days	MGS Resource Centre, Wpg.	10 am-3pm

## THE LAST LAUGH



"I just love how they come individually wrapped to seal in the flavor."

from The Saturday Evening Post, August 28, 1954



### Pig In Summer

Q: What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day?

A: I'm bacon!



"Bosworth, I'd like a word with you!"

## Time to Renew?

With the electronic delivery of *Generations*, there is no longer a mailing label indicating your membership expiry date. Therefore the following procedures are in place:

For those members with an e-mail address on file with MGS, will receive an automated reminder a month before their membership expires requesting them to renew their membership. For those members without an e-mail address on file, they will receive a written reminder by post one month prior to the expiration of their membership.

To renew your membership you have the choice of renewing and paying online or by mail. To renew by mail, simply fill in the Membership Form located in *Generations*, attach a cheque made out to Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. for the full amount (including branch memberships and donations) and mail it to the address indicated on the Membership Form. You can also print off the Membership Form from MANI by clicking on the following web site address: <http://mbgenealogy.com/membership/>. This link will also provide more information on MGS Memberships.

To renew on-line, sign into your MANI account. Once you have logged into your account, select Purchase/Renewal and make the appropriate selections (branch, associate member, etc.). Then select Purchase, and choose to pay via PayPal or by Credit Card, and follow the directions. If you do not have an MANI account you can create one on MANI or complete the Membership Form. No Membership Form is required if renewing on-line.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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**Unit E - 1045 St. James Street**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 1B1**

**Telephone: 204-783-9139**

Email: [contact@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:contact@mbgenealogy.com)

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☐ New ☐ Renewal - MGS# \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov./State: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Associate Member at same address (if applicable):

MGS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal information will not be disclosed outside of MGS without consent.

**Returning members:** To receive *Generations* by e-mail check ☐

## MGS MEMBERSHIP FEES

Individual	\$50.00	\$ _____
Associate	\$20.00	\$ _____
Institutional	\$50.00	\$ _____

## BRANCH FEES

Beautiful Plains	\$15.00	\$ _____
Dauphin	\$10.00	\$ _____
Southeast & Winnipeg	\$12.00	\$ _____
Southwest	\$10.00	\$ _____
Associate of Southwest	\$ 8.00	\$ _____

**DONATION\*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*MGS is a registered charity and welcomes your support.*

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$10.00 or more.

Please contact me re volunteer opportunities at MGS. ☐

## OFFICE USE

Mail # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry/Computer \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Receipt# \_\_\_\_\_

Letter/Email ☐ Finance Book ☐

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	<u>1 ISSUE</u>	<u>4 ISSUES</u>
Full Page/2 column width	\$150.00	\$500.00
Half Page/2 column width	\$ 80.00	\$200.00
Quarter Page/1 column width	\$ 40.00	\$ 90.00

Please supply your ad as a Word document of the correct size in an e-mail attachment. A proof will be sent for your approval before printing. Photos should be supplied as a jpeg (300 dpi). Minimum photo manipulation charge \$15.00 and \$15.00 each additional 15 minutes .

#### **Classified Ads**

Maximum of 3 (typewritten) lines x 1 column width for \$10.00 per issue or \$32.00 per year. Must be typewritten or printed clearly. Extra lines are \$3.00 each.

#### **Business Card Ads**

Actual business card = \$20.00 per issue or \$60.00 per year. Camera ready.

#### **Changes**

Changes will be allowed to advertising purchased at the yearly rate at a cost of \$15.00/change. Changes must be received by the copy deadline.

#### **Copy Deadlines**

February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1. Send copy or enquiries to Editor, *Generations*, at the address above or [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com)

#### **Guidelines**

The following guidelines shall apply to advertisements placed by MGS or appearing in Society publications:

- All advertisements shall conform to MGS policy. The following outline of principles constitutes the policy of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. on advertising. **Purposes:** [1] to advance the cause of genealogy; [2] to promote the interests of the Society; [3] to provide information to the public. **Content:** any advertising placed by the Society or appearing in Society publications shall: [1] conform to the policies of the Society; [2] contain no statements that are false or misleading to the best of our knowledge; [3] ensure a regard for public safety and shall not depict situations which might encourage inappropriate, unsafe or dangerous practices; and [4] conform to the public standards of taste and decency. **Placement:** advertising shall not be placed by the Society in any publication or media program that discriminates in its content on the basis of race, sex, language, religion, marital status, family status, source of income, or age. Advertising that appears in any publications of the Society shall not discriminate in its content on the basis of race, sex, language, religion, marital status, family status, source of income, or age. **Application of the Policy:** Where any doubt exists as to the application of the policy, the Vice-President of Communications and the Journal Editor of the Society shall decide.
- Advertisements in MGS publications shall be directly relevant to members of the Society.
- All advertisements shall be subject to the approval of the Editorial Committee. Where doubt exists as to the appropriateness of any advertisement, the Vice-President of Communications & Vice-President of Administration shall have the right to deny its publication.
- All revenues from advertising shall go directly to MGS. Rates may be subject to change annually upon review and recommendation by the editorial committee and approval of the Council of the Society.

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**LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTRE**

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 to 3:00  
Wednesday Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 (September through June)  
Sunday Noon to 4:00 (mid-October to mid-May)  
(It is always best to confirm Wednesday evening and Sunday opening times)



**If your membership is expiring soon**  
**PLEASE RENEW. A Membership form is on page 29.**