



Manitoba Genealogical Society Manitoba Name Index – MANI

We are in the process of modernizing our data that has been collected over the last 30+ years by MGS Volunteers. This unique collection of transcriptions and indexes are not duplicated anywhere else. The problem has been that they exist in a multitude of forms both print and electronic. In order to compete in the modern digital world where people do so much of their research online we are working towards an online totally encompassing index of all of our resources that is linked to PDF documents and existing digital documents. The site will be accessible both internally within the MGS Resource Centre and Branches but available to members and paying clients on the internet.

What will be included

- Indexes, particularly name indexes, are the most valuable thing a genealogical society can produce.
- The Manitoba Name Index (MANI) is a mega-index of names with the goal of including every name found in any publication relating to Manitoba.
- The index will point people to the location of the information about that name. The location may be a MGS document, a web site, a microfilm, a family history, an archive, etc. There will be a pay-for-view component here
- MANI is an indexing program and NOT a digitization program. Unlike some of our commercial and non-commercial colleagues, we are not limiting MANI to digitized sources and indexing them.
- MANI will be on the Membership part of the MGS website so that anyone can access it. Material on MANI includes will eventually include:
 - converting and importing the existing electronic indices at both the Branch and MGS level i.e. Cemetery index, Newspaper obits
 - digitizing and importing existing hard copy indices; Cemetery Transcriptions
 - indexing existing electronic and hard-copy documents and importing them, including family histories, Community/Local histories, items in the e-library, etc. MGS publications such as cemeteries, census, newspapers and other transcriptions; and
 - Indexes to digitized documents produced by MGS for other organizations as part of projects, included with permission of the owner.

What do we want to include in MANI?

- Any source that contains a name in Manitoba. We want to help genealogists locate those documents that contain family members faster and easier.