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President's Letter

BY: MARGE CLEAVE

Season's Greetings!

It is membership renewal time and I thought it appropriate to share with you the pleasure I get from genealogy and being a member of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) and the Moose Jaw Branch. I think of the help I have received, the friends I have made, and the satisfaction I've gained when I have managed, in some small way, to give help to other members or non-members. And that doesn't even begin to touch on the stuff I have learned, the records I have found and the history I have discovered.

SGS is very fortunate to have many members who generously donate their time, effort, and resources to the organization – some of them far more than I. It is true that any organization is only as good as its' members. As you renew your membership this year, give some thought to volunteering and help out. There are endless opportunities and in fact, most of our Volunteer Coordinator positions have been vacant for a number of years now. These positions and vacancies are listed on the inside cover of this publication. Or perhaps you have some spare time on your hands at home and would like to try your hand at indexing? Is there an ongoing project that you would be interested in helping out with? How about doing a presentation or workshop? How about writing an article for the Bulletin?

As you are completing your membership renewal form, why not say "yes" to the section on volunteering? Or if you want to know more about any of the vacant volunteer coordinator positions or any volunteer opportunities please contact the office. They would love to hear from you.

Wishing you all a very safe and joyful holiday season,

Marge Cleave

P.S. An SGS Membership makes a great Christmas gift and the SGS travel mugs and flash drives are great stocking stuffers.

Editor's Notes

BY: DEANNE CAIRNS

Executive Director

Where does the time go? Our 50th Anniversary year is quickly coming to a close. It was good to see such a nice turnout for the celebration in April. As was announced at the event, SGS will soon be receiving its' granting of Armorial Bearings. Armorial Bearings are honours from the Canadian Crown providing recognition for contributions that Canadian individuals and corporate bodies make in Canada and elsewhere. This special honour has been made possible thanks to the very generous donation of one of SGS' original members, Robert Merrill Black, and we are very grateful. You will be hearing and seeing more about this in the near future.

Fall is planning time in my office. First, it's Strategic Planning with the Board and Policy Committee to set direction. That direction then gets built in to our Annual Global Funding Application for SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust for Sport, Culture and Recreation. This year it is a more extensive process as it is time for the 3 year plan submission, rather than a single year.

Cultural groups in Saskatchewan are very fortunate to receive funding from the Lotteries Trust for Sport, Culture and Recreation, which is a partnership of SaskCulture, SaskSport and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. Through an agreement with the provincial government, these partners administer the funds generated from lottery ticket sales in the province. Many of our counterparts do not have access to this type of funding. In 2018, approximately 72% of our total funding came from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

Planning for the 2020 Conference being hosted by the Prince Albert Branch is well underway and more information is available elsewhere in this issue. Kudos to the Yorkton and Saskatoon branches who both recently held one day workshops with very interesting topics and knowledgeable presenters.

Over 500,000 records were recently added to the Saskatchewan Resident's Index (SRI)! Thanks to all the Branches and volunteers that dedicate their time and effort to indexing. If you haven't searched the SRI lately, you might want to give it another try. That's a lot of new records! As always, if you're interested in doing some indexing in your spare time in the comfort of your home, just let us know.

We are in need of some regular contributors to the Bulletin. If you are anyone you know is interested in a regular column or even just an article now and then to share with other members it would be most welcome.

Lisa, Lisa Dawn and I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season with friends and family.

Merry Christmas!



Deanne Cairns

Are You Making the Best Use of Your Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Membership?

BY: LISA WARREN

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) members can borrow books from our library if they reside in Canada. The library catalogue is available on our website under the Library and Catalogue tab. Contact our office for further details.

- join a SGS Branch
- sit on SGS Board of Directors
- vote at all membership meetings
- post member interests on SGS website
- take SGS online certification courses
- access SGS Online Databases from your home. The databases are: Saskatchewan Residents Index, Burial Index, Obituary Index, Change of Names, Cemetery Index, NW Rebellion War Claims, Cummins Maps of Saskatchewan, RCMP Obituary Index, Biggar Railway Retirees, and DNA Bootcamp.
- access SGS Subscription services remotely from your home 24 hours per day 7 days a week. The subscriptions are: Find My Past, My Heritage, and Godfrey Memorial Library. Ancestry.com can only be access in the SGS Library or at SGS branch.
- receive a \$5.00 discount for memberships to Ontario Genealogical Society, Manitoba Genealogical Society, and British Columbia Genealogical Society

Your SGS membership also provides you with access to:

Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI) is an online index of over 3.8 million records of former and present residents within Saskatchewan. Names have been extracted from local history books and other Saskatchewan resources such as directories, cemetery files, census records, school year books, etc. The SRI contains name, location and source information; a valuable tool for the researcher. Limited access is available to the public. Research service is offered by SGS and further information can be found at <http://www.saskgenealogy.com/index.php/research-services/>.

Burial Index is an online index of burial information for approximately 500,000 individuals buried in Saskatchewan. The records to these cemeteries are located in our library and can be accessed by anyone in the library. Limited access is available to the public. Research service is offered by SGS and further information can be found at <http://www.saskgenealogy.com/index.php/research-services/>.

Obituary Index is an online index of information for more than 160,000 individuals; the obituaries are located in our library and can be accessed by anyone in the library. Limited access is available to the public. Research service is offered by SGS and further information can be found at <http://www.saskgenealogy.com/index.php/research-services/>.

Cummins Maps that are in our collection were digitized and placed online. The maps contain the name and location of individuals living in Saskatchewan during the 1920s. Paper copies of the Cummins maps are located in the SGS library and can be accessed by anyone in the library.

Change of Name Index is an index of individuals who changed their names and are listed in the Saskatchewan Gazette from 1917 to 1993. The Change of Name index is accessible to the public.

RCMP Obituary Index 1933-1989 is an index of names as well as the source for the obituary. The obituaries are available at the SGS. The RCMP Obituary index is accessible to the public.

NW Rebellion War Claims Index provides the names of those who requested compensation as a result of the 1885 NW Rebellion. Each name is linked to the entry regarding the request. The NW Rebellion War Claims index is available to members only.

Biggar Railway Retirees is an index of the railway retirees in Biggar, Saskatchewan from 1946-1991. Provides name, year retired and occupation. The Biggar Railway Retirees index is available to the public.

Cemetery Index tells you what cemeteries SGS is aware of in Saskatchewan, if it has been recorded, when it was recorded, first burial date, last burial date and the number of burials in the cemetery. The Cemetery index is accessible to the public. Hard copies of the cemetery files are accessible to anyone in our library. Research service is offered by SGS and further information can be found at <http://www.saskgenealogy.com/index.php/research-services/>

DNA Bootcamp is a series of 12 - 90 minutes webinars that is available to members of SGS and is not for broadcast. The webinars are located on our website under the Database tab. There are six different categories with two workshops under each - Getting Started with DNA and Genealogy, Additional DNA Tools and Concepts, Interpreting Your FTDNA and 23and Me Results, Solving Family Mysteries with DNA, Finding Birth Families Using DNA.

The Remote Access provides you with access to our subscriptions for Find My Past, My Heritage and Godfrey Memorial Library. Some of the records that can be found in these subscriptions are: US Census, military, directories, maps and gazetteers, state and local histories, finding aids, cemeteries, biographies and much more. Ancestry.com is not available in the remote access but can be accessed in our library or through one of our branches.

SGS is always looking for volunteers, no matter how much time you can spend. You can volunteer some time in the library by being a genealogist in residence, proofing or indexing. Volunteering can be done from home as well, such as translating, proofing or indexing.



The College of Certified Saskatchewan Genealogists is an independent, volunteer provincial organization whose mission is to:

- Promote and develop the study and research of genealogy and family history
- To ensure professional qualifications, ethics and standards are maintained
- To advance the credibility of professional genealogical enterprise within Saskatchewan through the promotion of accreditation for practicing genealogists and through the promotion of co-operation between genealogists, genealogical organizations and enterprises.

A Meal with My New Found Family

BY: SHELLEY KLOCZKO, PLCGS

Maria stands up at the head of the table and holds her wine glass, a short stemless glass with fancy etched designs. The interpreter translates Maria's toast from Ukrainian to English so I can understand.

"Maria is very happy with your husband that you come from Canada to visit their relatives and to find out about their ancestors. They are very happy," the translator says in her not so perfect English. She goes on to express Maria's heart felt wishes, "She drinks this vino for the health of you and the health of your husband, family, ancestors and relatives in the territory of Canada. They say shalom to all the ancestors which lives in Canada. They are very happy when you come back to Ukraine once more."

The voices are drowned out by the clinking of glasses and exchange of cheerful responses, "Bud'mo, bud'mo!"

Family members keep arriving. I hear "доборе день, and сідай," two phrases I learned from my grandparents. Maria was saying good day and sit down; inviting her family to come in and join us for the feast that lay before us. In all fifteen people sat eating lunch. I call it lunch because it was mid-day, somewhere around 1 PM, but it was really a feast. This scene was becoming all too familiar as I visited one family after another in Ukraine. The feast is customary for Ukrainians when they entertain. They pull out all of the stops to prepare a meal to eat while they socialize. They prepared this feast to celebrate my arrival, but they would do the same for family or friends visiting from a neighbouring village to visit for the afternoon.

The dishes include the usual Ukrainian dishes we eat in Canada. Laid out before me was holubtsi (cabbage rolls), borscht (beet soup), varenyky (perogies) creamed mushrooms, fresh baked bread, canned chicken, salad, pickled peppers, breaded pork, to name a few of the dishes. Items I didn't recognize were the pieces salad and salo. The translator explains the salad is made from many pieces, so it was named; it included: sausage, potatoes, and eggs, with mayonnaise dressing. Salo was another dish I'd only heard of. Salo is hard fat cut from the back of a pig and is often smoked and seasoned. My father talked about eating salo sandwiches. Now I knew what he meant. I saw salo spread on bread and I also saw it sliced. It looked similar to bacon when sliced. Maria points out that all of the foods were homemade by her. She smiles brightly and her eyes twinkle when the translator interprets her words. She looks so proud.

Maria is seventy-three years old. She stands about five foot four, and plump like a grandmother. She is wearing a black straight polyester skirt and a matching white blouse with an intricate black pattern. Her clothes are very modern and very dressy. Her hair is covered, except for a little around her forehead, with a grey and white scarf. She is barefoot. Maria is wearing a gold cross and earrings. I wonder what she was wearing while she cooked this meal.

There was so much food to eat. It was told it is impolite to refuse the food they offer so I was eating a little of everything. I don't know what time it was but I was full and pushed my chair back to rise and go outside. I was greeted at the door by two women carrying the hot food. Up to this point we were eating the cold food, now for the hot. I returned to my seat and took a deep breath.

An hour and three-quarters has passed since we sat down. Maria was not eating although she was seated at the head of the table. Maria explained that she was eating off and on since she started cooking at 4 AM that morning. She ate often and avoided sugar because she had what sounded like diabetes. She smiled and offered another dish of food decorated with fresh herbs and dusted with crumbled egg yolk.

The men, seated at the opposite end to Maria, talked amongst themselves most of the meal; however, they were interested to know if Alberta was near Saskatchewan since one of them had relatives in Alberta. They also wanted to know my impression of Ukraine and my new found relatives, good and bad. I started to answer each question, but was interrupted. There were so many people there, the babies were fussing in the background, and there were side conversations that weren't explained to me. There were so many voices and in a language I didn't understand. Translating was slow going and a lot was missed.

It was my turn, as the guest, to give a toast.

"Thank you for your generous hospitality. You make me feel like family and like I have lived here all my life. I hope your troubles are few and your happiness is abundant. За вас!"

Marie touches my arm.

Take a Stroll Down Memory Lane

BY: TAMMY TIPLER-PRIOLO BASc, PLCGS © 11 August 2019

The Ancestor Investigator is also the Ancestor Whisperer www.ancestorinvestigator.com.

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Why not take a stroll down memory lane. It can be very pleasurable and cost you nothing. Now imagine taking your elders down memory lane. What triggers will spur their minds into the past? My husband and I attended a local summer festival in our new home town yesterday and while strolling the closed main street we came across a car show. These were not the newest electric models, but cars from yesteryears. Old Thunder Birds and Chevys mingled with the first Ford and VW Bug, with a VW Van even for sale. I was surprised by my reaction to the memories some of those cars elicited in me.

The old station wagon with no seatbelts and bench seats for three across reminded me of the days my parents would pile us into that car and take us to the drive-in theatre. We would fall asleep in the back in our pajamas and be driven home that way. When that car gave up the ghost, my father told my brother he could have it if he could get it into his bedroom; my brother was five at the time. Years later my brother would figure out that bringing the car into the house piece by piece did in fact grant him the right of ownership. The VW Bug reminded me of the many my father owned and I could still smell the interior of those cars even though the smell was not found in the one on display. Oh, the old Chevy Dad had parked in the driveway as he was not willing to give it up even though it died so long ago. I remember one of the neighbourhood children tobogganing down our driveway with no sense in avoiding the Chevy and running right into it.

All these old, well maintained cars, had me thinking that perhaps if my parents could have been there to see them, oh the memories they would have and the stories they could tell. Reminiscing is one of the best places to start with your elders when you want to learn more about your ancestors. Triggers such as old cars, can bring back floods of memories that have been left behind in our minds as we get on with the task of living. It is in those memories that clues to the past can come to light and help with building your family tree. During these moments you might want to take the time to mark down those memories on paper or even just record them on your oh so handy smart phones we are all so passionate about with our heads bent down in prayer to the endless texts, emails and web surfing.

Taking the time to record such memories now will pay off later when you do find the time for research but just need a hint or too that those elders can provide. I take for granted that I can call my mom up and ask her the wealth of information she has on our family history. This will not always be the case and I must remind myself to stop and mark down what she has told me. So, I encourage all of you to take your elders for a stroll down memory lane. Whether it is to a car show, to the park, a look through old photos, you decide. Get those memories flowing and be ready to mark down all that you hear. You will thank yourself for doing so and in the process show some love to your elders that you cared enough to listen.

Happy Hunting!

Did You Know?

SGS Needs Your Help!

If you are a Certified Saskatchewan Record or Certified Saskatchewan Researcher and you would like to help with Basic Searches of Saskatchewan records, please contact the SGS office for more information – 306-780-9207. Information on what constitutes a Basic Search can be found at <http://www.saskgenealogy.com/index.php/research-services/research-services-offered/basic-search/>

Volunteering in the SGS Library

We have two dedicated genealogists who volunteer their time and expertise in our library on a regular basis on most Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you have some questions or would like some help researching your ancestors (and can come in to the library) give us a call at (306) 780-9207 to book some time with either Celeste or Chris. We are looking for other genealogists to volunteer their time and expertise for either a half or whole day. If you're interested, let us know.

SGS Facebook Page

Please "Like" us on Facebook to keep current with office closures, events, genealogy quick tips, and deals. On Facebook, go to Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and click on "Like"

Library Closures

A list of closures for 2019 and 2020 is available on our website under the library and catalogues tab.

Find a Home

In the August issue of the Bulletin there was an article called Find a Home which was located on page 37. SGS is proud to say that all photos have been given to the rightful owner.

In Memory Of

- Marjorie Cross of Yorkton, Saskatchewan on March 8, 2019
- Roxanne Zitaruk of Regina, Saskatchewan on August 27, 2019.
- Blanche Fleming, of Weyburn, Saskatchewan on September 6, 2019. Blanche was a long-time member of SGS, founding member of Weyburn Branch, sat on the SGS Board, and certified in all of the SGS Certification Course.
- Patricia Adair of Moosomin, Saskatchewan on September 14, 2019. Pat was a member of SGS and the Pipestone Branch and secretary for the branch. She was highly involved with the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada and secretary for the Saskatchewan branch.
- Richard Wood of Regina, Saskatchewan on September 25, 2019. Richard was the first Executive Director for Saskatchewan History and Folklore Society. He published the first edition of Folklore in 1979.
- Elizabeth Jewison of Regina, Saskatchewan on September 29, 2019. Elizabeth was a long-time member of SGS and sat on the SGS Board.
- Gale Shawcross of Saskatoon (formerly of Regina) on October 22, 2019. Gale has been a member of SGS since 2008 and was the Secretary for Regina branch from 2009-2013.

In Memory of Marjorie Eileen Cross (nee Holman)

Compiled by Doris Maben and Art Cross

1937-2019

Marjorie (Marge), was born on the family farm near Duval, Saskatchewan in 1937. In March, 2019, at the age of 81 years, she passed away.

Over the years, Marjorie learned how to work hard on the family farm. For example, she learned such things as milking cows, operating farm machinery and vehicles. Her mother taught her such handiwork as: knitting, crocheting, needlework, garment design and sewing. Plus, there were piano and accordion lessons. Marge enjoyed going fishing, participating in picnics, and attending sports days with her family.

Marge developed many interests, one of which was the necessity for education. This interest in education led her to training in teachers colleges in Moose Jaw and Regina. She taught students a year before and a year after she was married. These students were in the primary grades.

In 1959, Marge married Rev. Arthur Cross (Art), a minister of the United Church of Canada. The responsibilities of a minister's work took them to many communities in which to live. She was a tireless community builder. While on the home front, they became parents to 2 sons and 1 daughter.

From early on Marge seemed to be a strong collector of information particularly after Art retired from the ministry. She thoroughly enjoyed doing research on their ancestors. Upon her death in 2019, it was found that Marge had about 51 binders of genealogical materials. These 3 ring binders ranged between 1-2.5 inches thick. This research frequently resulted in thick manuscripts of the various ancestral groups between her and Art's family's trees. She would do the research and writing while Art typed the manuscripts.

From 1973-1989 Marge and Art resided in Yorkton where Art was minister of St. Andrew's United Church. While here Marge was the church's librarian and historical personnel.

Marge was an excellent resource person for doing genealogical research. She had many wonderful ideas about how to obtain information in researching missing ancestors. Plus, she enjoyed doing craft work. Once she made handicrafts which were similar to those made by our ancestors (i.e., grandmothers) many years ago. She donated some of those handicrafts to the Yorkton Genealogical Society to distribute at no charge to the public who visited the genealogical tables at the

We are honored to have known and worked with such a person as Marge. Art, her husband, referred to her as a "prolific collector of genealogical material and a producer".

Submitted by Doris Maben, Yorkton Genealogical Society

October 25, 2019

Upcoming Events

- February 26-29, 2020** **RootsTech 2020** will be held at the Salt Place Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The theme is *The Story of YOU*. For further information, visit <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake>.
- April 17-19, 2020** **Saskatchewan Genealogical Society's 2020 Conference** will be hosted by **Prince Albert Branch** and the theme is *2020 Vision: Seeking Ancestors Using DNA and Digital Tools*. Conference will be held at the Coronet Hotel in Prince Albert. See page 17.
- May 24-31, 2020** **Salt Lake City Adventure** is a research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City hosted by the Medicine Hat and District Genealogical Society and SGS. Further information available on page 12.
- June 12-14, 2020** **Manitoba Genealogical Society (MGS) Conference** was to take place on 12-14 June 2020 at the Canad Inns Destination Centre Club Regent, Winnipeg, Manitoba has been cancelled.

Mark Your Calendars!

TV SHOW LOOKING FOR LOST CANADIAN WAR STORIES

Always wanted to retrace your ancestors' steps in WWI / WWII,
but not had the time or means to investigate?

Recently discovered some information that could uncover your ancestry and family's role in
Canada's wartime, but don't know where to start?

Or had you started to ask these questions but hit a brick wall?

A Canadian-based TV Production company want to hear from people who are asking these
questions (AND MORE) as part of research for a new documentary-series, to discover lost
Canadian war stories and reconnect people to their ancestors.

We will be using museums, archives and the help of historians around the globe to assist in
finding as much as we can.

So if you're looking for answers we may be able to help!

If you'd like more information, please get in touch and a member of our Research Team shall
endeavour to get in touch for an informal, confidential initial-research phone call!

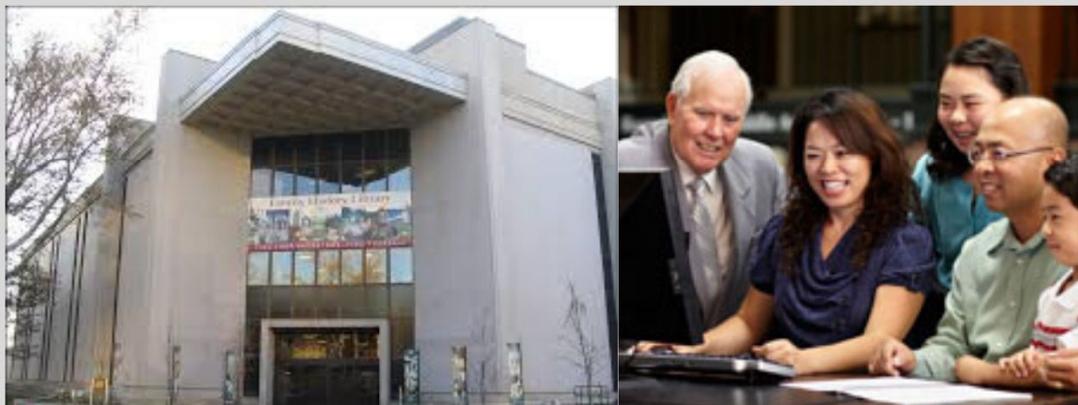
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The Medicine Hat & District Genealogical Society and
the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society
invite you to join us on a

Salt Lake City Adventure

May 24 - 31, 2020



The trip departs from Medicine Hat by motorcoach, Carefree Express, to the five-story Family History Library in Salt Lake City. There will be one day travel each way. You will have 6 full days to research millions of free-to-access materials, and accommodations will be right next door at the Salt Lake Plaza.

Cost is \$950 per person (based on double occupancy) or \$1250 for single. Price covers motorcoach, hotel room & taxes, a seminar & library orientation. Non-researching spouses & partners are welcome. Meals not included.

Registration is limited so reserve your place now with a \$100 deposit made payable to the Medicine Hat & District Genealogical Society (see registration form) before February 28, 2020. Registration Form and Health Form must accompany deposit. First come, first served. For more information, or to register contact Deb Wickham, phone (403) 952-7843 or email dawickham55@gmail.com.

Please note that the Medicine Hat & District Genealogical Society does not accept credit cards. If you wish to pay by credit card, payment in full is required at time of registration. Fill out both forms and send them to SGS at saskgenealogy@sasktel.net and call (306) 780-9207 with your credit card information. Forms are available at www.saskgenealogy.com/index.php/education.

SGS Programs and Services Review – SGS Online Indexes and Subscription Services

SGS conducted a member survey on our programs and services earlier this year. There was a return rate of 39% overall on the survey. Keep in mind that the results of the survey are used to help guide future planning for the organization and note that the suggested improvements may or may not be possible and have not been costed. Changes/improvements to programs and services will only be made as financial and human resources become available.

In the last issue of the Bulletin we reported on the results of the survey regarding the website, the Bulletin and library services. As promised, in this issue we are going to focus on the SGS Indexes (databases) and online subscription services.

The following indexes are available online at www.saskgenealogy.com under the Databases tab:

- Burial Index;
- Obituary Index;
- Saskatchewan Resident Index(SRI); and
- Cemetery Index.

Non-members have access to limited information in these databases, so if you are an SGS member please be sure to sign in on the top right hand side of the Database page to optimize your full access to the records. If you are not signed in, your access will be limited. The Cemetery Index is available to the public.

A large majority of SGS members are aware of the databases/indexes available on the SGS website and have used them. For the most part, those that weren't aware of them, or haven't used them indicated:

- they are new members and haven't had a chance to use them yet;
- don't use a computer or don't know how to access the indexes; or
- not researching Saskatchewan records.

Saskatchewan Resident Index (SRI)

The SRI is a database containing over 3.8 million records of Saskatchewan residents, past and present. SGS members/volunteers extract names, dates, places, etc. from local history books and other Saskatchewan resources such as Henderson directories, cemetery files, census records and school yearbooks to be added to the database.

The Programs and Services Review survey showed the SRI is popular with members. Some of the suggestions for improving the SRI included:

- provide an explanation on how the information is extracted and how to use the index;
- provide access to the actual record/article online;
- get rid of duplication between SRI and Burial Index;

- make website less complicated; and
- keep adding more records.

Obituary Index

The Obituary Index online contains approximately 161,000 records from obituaries in Saskatchewan newspapers. Most of them date from 1983 to 2001, however there are obituaries dating back to the 1880's. Obituaries since 2002 have been added to the Saskatchewan Resident Index. The collection and indexing of the obituaries is an ongoing program. Hardcopies of the obituaries are currently held at the SGS Library. Copies are available by request.

Clearly, the most recommended improvement to the Obituary Index was adding digital copies of obituaries to the index.

Cemetery Index

In 1975 SGS undertook the task of locating all cemeteries, including private burials, in Saskatchewan. To date, 3,492 cemeteries have been located and are included in the Cemetery Index online, which is available to the public. The index provides the location of the cemetery (GPS), the number of burials, the timeframe, and when the cemetery was last recorded/updated.

SGS members and volunteers are continually working to record gravestones in Saskatchewan cemeteries and a total of 2,569 cemeteries have been recorded. Cemetery files are kept in the SGS library.

The Society works with rural and urban municipalities, village offices and intercultural groups to further the preservation of cemetery records.

Improvements that SGS members suggested for the Cemetery Index included, but were not limited to:

- encourage branches and individuals to continue cemetery recording/need more volunteers/ add more information;
- direct link from Cemetery Index to Burial Index;
- add list of people buried in each cemetery; and
- add photographs of headstones;

The majority of respondents indicated they have not participated in cemetery recording on behalf of SGS. About 58% of respondents indicated they were aware of the cemetery files available at the SGS Library and just over 30% have accessed those files. Some of the suggestions to improving cemetery recording and files at SGS included, but were not limited to:

- add pictures of headstones and free access online;
- digitize the files;
- publicize;
- add a last updated date to the Cemetery page; and

- easier for volunteers to take photos than handwrite when recording a cemetery – incorporate photography into cemetery recording;

Burial Index

The Burial Index is used by the highest percentage of members, along with the Cemetery Index (public).

Suggestions for improvements to the Burial Index included, but were not limited to:

- add photos of gravestones with burial records;
- public access, not just SGS members;
- keep adding records;
- include the SGS Cemetery File Number – people don't realize they have to go to the Cemetery Index or put the Cemetery files online for SGS members only;
- about to go back and forth from Burial Index to Cemetery Index without being kicked out and having to re-log in;
- coordinate information with Vital Statistics searches;
- link or gather information from other Cemetery sites like "Find A Grave";
- encourage members in areas where cemeteries are not indexed to record these cemeteries; and
- sharpen up the search function to be more specific.

Subscription Databases

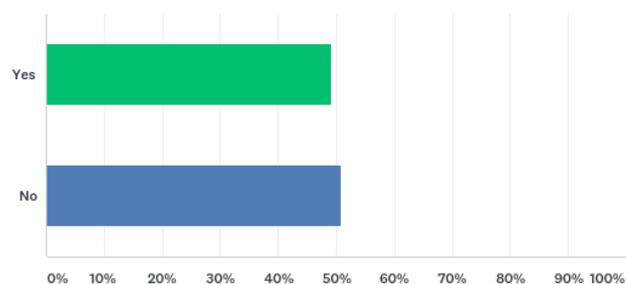
SGS Subscription Services include Find My Past, My Heritage (formerly World Vital Records), and Godfrey Memorial Library. Access to Ancestry.com is available in the SGS Library and branches. Only 50% of survey respondents have accessed the Subscription Databases.

Those that have not accessed them say it is because:

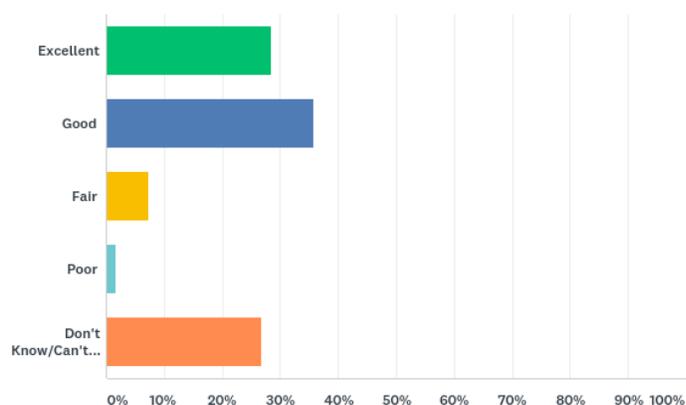
- they have no time;
- they have their own subscriptions;
- not presently researching;
- they don't know what it is; and,
- too complicated and cumbersome.

Although only 50% of respondents have accessed this member benefit, 65% rated it as Good or Excellent.

Q41 Have you accessed the Subscription Databases via remote access?



Q42 How would you rate the value of this member benefit?



Some of the comments included:

“Probably the most valuable benefit to me at the moment.”

“Well worth the price of membership.”

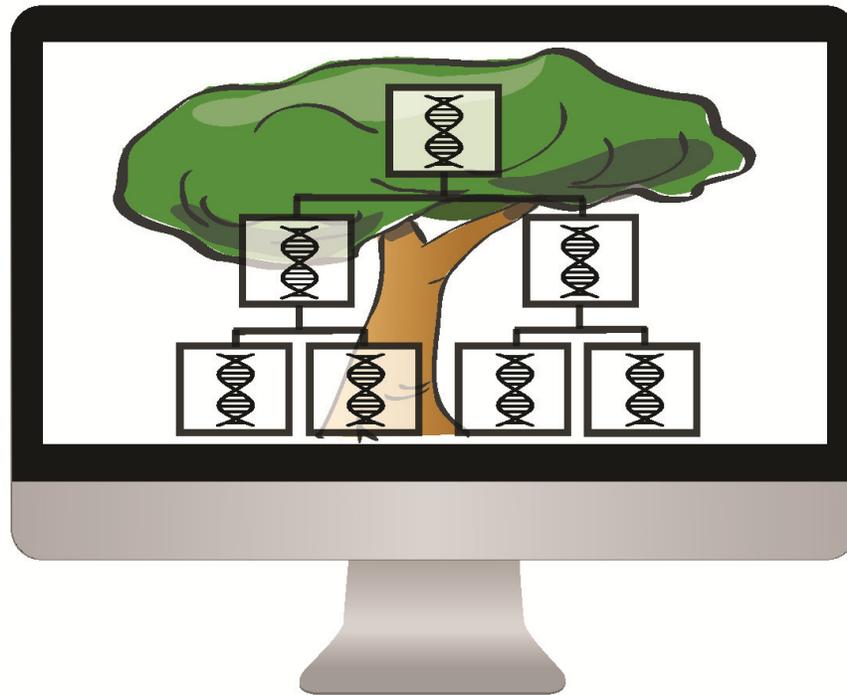
“Having access to Find My Past & World Vital Records is 1 of the main reasons I belong to the SGS, in addition to SK genealogy info.”

Again, thank you to those members that took the time to respond to the survey and contribute to the future direction of SGS. The results of the survey regarding education, workshops and research services will be included in the next issue of the Bulletin.

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Conference 2020

"2020 Vision: Seeking Ancestors Using DNA and Digital Tools"

17-19 April 2020
Coronet Inn, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan



Sample of Sessions

- "Using AncestryDNA to Power Your Family History Research"
- "Use YouTube to See Your Family with 20/20 Vision"
- "Research and Share the Social Media Way"
- "Write on the Back of Your Digital Images"
- "Searching SaskArchives New Catalog Plus"
- "Cautions and Unexpected Revelations When Using DNA to Grow Your Family Tree"
- "Finding Women Homesteaders in Saskatchewan"
- "Self-Publishing on Amazon"

Highlights:

- Opening Speaker Ancestry.ca Spokesperson Lesley Anderson: *"Secrets and Shenanigans: How AncestryDNA Helped with an Unexpected Mystery"*
- Banquet Speaker Historian and Author Bill Waiser: *"Using Online Resources for Saskatchewan History"*

Registration

- Opens mid-January 2020
- For updates visit princealbertgenealogy.wordpress.com/

Prince Albert Branch Excited About "2020 Vision" Conference Lineup

The Prince Albert Branch of the SGS is hosting the provincial conference *"2020 Vision: Seeking Ancestors Using DNA and Digital Tools."* The members are excited to see the program coming into focus with a mixture of onsite and virtual presenters.

Plenary Session (More Coming)

"Secrets and Shenanigans: How AncestryDNA Helped with an Unexpected Mystery" by Lesley Anderson

When my 88-year-old friend's adoptive mother died in 1952, she left an envelope with her adoption papers. I thought researching her family tree would be easy. Little did I know that I would spend over 2 years of research, building multiple family trees and sending out many DNA kits! Using this case study we will go through the process to show how you can use AncestryDNA with your family tree and research to break down brick walls and discover your real story.

Concurrent Sessions (More Coming)

"Getting the Most Out of Researching on Ancestry" by Lesley Anderson

This presentation is a basic overview of how to use Ancestry's Canadian website, Ancestry.ca, but there are many useful tips and hints for anyone starting out on Ancestry no matter which country you're researching in.

Topics to help you get the most out of your search on Ancestry.ca include the Home page, the Search page the Card Catalogue, Global Search, Searching by location and category i.e. Census, Birth, Marriage and Death, Immigration, Military, Individual Databases. Helpful search tips will also be covered.

"How to Digitize Your Legacy Family Photos and Documents" by Art Taylor (Virtual)

Are you tired of hauling out the slide projector and screen to see the slides in your collection? Does your slide projector still work? Do you have shoe boxes or plastic bins filled with prints and negatives you haven't seen in years? Wouldn't it be great to pop a DVD into the player, sit back with your feet up and watch slides and prints on TV?

This clinic will give tips on how to convert your legacy prints, negatives, and slides to a digital format that can be combined with your digital camera's images and shared in several ways. You'll get tips on: features to look for when purchasing a scanner; tips about the software that you'll need to use with a scanner; file formats to use for your scanned images; how to archive and backup your new digital files; and how to produce electronic slide shows on DVD that can be viewed on a standard HDTV and posted on your web site or sites like YouTube. You'll also see some of the techniques and tools used to restore faded or physically damaged original images so they look almost like new.

"Research and Share the Social Media Way" by Lianne Kruger (Virtual)

Social media can help you with researching your family, help and training, how to share information, and meet distant relatives in multiple platforms.

In this beginner-intermediate session, we will discuss researching your family, research help and training, sharing information with others, and meeting distant relatives.

The platforms we will evaluate are Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, Blogs, and Instagram.

"Using AncestryDNA to Power Your Family History Research" by Lesley Anderson

Lesley Anderson will cover tips on getting the most out of your DNA results and the new tools we can use to discover more about our ancestry and DNA.

"Finding Women Homesteaders in Saskatchewan" by Connie Gerwing

Under the Homestead Act only women heads of households were allowed to apply for a homestead in Western Canada. Besides this barrier to women homesteaders there was also a barrier of language and culture for the many non-British women. This presentation will look at finding German speaking and Ukrainian/Polish women who managed to apply for homesteads in the early settlement days of Saskatchewan. Using a database, block settlement maps and land descriptions it was possible to find a number of these women who applied and filed on their own homesteads in those early years.

"Write on the Back of Your Digital Images" by Art Taylor (Virtual)

Adobe Bridge is a free program from Adobe. It works with both Windows and MacOS, letting the user add the digital equivalent of notes written on the back of a photo print or on a slide mount to identify the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How behind each image. It works with both digital camera photos and with those scanned from paper prints, negatives, or slides. The IPTC Cultural Heritage Panel, also a free download, was created by a group of professional librarians, museum curators, and archivists to provide places for such pros and the general public to enter information in a digital format to help all users of such digital images learn who and what are shown in a particular image. Text entered in these data fields is fully searchable, so if you want to find all of the photos in a collection containing a relative's name, you could enter the name in a search box and quickly find all of the relevant photos. Anyone, regardless of level of experience, who has digital images, whether from a digital camera or from scanned photos and documents, can benefit from this presentation. Those whose research has yielded information about the Who, When, Where, Why, and How of individual digital images will learn how that research can be included digitally with their images.

"Ancestry Online Trees" by Lesley Anderson

Online trees are a great way to organize your finds and connect with other family historians who share your ancestry and may have information to share. If you already have your tree on Ancestry or maybe you're reluctant to put up your tree publicly online, this presentation will show you tips and techniques to make the most out of your family tree at Ancestry.

"Searching SaskArchives New Catalog Plus" by Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan

The Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan will be presenting on its new public access catalogue AtoM, and how to search and use this database. The presentation will also include an update on our move, as well as reference services and distance research services. The presentation will be led by one of our Reference Archivists.

"Use YouTube to See Your Family with 20/20 Vision" by Lianne Kruger (Virtual)

Lianne will show and discuss the following reasons to use YouTube in family history: YouTube has a video for everything you want to learn, and she will show how to find genealogical tutorial topics. Create your own videos using your phone, tablet or PowerPoint.

Create your own channel to store, as a backup, and share, with family, old home videos. Also store and share videos (Vlogging) you create to document your family history.

"Cautions and Unexpected Revelations When Using DNA to Grow Your Family Tree" by Tammy Tipler-Priolo (Virtual)

This lecture will discuss cautions while using DNA to build your family tree including privacy, trustworthiness, making contact with others, the ever-changing field, etc. as well as unexpected revelations including half siblings, community connections, adoptions, etc. Knowing the pitfalls and where to step when building your tree with DNA results will help you to stay on track and give you confidence that you are tracing the correct family lines.

"Self-Publishing on Amazon" by Johanne Gervais (Virtual)

This presentation will provide participants with an overview on how to self-publish on Amazon.com. Areas covered will be 1). Why Amazon.com is one of the best self-publishing services for genealogists who wish to share their family history material with a broader audience and 2). The publishing process, which includes all the steps required to self-publish on Amazon.com

"Free Digital Tools for Canadian Genealogists & Beyond" by Tammy Tipler-Priolo (Virtual)

This lecture will discuss digital tools that are free to use by any genealogist including databases, social media, archives, libraries, blogs, websites, etc. Genealogy as a hobby can get quite expensive. Learn ways to find information on your ancestors for free. Learn the tricks and tips of the trade that all professionals have been using for years. Everyone likes to save a buck and get something for nothing and this lecture will show you where to go and how to go about saving and learning at the same time.

"Myth-Busting Ancestry" by Lesley Anderson

There seems to be misinformation about Ancestry and this session will bust those myths and misconceptions! This is an opportunity to ask your questions, solve your dilemmas, and learning tips and tricks.

Registration for the Conference will be done online and opens **20-January 2020**

Early Registration (ends 1-March 2020)	\$125.00
Regular Registration* (after 1 March 2020)	\$150.00
Pre-paid Banquet Ticket*	\$40.00
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Remember, SGS also has a variety of periodicals from many areas of research. If you would like to be put on a regular circulation list for any periodical we have, please contact us. See the **News and Notes** section of the Bulletin for the titles of periodicals we receive.

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Zichydorf Village Association

BY: GLENN SCHWARTZ



Faul Family History

Bertram Faul has traced his family to its roots in Zichydorf. His ancestor Adam Faul was born there in 1800. Adam's father was Georg Faul, born about 1779 (based on his death date and age), but his place of birth is unknown. Georg's parents were Josef and Barbara. Does anyone know where to find this family? If you can help Bertram, please email him at b.faul@gmx.net.

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

I had an opportunity to visit this museum in May of this year. It is quite excellent in many ways although, typically for such a project, there was lots of blank space. One disappointing (but unsurprising) shortfall though was the lack of any mention of the Donauschwaben in Yugoslavia after World War II. More than 60,000 ethnic Germans, whose families had been there for 200 years, were either executed, died of starvation and disease in internment camps, or died from similar conditions in Russian slave labour camps. During the museum's planning, I twice emailed one of the planners to raise awareness of this genocide, but I never received a reply. So, I was not surprised at the omission. On one hand, there have been so many genocides in history that maybe they felt they had to draw the line somewhere. On the other hand, were our Donauschwaben people any less worthy of a mention than anyone else? I guess, like all human conflicts, the victors write the history and the defeated are forgotten.



Pipestone Branch SGS Celebrated 25 Years

Members of the Pipestone Branch SGS celebrated their 25th Anniversary on October 19, 2019 at the Canalta Hotel in Moosomin. We invited Chris Krismer to speak to our members and guests. Her topic was “Rejuvenating Your Research”, she was very knowledgeable on the subject and gave those present ideas of where to look and to maybe rethink our methods of research. A very attractive Anniversary cake was cut by the first President of the Club, Leonie Hooper, and a later President, Sophie Clark, looked over by Chris Krismer. Coffee and cake were served. The picture shows members Gerry Adair, Gail Oliver, Leonie Hooper, (guest- Chris Krismer), Lorna Magnusson, Sophie Clarke, missing were members Barbara Vennard and George Williams. Leonie is holding a gift from the Board Members of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.



Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) Celebrates 50 Years

Correction to the August issue on page 20 and 21:

Pictures:

1. Guest Presenter Dave Obee
2. Founding and Charter Members in Attendance: Bob Pittendrigh, Brian Stubbings, and Bev Domm.
3. Founding Member Bob Pittendrigh and SGS President Marge Cleave cut the 50th Anniversary Cake.
4. Recognizing 30 years of Service – left to right, Marge Thomas, Lisa Warren, Laura Hanowski
5. Bev and Gord Domm
6. Presentation on History of SGS by Rae Chamberlain

How to Easily Convert Old Cassette Tapes to Modern MP3 Files

BY: DICK EASTMAN.

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Do you have old cassette tapes but have no way to play them? Luckily for you, there are multiple ways to convert cassette tapes to modern MP3 or other format files that can be stored in your computer's hard drive, an external hard drive, a flash drive, CD disks, stored in the cloud, or even sent to anyone via email.

There are at least two methods of copying cassette tapes to modern digital files. I will call the two methods the easy way and the **much** easier way.

The Easy Way

First, you need to find a cassette player. Actually, that is not all that difficult. You might find an old one in your closet or at a local yard sale.

While new cassette players are slowly disappearing, there are quite a few still being manufactured. I found a bunch of them available on Amazon at: <https://amzn.to/2F4MqIP>.



Next, purchase an audio-to-digital converter that connects to

the earphone jack on a cassette player or other source of audio. The other connector on the audio-to-digital converter plugs into a USB connector on your Windows, Macintosh, or Linux computer. Load the software (many audio recording programs are available and some of them are even available free of charge). Then press PLAY on the cassette player and sit back as the audio is stored in your computer as MP3 audio files or possibly some other audio format. You can later copy the newly-digitized files to any other storage media you wish.

Audio-to-digital converters are not common but you can find several at computer retail stores. Of course, Amazon has them also, ranging from \$15 to \$25 each. You can find them by starting at: <https://amzn.to/2F48zH7>.

The Much Easier Way

For only a few dollars more, you can purchase a portable cassette player with a built-in audio-to-digital converter. That solution requires fewer cables, less complexity, and probably fewer problems.



Cassette Player with a USB Connection

Simply place batteries in the new portable cassette player, connect the included USB cable to your computer, load the audio recording software in your computer (many audio recording programs are available and some of them are even available free of charge), click on PLAY in the cassette player and sit back as the audio is stored in your computer as MP3 audio files or possibly some other audio format. You can later copy the newly-digitized files to any other storage media you wish.

Portable cassette players with built-in audio-to-digital converters sell on Amazon (where else?) for \$23 to \$28. For a selection of such cassette players with built-in conversion to MP3 or other audio file formats, look at: <https://amzn.to/2QIQ6H8>.

Summation

If your computer's operating system does not already include audio recording software, look at the very popular and FREE open source Audacity program at: <https://www.audacityteam.org/>. Audacity has many uses, including it will record audio being sent through the computer's USB connector and save that audio as a digital MP3 file or in any of several other formats.



MP3 is the most commonly-used format for audio files. I would suggest you use that for your first few recordings. Once you gain a bit of experience with everything, you might want to experiment with other, higher-fidelity file formats.

What are you waiting for? Convert those tapes!

Editors Note: Best Buy Canada (online) has various options available. Below are a couple:

1. DIGITNOW cassette player-cassette tape to MP3 CD converter VIA USB, portable tape converter captures MP3 Audio - \$39.39 (online only)
2. Portable cassette audio music player tape - to MP3 converter and cassette recorder with earphones, no PC required. \$58.99 (online only).

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Branch Contacts & Meetings

Biggar	PO Box 1103, Biggar SK S0K 0M0 Contact: Rae Chamberlain at (306) 948-3638 Email: rwcambe@sasktel.net Website: http://www.biggarencyclopaedia.wikifoundry.com/ Meet 2nd Wed. (except July & Aug.) 7:30 pm at the Biggar Museum & Gallery 105 Third Avenue W, Biggar, SK. Doors open at 7:15 pm
Central Butte	PO Box 298, Central Butte SK S0H 0T0 Contact: Joanne Berg at (306) 796-2148 Email: barry.berg@sasktel.net Meet 4th Wed. (except July, Aug. & Dec.) 7:00 pm – lower level at Ivermain Place in Central Butte
Grasslands	PO Box 220, Aneroid SK S0N 0C0 Contact: Della Sanders at (306) 588-2576 Email: jsanders@sasktel.net Meet 3rd Wed. (except July & Aug.) 7:30 pm at Country Corral – 1221 3 rd St., Mankota
Moose Jaw	PO Box 154, Briercreech SK S0H 0K0 Contact: Marge Cleave at (306) 799-2004 Email: grcleave@sasktel.net Website: http://moosejawgenealogy.com/ Meet 4th Tues. (except July, Aug. & Dec.) 7:00 pm at Moose Jaw Public Library (Herb Taylor Room)
North-East	PO Box 100, Melfort SK S0E 1A0 Contact: Ron Unger at (306) 752-4080 Email: r.a.unger@sasktel.net Meet 1st Tues. (except June to Sept.) 1:30 pm at Kerry Vickar Centre (Dry Craft Room)
Pangman	PO Box 159, Ceylon, SK S0C 0T0 Contact: Joyce Carlson at (306) 454-2400 Email: jlcarlson@sasktel.net Meet 4th Tues. (Jan to June, Aug. to Oct.) 1:30 pm at Southeast Regional Library, Pangman
Pipestone	PO Box 452, Moosomin SK S0G 3N0 Contact: Gerald Adair at (306) 646-7860 Email: gerry.pat@sasktel.net Meet 3rd Wed (except June to Aug. & Dec.) 7:30 pm at Moosomin Public library
Prince Albert	PO Box 9, Prince Albert SK S6V 5R4 Contact: Jim Wilm at (306) 764-3632 Email: jameswilm@sasktel.net OR Lynn Braaten at (306) 763-7434 Email: lynnbraaten@yahoo.ca Website: https://princealbertgenealogy.wordpress.com/ Meet 2nd Tuesday (except July and Aug.) 7:00 pm at the Lions Club Room in the Optimist Center, Exhibition Grounds. Confirm location of meeting with contact prior to meeting
Regina	PO Box 1894, Regina SK S4P 3E1 Contact: Renae Grubb at (306) 584-1658 Email: sgsregina@gmail.com Website: http://www.rootsweb.com/~canrbsgs/
NEW	Meet 4th Tues (except June to Aug. & Dec.) 7:00 pm at Glen Elm Library, 1601 Dewdney Ave. E.

Saskatoon	<p>Bay #1, 1730 Quebec Ave, Saskatoon SK S7K 1V9 Contact: Sheldon Trabish at (306) 664-2551 Email: info@genealogysaskatoon.org Website: http://www.genealogysaskatoon.org/ Meet 3rd Thurs. (except July and Aug.) 7:00 pm at Bay 1, 1730 Quebec Avenue, Saskatoon</p>
South-East	<p>PO Box 795, Carnduff, SK S0C 0S0 Contact: Lynette Lang at (306) 482-3378 Email: cl.lang@sasktel.net Meet 4th Sat. at 2:00 pm. Jan to March & Nov / 4th Wed. 7:30 pm – Apr, May, Sept, Oct. Alternate locations between Oxbow & Carnduff Library</p>
Swift Current	<p>c/o Dawn Rogowski at 10 Aitken Place, Swift Current SK S9H 4H4 Contact: Joanne Jensen at (306) 773-0280 Email: jensen@sasktel.net Meet 4th Mon. (except June to Aug. & Dec.) 7:00 pm at 164 1st Avenue NW, Swift Current (upstairs at Office Outfitters)</p>
Weyburn	<p>PO Box 117, Creelman SK S0G 0X0 Contact: Lorna Bossenberry at (306) 861-1816 Email: bossenberry@sasktel.net OR Meet 2nd Tues. 6:30 pm at Weyburn Public Library</p>
Yorkton	<p>170 Goodspirit Crescent, Yorkton SK S3N 3J3 Contact: Gerald Moriarty at (306) 783-2254 Email: leprechaun@sasktel.net Website: http://www.yorktonchaptersgs.wordpress.com Meet 2nd Tues. (except July/Aug.) 7:00 pm at Ernest Bauerle History Room, Yorkton Public Library</p>

Special Interest Group

Zichydorf Village Association	<p>2114 Laurier Crescent, Regina SK S4V 0P6 Contact: Glenn Schwartz at (306) 789-4481 Email: gschwartz@myaccess.ca Website: http://www.zichydorfonline.org/</p>
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Basic Search of Saskatchewan Records

\$65 per person/couple. The SGS will do a basic search of Saskatchewan sources. We require a given name and surname AND if possible, a Saskatchewan location. Sources searched: Homestead index & file / Obituary index / Cemetery index & file / Local histories / Newspaper index / SRI / Census Index (1891, 1901, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1926) / Family Histories (SGS Library Catalogue).

Saskatchewan Obituary Files Search

From Obituary Index - \$5 per individual plus .30¢ per copy.

Surname - \$10.00 per surname plus .30¢ per copy.

Obituaries not in the collection: SGS will check to see if a newspaper is available for the location and time period - \$22 per obituary.

Saskatchewan Cemetery Files Search

\$7 per name if the name of the cemetery is given.
\$12 per surname if the name of the cemetery is given.
\$22 per name if all cemeteries in a Rural Municipality need to be checked.

Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI), Burial Index or Obituary Index

Specific Search - \$7 for one name.

All three databases - \$21.00

Saskatchewan Homestead Search

\$17 - Provide the name of the homesteader and the legal land description. \$19 - Provide the name of the homesteader and a community name or general area/location in Saskatchewan where the homestead could have been. Includes up to 7 pages of copies.

Other research services available:

- ◆ Aboriginal and Metis Sources: Preliminary - \$25; Basic Search - \$75.00 for the direct line per family
- ◆ Henderson Directory - \$17 per name for a search of five directories - you must specify the time frame.
- ◆ Books in the SGS Library (such as Saskatchewan Local Histories) - \$5 per look-up plus .30¢ per printed page.
- ◆ National Burial Index - \$12 per name per location
- ◆ Pre-1869 Marriage Records for Ontario - \$12 per couple per district
- ◆ Repertoires for RC Parishes of Quebec 1700-1765 - \$35 per hour; minimum charge \$17 per ½ hour
- ◆ New Brunswick Newspapers - Vital Statistics (1784-1881) - \$9 per name (3 year search)
- ◆ Householders Index for Griffith Valuations in Ireland 1845-1867 - \$35 per hour; minimum charge \$17 per ½ hour
- ◆ Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, Volumes 1-67 - \$17 per person or family searched per year. *Ask for brochure.*
- ◆ RCMP Obituary Index - \$4.00 per name. List is available on our website under Public Databases.
- ◆ SGS Subscriptions – Find My Past, Godfrey Memorial Library, My Heritage (former World Vital Records and Ancestry) - \$35 per hour; minimum charge \$17 per ½ hour
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