

MGS Web updates 2016

The MGS wishes to update its many web sites that collectively are its existing web presence and to give them additionality and a new and modern look. A unified design will pull the various sites together and provide the appearance that they are all one site. MANI will be integrated and expand other “Member only” features that will allow MGS to provide additional services to our members.

We also want to explore benefits/problems with moving our web and email hosting service. We are currently on <http://www.GoDaddy.com> for our www website but host the MANI DB on www.swd.ca a local Winnipeg service provider who also provides our newsletter/mass mailing service. We are currently moving KOHA, our online library catalogue, to a desktop web server located at the MGS Resource Centre. We wish to explore efficiencies of moving to a single hosting service.

In order to present a unified web presence MGS would like to reskin all MGS web services to have a common look and feel.

1. [www.mbgenealogy](http://www.mbgenealogy.com) – our main website
2. MANI – to match the look of the MGS main web pages and improve some of the usability of the MANI pages by adjusting text size, having scalable scroll boxes and applying generally accepted web usability guidelines to the site
3. KOHA <http://koha.homenet.org/> – match the look and feel of our online catalogue to our web site. Add a navigation scheme that would provide an integrated navigation scheme for all servers. We are currently moving to the latest version of the software as part of moving the KOHA server from Toronto to Winnipeg. Our volunteers are currently customizing the library functions in the new software to match those in our version currently online.
4. Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Manitoba-Genealogical-Society-Inc/7054423205>
- Update this site to reflect the new MGS web design.
5. e-Newsletter templates are also required, one for the general MGS newsletter and one for the MANI project newsletter. This service is provided by SWD www.swd.ca . .

An updated [www.mbgenealogy](http://www.mbgenealogy.com) website will allow for:

1. An improved and updated content management system. We need to discuss and evaluate options and look for your recommendations based on updated needs.
2. Provide for the addition of sub-webs and sub admin functions for MGS branches where MGS can host the Branch websites.
3. Add additional “Members only” features such as archived newsletters, council and executive minutes and documents.

4. Provide access from the MGS www site for non members to the MGS e-Store developed as part of the MANI project.

We desire to add additional features on the www.mbgenealogy website:

1. A log-in box for “Member Only” access.
2. A feed from the MGS Facebook page to highlight posts on the main web
3. A blog type feature that will allow for easier posting of information/news
4. Sub webs with sub-admins for each MGS Branch where we can host their webs
5. news release feed/page and a digest box on the MGS home page
6. information and product management functions for the e-Store
7. New ways to directly interact with our members, clients and guests.

Website Planning

Based on our existing website content, the MGS VP communications will provide additional content and requirements.

Web& Logo Design

The MGS has existing design elements but updating of the logo and other elements is needed. It is anticipated that the design would be based on a purchased website template which can be changed economically in the future to keep the sites fresh.

Web Applications

The website needs to be built with the intention of engaging the visitors to our site, whether through a comment section or even just an newsletter service, their attention needs to be captured.

The template will be customized with custom programming and design attention.

- The vendor will work with us to identify our requirements and create an outline to completely define what the web application and site will do.
- Once the initial programming has been completed, the site will be tested to resolve any issues.

- MGS will perform a review of the nearly completed project to come up with a list of changes or modifications to further refine the finished product.
- The final phase of the project is the training and maintenance phase.
- The vendor will monitor the web applications and perform modifications and enhancements to the site and its function.

Web Development

With a new MGS Content Management System, MGS volunteers will be able to maintain and update the content of the MGS website without any prior knowledge of website programming languages.

Once the redevelopment cycle is complete and the MGS website has been launched, it does not end there. Training is required to operate the CMS for our volunteers. MGS will identify designated operators. The Content Management Systems must be easy to use and provide a fast and efficient method to control the MGS websites contents.

A Content Management System will provide the following benefits:

- **MGS can manage their website from a single, easy-to-use web interface** – No special software or web coding skill needed
- **MGS can change images, templates, videos, and written content** – improve the appearance of our pages with few clicks of the mouse
- **MGS can tweak navigation control to enhance ease of use for the users** – make our site flexible and effective
- **Enjoy rapid deployment of our content for an increase in search engine activity**
- **And most importantly – we can maintain our website ourselves.** No need of any third party help for day to day changes

Having a website is useless if no one is actively using it, or encouraged to continue using it. In today's competitive online environment, having a clean functioning website is essential in attracting, and retaining Members and clients

After passing the basic color scheme and function stages of the website development process, the vendor will modify the template and develop our website's image, design, and layout.

A testing server will allow for final tests and evaluation on the new website before going live

After launch coaching, and tutoring will help teach MGS volunteers to keep the website updated by ourselves.

Web Hosting

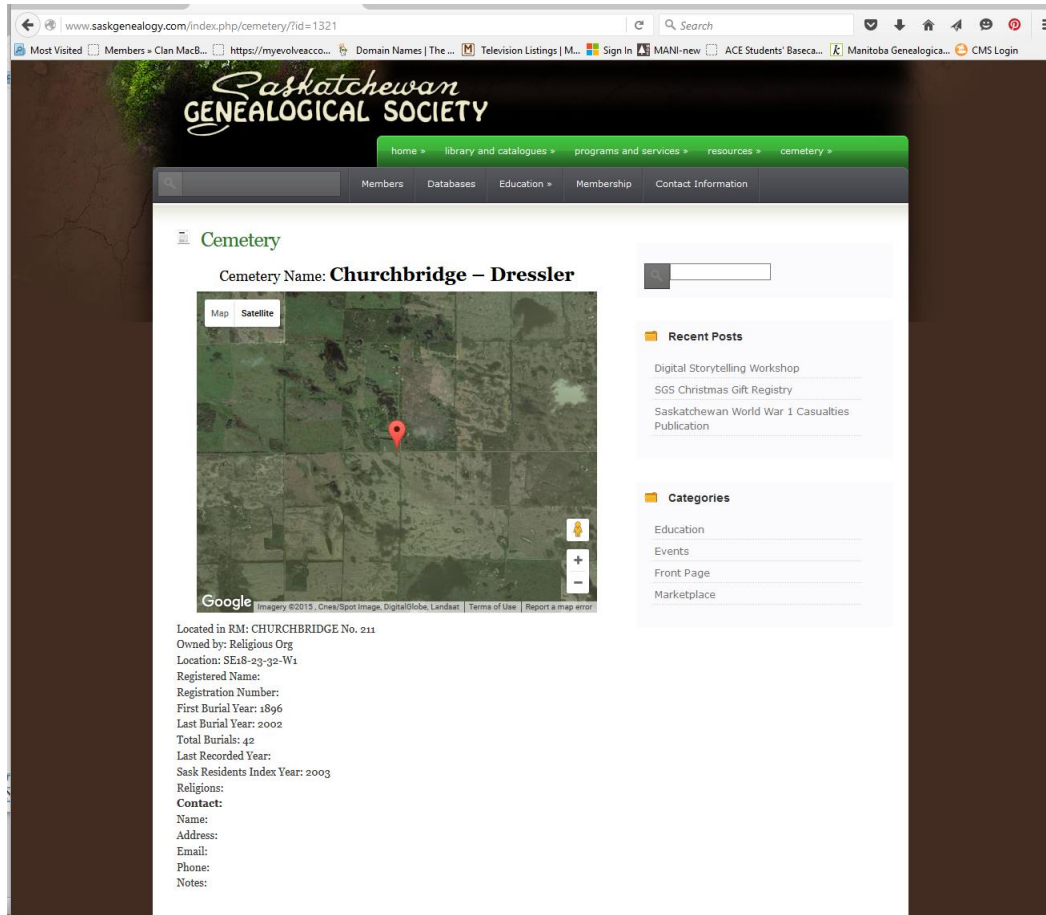
Evaluate a number of hosting packages with various features. Recommend hosting arrangements that includes basic services as well as required features.

- Adequate online storage for assets required to effectively run our website, that includes the images, videos, flash images or static images
- The vendor will ensure that our files and web architecture are properly compressed for maximum speed, when the internet is concerned, the more streamlined you can be the better.
- Evaluate current email servers and ensure new system has 10 email addresses
- Bandwidth – With the internet becoming more and more available to users, from a PC, mobile device or a tablet computer, having ample or unlimited bandwidth is more like a requirement as opposed to a nicety.
- Provide tech support –if we should be having an issue with our new website. An annual fee for service supply support and maintenance
- Regular backup of our site –ensure the security of our site and make sure to take a backup of it on a regular basis, just in case the unthinkable happens. If your site suddenly has a major issue, we can quickly remedy the situation with the backup with minimal downtime.

Sources and inspirations

The MGS will provide multiple samples of web design and functionality with notations as to the desired features.

<http://www.winnipegwebsitedesign.ca/#services>



Sample of a cemetery description page from the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.

1. Provides information on a number of categories about the cemetery.
2. Provides site navigation and a digest of news feeds
3. Provides a site search box.

<http://www.swmanitobagenealogy.ca/index.php?pageid=2>

South West Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.

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Membership

Types of Membership

There are 2 classes of membership: Individual and Associate.

Individual Membership shall be issued to anyone who is a member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society.

Associate Membership shall be issued to any additional person residing at the same address as the individual member in good standing who is also a member of the Society and who has paid the appropriate fees.

In joining the Southwest Branch, as a member you will receive access to the many book and articles that we have collected for our Libraries. You will also receive our branch Newsletter, *New Leaf* as well as the Manitoba Genealogical Society journal, *Generations*.

New Leaf is the newsletter of the South West Branch Manitoba Genealogical Society. It is published four times a year March, June, September and December. All members receive copies of the newsletter. The New Leaf informs members of the activities of the Branch and also contains tips and interesting articles pertaining to genealogical work as well as biographies of people with South West Branch Manitoba Genealogical Society connection.

Annual Membership Fees: (fees are in Canadian funds)

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Members sign-in to your account
You are not logged in.
Username:
Password:

Links to other Resources

- FACEBOOK - SW Manitoba Genealogy
- Manitoba Genealogical Society
- City of Brandon - Cemetery
- Manitoba Vital Statistics

Members only pages
These pages are for Members Only:

- Meeting Minutes
- Newsletter

Please see our Membership Section to become a Member.

Callout boxes:

- Dropdown navigation does not take up valuable real estate
- Member log-in available from all pages
- Top links to other pages (Also to our links page)
- Member only pages gives idea what can be found there as well as link to membership

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Family trees start with the Roots.

Have you found yours?

Find out how you can find out more about your family and your heritage right here in South West Manitoba!

[click to read more >](#)

Mission Statement

Our mission statement is to encourage, assist and bring together all those interested in the pursuit of genealogy.

Our Branch

South West Branch Meetings are held at 7:30pm, the first Wednesday of the month, September - June (except when the school is not available due to a school holiday or a visit to a museum, archive, etc is planned).

[more info](#)

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News Events and Updates

Library Open Hours 2-4 pm
January 25, 2016
[more info](#)

Library Open Hours 2-4 pm
February 1, 2016
[more info](#)

Callout boxes:

- Home page very light and visual
- Add a feed box on front page for Facebook feed
- Links and digested view of what we have on home page.
- Ever changing Home page features what is happening.

<https://ogs.on.ca/>

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The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS)

Watch this video "Welcome to the Ontario Genealogical Society"

Welcome to the Ontario Genealogical Society

Photo of "Dr. Mary Waring" (ca. 1880) Archives of Ontario, P2076-16-3-0020776

For over 50 years, The Ontario Genealogical Society has been working to encourage, bring together and assist people interested in the pursuit of family history, and to preserve our Ontario genealogical heritage.

We do this with the hard work of many volunteers who work on heritage projects and help uphold genealogical standards. Please join us!

An invitation from the OGS President.

Annual Report | Library Catalogue | News & Events

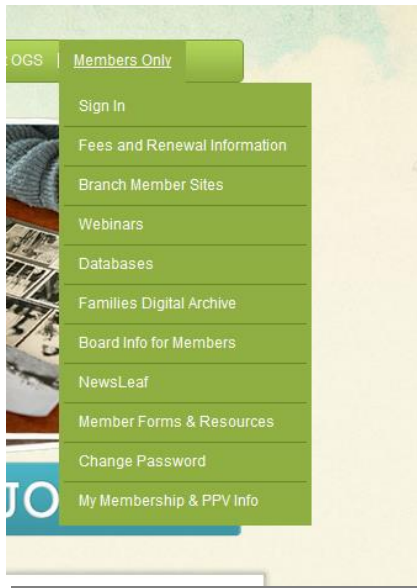
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What's New?

Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture | Ontario Trillium Foundation | Genealogical Studies.com

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Visually interesting and uncluttered home page. It provides both the drop down Menu Bar navigation as well as highlighting a few features of the society and the website. This allows the homepage to be changed on a regular basis. The watermark on the background is a nice touch as is the inclusion of the financial sponsors logos.



Dropdown menus provide direct access to relevant pages with taking up valuable real estate on the home page. Regular visitors to the site are not bombarded with screens of text when they first access the site, but can easily navigate to the pages they desire.

<http://www.abgenealogy.ca/>



Dropdown Navigation

Rotating slide show with text overlays to highlight

Membership link

Welcome & Quick connect info

Branches link and map

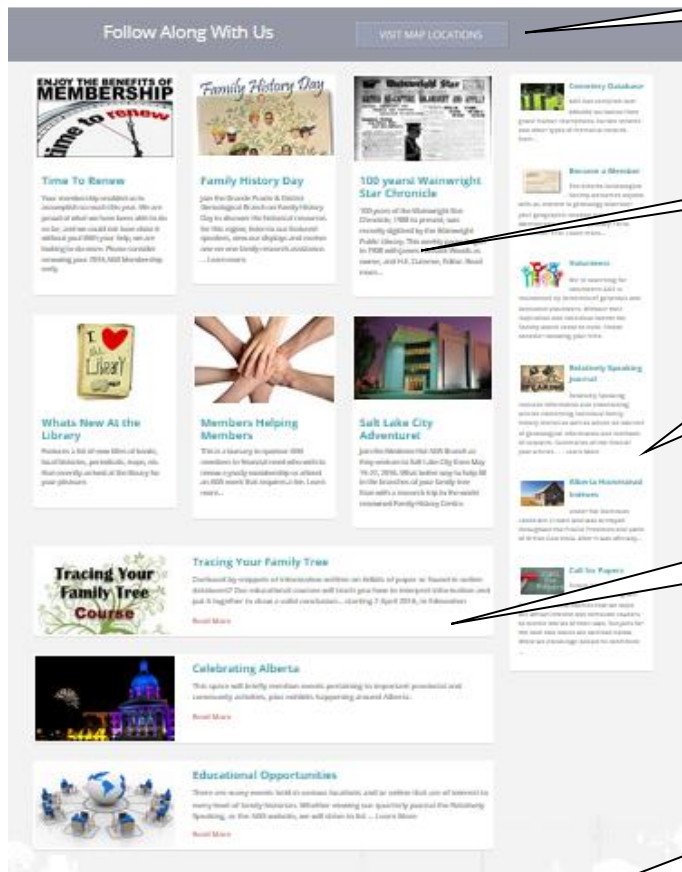


Highlight boxes with graphics

Smaller graphics but boxes that highlight activities provide visual variety

Highlights that change more frequently

Office hours and recognition



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<http://www.afhs.ab.ca/>

Alberta Family Histories Society

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Monthly program

Location: River Park Church, 3818 - 14A Street SW ([map](#))
Next Meeting: Monday, Feb. 1, 7-9 p.m.
Speaker: David Love
Topic: Military Records & Memorabilia

If you are researching an ancestor with a military background, if you are in possession of a piece of military memorabilia or if you are just plain interested in military history, join us on February 1 to hear David Love, from Calgary Military Historical Society.

David is an avid collector of military artefacts and a very knowledgeable historical researcher. His talk will be a brief introduction to military records and the collection of military memorabilia and then he will open the floor to your questions. This is an outstanding opportunity to get expert help on what can be a very complicated topic.

AFHS library

Our library is located at **712-16 Avenue NW** in Calgary ([map](#)). Check out the [Calendar](#) for hours of operation (they can vary) or call the library at (403) 214-1447.

AFHS blog

Have a Calgary and Area Query?
[Click here to get answers!](#)

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Blog icon created at [faminghead.com](#)

[Google+](#)

An older looking design that is text heavy.

<http://www.qfhs.ca/>



Again text heavy but with newer look and interesting graphics.

The side bar navigation takes up valuable real estate.

They have an interesting feature “Bulletin Board” that is a collection of interesting “Posts” and clippings that would work well with a blogging tool.

Their Library catalogue is integrated into the site.

Also a good Blog feature is the “Featured Resources in the Library” page as is the “New Library Books” page

They also have an integrated e-bookstore

Members log-in area

Highlighting a members accomplishments and publications “Jacques Gagné Genealogy Studies” helps to promote the high level of professionalism within the society

A disturbing feature has been the use of blue colour and underlining on items that are not links! I kept thinking I could follow the link

<http://library.nehgs.org/>

Genealogy site that focuses on their Library catalogue

It has extensive online source documents.

The screenshot shows the 'Library Catalog Search' page of the American Ancestors website. The header includes the logo and name 'American Ancestors by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY', navigation links (Shop, Visit, About, Events & Programs, Log In), a database dropdown, and 'JOIN' and 'DONATE' buttons. Below the header are tabs for 'SEARCH', 'BROWSE', 'SERVICES', and 'EDUCATION'. The main search area features a 'Library Catalog Search' title and tabs for 'Keyword', 'Title', 'Author', 'Subject', 'Call Number', and 'Advanced'. The 'Keyword' tab is active, showing a 'Keywords:' input field with a 'SEARCH' button. An example 'irish new york' is provided. Below this is a section for 'Search the Digital Library & Archive only:' with another 'Keywords:' input and 'SEARCH' button. A note mentions NEHGS members can log in for digital collections. A red notice for Google Chrome users states that Chrome can no longer access image files in the Digital Library & Archive, recommending Firefox or Internet Explorer. At the bottom, there are links for 'Guide to the Library', 'Browse the Digital Library', 'Read Our Blog', and 'Suggest a Title'. The footer contains contact information for the New England Historic Genealogical Society, a list of links under 'ABOUT' and 'SUPPORT US', an 'FAQ' section, a 'BLOG: VITA-BREVIS' link, a 'Sign up for our e-newsletter' button, and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

<http://nhsog.org/>

Dated looking site



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Welcome to the web site of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists.

Thinking of joining? Here's a sample issue of the [NHSOG Newsletter](#) (PDF)

Title Index to [New Hampshire Genealogical Record](#) updated with Volumes 17 and 18

Now available - Everyname index to [New Hampshire Families in 1790](#) now online.

NHSOG is proud to announce our latest publication:
[Historical Memoranda concerning Persons and Places in Old Dover, N.H. Volume II.](#)
 Special prepublication prices available.

NH Families in 1790 - Volume I - Now Available

The New Hampshire Society of Genealogists has released the long awaited [New Hampshire Families in 1790](#) Volume 1. 472 pp. Includes a 66 page bibliography, indexed, cloth.
 Published by The New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, 2007

[Details inside](#)

NH Families in 1790 - Volume II
 New Format for Volume II

The N.H. Families in 1790 blog was created to assist New Hampshire genealogical researchers and to provide guidance for those who wish to provide sketches for submission to the ongoing New Hampshire Families in 1790 project. Please visit the blog site at <http://NHFams1790.blogspot.com>. We welcome sketches for the project following the guidelines in the blog and we also welcome authors for blog posts. Please email Diane Gravel at dianeflorencegravel@gmail.com or Carol Swaine-Kuzel at ckuzel@comcast.net for additional information.

We regret that due to limited resources, we are unable to respond individually to requests for genealogy research assistance. If you are looking for this type of assistance, visit our [Resources](#) page for some ideas on where to go for help with your New Hampshire research questions. Good luck with your New Hampshire genealogy research!



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