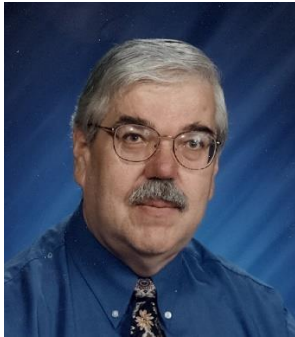


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John Althouse

John was born in Canora, SK and lived there ten years before moving to Edmonton, Alberta where he has lived since. After graduating from the University of Alberta, John was a teacher in the Edmonton Catholic School District for nearly thirty-five years. He has authored numerous publications related to education. He has always had a strong interest in heritage and history. The Althouse family settled in the Canora area before there was a Canora, and his maternal family arrived in Canada from Russia in 1911 and eventually settled in the Medstead area. Recently, he began to discover and learn the stories of his ancestral families in the hope of someday writing these histories. He has done personal research related to his German ancestors from Germany and Volga Russia, Ukrainian ancestors, ancestors in the USA, Canada, as well as some limited research related to Ireland and England.

John has contributed many articles to genealogical publications and has been a featured speaker at both AGS and SGS Conferences and for many other events. John created the AGS history book for the years 1998 – 2013 ***New Leaves*** and is currently developing resources for introducing school aged children to the wonders, joys, and skills of genealogy. He feels he still has much family history to puzzle through and write up. A family historian / genealogist's work is never complete!



SGS 2018 Conference Sessions:

- **Using the Genealogical Gazetteer of Galicia to Locate your Ukrainian Village of Origin**
- **Google It!**
- **A Little Walk Through the Cemetery**
- **Every Picture Tells a Story**
- **A Matter of Fortune**

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Bonnie Dahl

Bonnie Dahl has a Master's Degree in History from the University of Saskatchewan, specializing in Saskatchewan history. She has been a Reference Archivist at the Saskatoon Office of the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan for 10 years and in that time has assisted many family history researchers to locate records of interest in the holdings of the Provincial Archives.



SGS 2018 Conference Session:

- **Meeting 'A. Friend' at the Archives: Genealogical Resources at the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan**

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Jim and Marianne Greer

Jim Greer, PhD began his career as a high school teacher in Saskatchewan and Alberta and for the past 30 years has been a professor of Computer Science at the University of Saskatchewan. Marianne Greer, PhD has been a hospital and community pharmacist, a University of Saskatchewan professor, a director in the international pharmaceutical industry, and the director of a research unit. Most recently, she published the historical fiction novel, 'Thrice Blest', based on her family history. Jim and Marianne have spent the past few years researching Jim's Northern Irish ancestors.



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- **Brick Walls, Breakthroughs and Bridges**

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Gordon McBean

Gordon McBean is a retired Educational Technologist from Red River College. He supported the college staff's use of Microsoft Office products and ran training courses for staff on MS Office and other technologies used in the educational environment.

He is a member of the Manitoba Genealogy Society and has served on the executive of the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch as President and VP responsible for membership programs. He has served on the MGS executive as VP Information Technology and he lead the upgrade and modernization of their infrastructure. His latest project has been the creation of the MGS online database known as MANI (MANitoba Name Index) which has over 1,000,000 index records to Manitoba names found in various publications and cemetery transcriptions.

His areas of expertise are in digital photography, digital audio, computer technology and genealogy research. He has spoken to clubs and societies on a variety of topics related to Genealogy and technology. He has presented seminars at the Brandon, Dauphin and Winnipeg branches of the society as well as at the MGS Annual seminars

He has published articles in the MGS Generations magazine as well as The Clan McBean journal.

He maintains several web sites, including <https://www.myheritage.com/site-individuals-27431791/they-came-through-ontario?aSearch=on&page=1&filter=1000001> and several WordPress and Facebook sites.



SGS 2018 Conference Sessions:

- **How do I Prove It?: The Proof of Robert Barber**
- **Online Trees**
- **Digital and Microfilm Newspapers for Genealogical Research**
- **Excel – Organize - Analyze Genealogy Data**
- **Technology Toolkit – Tech We Can't Live Without**

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Earl Schultz

Earl Schultz has been an avid genealogist for over 50 years. A first generation Canadian, his research has focused primarily on the records, customs and people living in the German communities around Rypin, Poland, about 155 kilometers NW of Warsaw. He has spent many years extracting the Polish records of the Evangelical Parishes in his ancestral area and is currently transferring those records (about 50,000 individuals) to the Legacy genealogy program and linking thousands of families together.

Earl supplements paper records with DNA research and assists others with their DNA research. He is the Project Administrator for the Lechnitz, Klempan and Kleps Surname Projects for FTDNA (Family Tree DNA) – www.ftdna.com/groups/Lechnitz.

Earl has been a regular guest speaker at several Alberta and International genealogical conferences. His research has given him material for many stories about his ancestors and their culture.



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- **The Holy Ghost in Poland**
- **DNA and Genealogy, An Introduction**
- **Using DNA to Solve Genealogical Problems**
- **Choosing Software for your Genealogical Research**

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Brenda Smith

Brenda L. Smith is a family history consultant, writer and researcher in Maple Ridge, BC. Presently, Brenda serves as Chair of the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission, and is a founding member of the Maple Ridge Family History Group.

As a member of the Maple Ridge Family History Group, she writes for the *Maple Ridge Historical Society Family History Newsletter*, and leads the Hammond Family History Project. She presents research methodology programs for libraries, museums and archives, family history societies and other interested groups. For Family History Centres, Brenda is a regular presenter at *Finding Your Roots Seminar* and *Abbotsford Family History Day*, and at other genealogy and family history events in British Columbia.



SGS 2018 Conference Sessions:

- **Casting the Net: Seeking Your Ancestors on the Internet**
- **Right Forest, Wrong Tree: Interpret Your Findings**
- **Moving to a New Life: European Migration Records Beyond Ships' Lists**
- **Intellectual Property: Yours and Mine**
- **Why Write your Family History?**

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Tammy Vallee

Tammy is a certified Saskatchewan and Aboriginal Researcher for the SGS and has completed the National Institutes of Genealogical Studies programs of Canadian Records and Librarianship. Tammy began working full time in the field of genealogy in 2000, providing customized research services, educational sessions, and training workshops. She specializes in Indigenous research with her main focus on the Métis families in Western Canada and the Northwest Territories. Over the last decade, she has worked closely with government officials and stakeholders to develop systems based on genealogies and historical data to register people of Métis heritage. Her personal areas of genealogy research include Ireland, England, Scotland, Finland, Austria, the northern USA and Canada. She is an active volunteer with the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and the Saskatoon Branch.



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- Facebook Genealogy
- Identity Puzzle

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Mervin Weiss

Merv Weiss grew up in the predominantly German community of Fox Valley, Saskatchewan. The vast majority of the early pioneer homesteaders were Germans who had immigrated from the Black Sea region of old South Russia (today Ukraine). Merv has been actively researching his German-Russian background since the year 2000. Successful genealogical research requires an understanding of the relevant history and geography. To this end, he has made several trips to Ukraine and to Germany. Locating and meeting descendants of his Grandfather's siblings has been the most rewarding aspect of his family research.



SGS 2018 Conference Session:

- **Finding Lost Cousins: How I Rediscovered My German Roots**

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