

## **Manitoba Genealogical Society Publications Committee - April 2013 Report**

### **Tasks**

- Digitize current publications that only exist in hard copy.
  - Objective: To ensure that all publications exist in digital form, which will facilitate easier duplication. Also, once all publications are digitized, this paves the way for distribution of purchased publications in more cost-effective formats, such as CD-ROM or e-mail distribution of PDF documents.
  - Status: Previously, we had been waiting to discover whether or not digital copies of MGS publications existed. We have since found that they do not.
    - BMD Volume 3 has been digitized, OCR'd and bookmarked. Printing costs and CD-ROM creation costs have been compiled and submitted to Linda.
    - BMD Volume 4 has been digitized, OCR'd, bookmarked.
    - BMD Volume 5 has been digitized. Awaiting OCR and bookmarks.
    - BMD Volume 2 was partially digitized, but due to technical difficulties, this progress was lost. Volume 2 digitization will be completed this weekend (Apr. 20-21).
    - BMD Volume 1 has been partially dismantled and will need some physical preparation before digitization (glue removal, etc.).
  - Notes: I digitized BMD Volume 3 with an earlier version of Adobe Acrobat Pro, and the process was fairly quick. With subsequent volumes, I have been using the current version of Acrobat, which seems to have more sensitive OCR "suspects" detection. As a result, the process is much more time consuming. i.e. Volume 3 took me 4 hours total to OCR. Volume 4 took double that time to OCR.
- Search the MGS OPAC (Koha) for MGS publications; compile a list of all publications previously published by MGS.
  - Objective: Identify what has been done in the past so that future publications do not unnecessarily duplicate previous work; help identify publications that could be updated and possibly brought back into print; help identify what types of publications would be useful going forward.
  - Status: On hold until BMD digitization is finished.

### **Future Tasks Identified**

- 2013 inventory of publications stock.
- Continue publications digitization once all BMD volumes are completed.
- Create Publications content for the website.