

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Inc.

Vision:

Saskatchewan genealogy and family history is respected and valued to understand our past and guide our future.

Mission

SGS achieves its Vision by:

- i) Providing expertise to assist the people of Saskatchewan to understand and participate in family history research.
- ii) Collecting, preserving and delivering Saskatchewan specific genealogical records and materials.

Genealogy - The study of the descent of families and persons from an ancestor or ancestors, using actual or primary sources and recording the findings onto pedigree charts. For simplicity, the term genealogist will be used throughout.

Family History - An extension of genealogy, placing family members in their historical, geographical, social, and occupation contexts. It describes their activities and the lives they lived, and includes the study of historical, social, and economic conditions of the area in which they lived.

Strategic Direction 1:

SGS offers exceptional expertise and resources for family history research.

Strategic Direction 2:

SGS provides extensive access to online resources.

Strategic Direction 3:

SGS has an active and growing membership built on relationships of trust and confidence.

Strategic Direction 4:

SGS programs and services are financially sustainable.

President's Report

By: René Stock

Occasionally one must lift one's eyes from the plough to observe what's been accomplished, and what is yet to be done. Annual Meeting time is just such an occasion.

The past couple of years have been tumultuous times for the Society as we faced what seemed like an insurmountable debt problem. Rising costs on everything that is required to continue day-to-day operations, combined with attempting to keep pace with rapidly advancing technologies in the way we gather, preserve and present genealogical information, had caused expenditures to outpace revenues. It was time to regroup, and thanks to our primary funding source, SaskCulture, your Board was made keenly aware of the situation and of the likely outcomes in the absence of action.

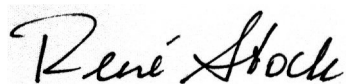
The Board took SaskCulture's advice by hiring Dawn Martin of Daybreak Consulting to undergo Strategic Planning sessions which included consulting with membership through questionnaires, and by hiring management firm b-creative group to act as Executive Director. B-Creative sent us Deanne Cairns as acting Executive Director, and thanks to her stewardship, to the sacrifices made by current staff including taking over the workload of the librarian when that position was not filled and office cleaning when the cleaning contract was not renewed, to the halting of new initiatives, and to the supportive membership in raising self-generated revenue to retire the debt, the Society is in a much stronger position.

Thanks also to your Board members who have spent many hours in deliberations while developing a Strategic Plan that is to guide the Society into the future. Our Past President Barb Tait deserves special credit for her efforts, including extending her term by one year to see the process through.

Our volunteers continue to donate an incredible amount of their time and talents. Without them the Society would not have the vast storehouse of genealogical information that is under our stewardship.

Looking to the future, our task is to continue to educate and to collect, store and deliver genealogical information. We must reduce the cost and delivery times of our volunteer transcription and digitization efforts. We need to review how we deliver information to the public and to the membership while retaining benefits to members. We need to attract new members, especially from the younger generation, and that means determining what it will take to fulfil their expectations from membership in a Society.

Although we are over the immediate crisis, keeping pace with the rest of the genealogical world will require that we seek outside funding for specific projects. Continued financial support from our members will be a necessity. Thank you for your generosity!



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Executive Director's Report

By: Deanne Cairns

2016 was a busy and challenging year for SGS as we continued to work towards eliminating the accumulated deficit. The commitment to our primary funders, SaskCulture was to be rid of the deficit by the end of 2018. Thanks to the work of the Board and staff, and to the dedication and generosity of the members, SGS has eliminated the accumulated deficit well ahead of schedule. You can see from the financial statements in this report that SGS ended the year with a small surplus.

We continued to operate short-staffed throughout the year, not filling the vacant Librarian position. At the request of SGS, April was designated Family History Month in Saskatchewan. The SGS Conference was held in Regina mid-month and was well-attended. There was a good variety of speakers, sessions and exhibitors. 110 people attended the Banquet on Saturday evening to hear the keynote speaker Dale Eisler share his story about *Anton, A Young Boy, His Friend and the Russian Revolution*. A silent auction and 50/50 draw were held with proceeds going to "Demolish the Deficit." Kudos to the Conference Planning Committee, the staff, and the event volunteers who

Staff continued to support the SGS Board of Directors in their Strategic Planning and Governance planning and development.

SGS received a Grant from the Documentary Heritage Communities Program from Library and Archives Canada to conduct Digital Storytelling Workshops in a number of locations around the province. The workshops were popular with some tremendous family history stories being told. You can see some of the stories on our website.

Other workshops were held throughout the year, including a two-day Beginner Genealogy Workshop during Culture Days. The Library and Research Room at SGS also held an Open House during Culture Days that was well attended and brought in a few new members.

Aboriginal and Métis groups participated in the Aboriginal Researcher Certification course and several students were participating in the online Record Searcher and Researcher certification courses throughout the year.

In August, SGS participated in a joint journal project with the Alberta and Manitoba genealogical societies focussing on the families of the NWMP. The journals from all three organizations were available to members with email addresses.

We recovered from a costly and time consuming website hacking issue and were able to get 125,000 records added to the Obituary Index online late in 2016. Thanks to all the volunteers and the coordinator on that project. Volunteers continued indexing for the SRI throughout the year.

Although the deficit is gone, SGS still faces many challenges ahead. Our membership is continuing to decline. Technology is advancing quickly and we need to do some work in this area, particularly digitizing and looking at automating our indexing processes in order to make data available to our members in a more timely manner. In 2017 we will be working towards online payment processes to make it easier for people to join, make donations, make purchases, register for workshops, etc. We are planning a family history research trip to Salt Lake City in June in cooperation with the Medicine Hat Genealogical Society.

Thanks again for your support over the last year. I look forward to working with you again this year. And remember, if you have some spare time on your hands, we can always find some volunteer work for you.

Respectfully submitted,



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2016 Board of Directors

Officers

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René Stock, Saskatoon

Past President

Barb Tait, Regina

Interim Vice President

Glenn Schumland, Regina

Directors

Holly Schick, Regina

Marge Cleave, Moose Jaw

Celeste Rider, Estlin

Dolores Ast, Red Deer, AB

Tammy Vallee, Saskatoon

Doris Maben, Yorkton

SGS Staff

Executive Director - Deanne Cairns

Librarian – Vacant

Executive Assistant - Lisa Warren

Admin Assistant – Lisa Dawn Matthaei

Volunteer Coordinators

Education Coordinator - Vacant

Cemetery Program - Vacant

Obituary Coordinator

Celeste Rider

SRI - Vacant

Newspaper Coordinator – Vacant

SGS Programs & Services

1. Education

SGS provides encouragement and instruction in scientific and ethical research methods.

Two courses are available by e-course and they are the Saskatchewan Record Searcher Course and the Aboriginal Researcher Course. There are 5 students who are taking the Saskatchewan Record Searcher Course and 15 students who are taking the Aboriginal Researcher Course. Two of the Aboriginal students completed the course.

Requests for workshops continue to be made and whenever possible, our instructors are offered these opportunities. It is the willingness of the instructors and other qualified volunteers that allow us to offer such a variety of workshops on a regular basis.

Workshops held at SGS	3 workshops 43 people
Workshops outside SGS	39 workshops 508 people

2. Preservation/Conservation & Collection

SGS preserves, conserves and collects materials relevant to the study of genealogy and family history by:

- A member of Saskatchewan Heritage Community of Interest.
- Advocated that the heritage of all Saskatchewan residents is part of provincial history.
 - Done through promotion on radio open line talks and television interviews. Also accomplished through programs: Library, Cemetery, SRI, Obituary Files, Special Purchase program, Saskatchewan Homestead Index Project (SHIP) and in the future Saskatchewan Heritage Resource Directory (SHRD), Rural Municipality Historical Document Project (RMHDP), Saskatchewan Pioneer Certificate.
- cataloguing the SGS collection.
- putting promotional brochures in archives and libraries.
- exchanging bulletins/newsletters with provincial heritage organizations.
- sending to provincial cultural organizations.

Cemetery

This year we received updates and new cemetery records which are processed as they come in. The total cemeteries located in the province are 3,490 and we have records for 2,561 of them.

Volunteers continue indexing cemetery records so they can be added to the Burial Index under the SGS Databases.

The Cemetery Index has been upgraded and now includes GPS locations of each cemetery, more cemeteries have been added and corrections will be taking place in 2017.

As always – we can't do it without the many hours put in by our volunteers around the province. Thank you very much.

Obituary

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

Some volunteers were busy sorting and alphabetizing obituaries prior to 2002. These obituaries have been sent in by members and branches throughout the province. This project is very large and requires many hours of volunteer time. In turn it is one of our best sources of information about former Saskatchewan residents. The collection is located in a card file and all of the collection has been scanned, indexed and placed on the Obituary Index on our website. The collection consists of over 161,000 obituaries.

Due to space in our library, ALL obituaries from 2002 are being indexed onto the SRI. We ask everyone to continue gathering obituaries from the papers, even if you are unable to index. SGS has volunteers who will index the obituaries post-2001 from newspapers that are forwarded to SGS.

1. Name of the paper must be supplied with obituaries
2. Date of the paper must be supplied with each obituary (Obituaries are indexed by the date of the paper, not by the death date)

Contact SGS if you are interested in volunteering. SGS thanks all the volunteers ... keep up the good work!

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Obituary Indexing Project

By: Celeste Rider, Coordinator

In 2016, Linda Neely and I continued to work at combining the indexed data into files to be uploaded to the Obituary Index database on the SGS website. All of these files were uploaded to the website in December, 2016.

Scanning and indexing of new obituaries added to the Obituary Files collection in the SGS Library and Research Room will continue on an as need basis and updates to the online Obituary Index will continue as resources are available.

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Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

This year local history books and year books have been indexed. They will be added to the SRI once they have been proofed and corrected. We are always looking for volunteers to index, proofread, or correct.

We have been looking for someone to volunteer as the coordinator for the SRI. In the meantime I have been spending as much time as possible to keep the program going. Thank you to everyone who has helped with SRI this year and in the past.

Numerous cemetery files have been indexed and will be placed on the burial index early in 2017. There are still cemeteries that need to be indexed for the SRI. The following statistics do not include cemeteries on the SRI.

At the end of 2016, we have 676 sources that have been registered with the SRI. Out of this total 539 are books and local history books, 61 are files in the SGS library, 10 are government documents, 15 are maps and 51 newspapers. Out of the 676 sources registered, 298 of them are completed. Total records on SRI Database is 3,300,000.

Library

By: Lisa Dawn Matthaehi

Library Statistics:

Total value of the collection in 2016: \$379,844
As compared to 2015 \$377,240
As compared to 2014: \$388,314

The SGS Library Collection consists of:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Books	22,325	22,166	n/a
Microfilm/fiche	25,757	25,757	35,748
Maps	652	624	605
CD/DVD	102	101	83

Journals and periodicals continue to be exchanged with other genealogical societies, donated by members, and purchased through subscription.

- 66 periodicals were exchanged with other societies
- 16 periodicals were donated/sponsored by individual SGS members
- 7 periodicals were purchased through subscription

We continue to receive more and more publications electronically.

Members and organizations continue to generously make donations of books, microfilm, microfiche, maps, and CD's to the Library.

- 25 people donated 159 items
- 6 organizations (genealogical societies, libraries, historical societies, and publishing companies) donated 83 items

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate mailing boxes, bubble bags and funds to help with postage costs. This helps ensure that library books can continue to be mailed out to members. Please call or e-mail if you have some to donate.

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Research

By: Celeste Rider

	2015	2016
Basic Search of Saskatchewan Records	15	15
Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)	8	14
Look-ups	15	37
<i>(Books only, does not include cemetery files)</i>		
Burial Index	3	2
Cemetery Search	21	14
Obituary Files	10	14
Obituary Index	--	1
RCMP Obituaries	5	2
Newspaper Search	8	31
Homestead Search	14	10
Henderson Directories	7	2
Other	16	22
<i>(Census, Cummins Maps, Land Records, searches charged at hourly rate, etc.)</i>		
Aboriginal Searches	1	6
Total # of researches done	123	170

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3. Resources

To develop and maintain SGS's human and financial resources.

1. *To have adequate human resources.* To have adequate professional staff and an active volunteer base to ensure the delivery of all programming.
2. *Financial Resources.* To have adequate financial resources to accomplish SGS goals. Revenue is comprised of Lottery dollars, membership fees, donations, program revenue, fundraising, and sponsorships.

4. Promotion

To promote and foster the study of genealogy and family history. This is accomplished by:

A. Liaison - There is a need to establish and maintain mutual understanding with other groups and the community at the provincial and grassroot level. SGS is presently networking with other genealogical societies by exchanging publications with groups around the world.

- Work with Multicultural organizations.

- Work with Aboriginal organizations.
- Member SaskCulture Heritage Community of Interest and network with Saskatchewan Cultural Organizations.
- Saskatchewan Archives Board.

B. Advocacy - SGS advocates that heritage helps one understand the past, appreciate the present, and plan for the future. The heritage of society is the combined heritage of individuals. Advocacy is promoted through the Bulletin, branch newsletter, internet, branches, members, and all programming. SGS in the past has lobbied for:

- Index to Vital Statistics in Saskatchewan
- Access to post-1901 census.
- For a positive response to the opt-out clause on the 2006 census.

C. Public Access - to provide public access through an excellent resource library and quality programs. All programs are available to the public. During 2016, these programs included:

<u>Library</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Visitors to the Library	1,388	1,462
Circulation:	35,978	40,841
Packages of books mailed:	130	73
Phone calls for information:	1,566	1,035
Volunteers	1,563**	298*
Volunteer Hours	31,260**	954*

* Library only

** SGS total including library

Special Purchase Program - Resources purchased for this program are part of the library collection and may be accessed by our members. The general public may access any books as reference but not the microfiche/film collection. The collection attracts membership and research.

Cemetery Program – Accessed by the public and members in our library and online.

Obituary File – Accessed by the public and our members in our library. All of the collection was added online in December 2016.

SRI – Accessed by the public and members in our library and online.

Conference – Conference took place in Regina on April 15-17, 2016. 97 people attended the conference.

Annual General Meeting - 53 people attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and participated in the discussions.

Bulletin – Was published 3 times a year (April, August and December) to our membership and subscribers. It provides education on research and information on SGS activities. Circulation for 2016 was 634 per issue or a total of 1900 copies. There were 348 e-mailed per issue. Number of people who accessed the Bulletin is estimated at 300,000. Bulletin is edited by staff.

A special edition was published in August in partnership with the Alberta and Manitoba Genealogical Societies. The issue focused on the lives of some early members of the North West Mounted Police after they left the services. Members with email addresses were able to receive copies from all three provinces.

Workshops - Number of people accessing this program 551. This includes workshops on contract.

Education - Certification program are available to the public, however, only members receive certification upon completion. Two courses are offered by e-course.

Stock - Genealogical supplies on demand.

SGS eConnection – Electronic newsletter for SGS Branches published on an as need be basis to get information to the branches in a timely manner and seek their input. The electronic newsletter started in 2015 and three issues have been distributed.

SGS Website – Estimated number of visitors during 2016 to home page and supplemental pages – 180,503.

Committees

Conference

The “Diving in to the Genealogical Pool” Conference was held in Regina on April 15, 16 and 17, 2016. 97 people registered for the conference and 110 attended the Saturday evening banquet and enjoyed Guest Speaker, Dale Eisler, who told the story of *Anton, A Young Boy, His Friend and the Russian Revolution*.

There were 7 very knowledgeable presenters, several who presented on more than one topic over the weekend and a good selection of exhibitors. Presenters for the Plenary Sessions were Tammy Tipler-Priolo, John Althouse and Alan B. Anderson. A Silent Auction and a 50/50 draw were held to raise funds to put towards deficit reduction.

Sponsors and donors are such an important part of being able to host an educational and networking event like this. Information Services Corporation was the Silver Sponsor for the Conference. Bronze sponsors included the College of Certified Saskatchewan Genealogists, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority – Painted Hand Casino, and the Zichydorf Village Association. Other sponsors included McGregor’s Travel, Saskatchewan Library Association and Speers Funeral and Cremation Services. There were many donors who donated items for the silent auction, door prizes for the event, cash donations and donations and kind. They are too numerous to name here but are listed in the Conference Syllabus

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Newspaper Publication

The volumes for Saskatchewan World War I Casualties from Regina Leader 1914-1920 was published in 2016 and is available for sale.

SGS Accountability

SGS has been receiving Lottery dollars for operational expenses since 1985. The receipt of these dollars is based on meeting the requirements set out by the Lottery Trust. In addition these dollars impact on GST; Charitable Status and postage subsidy as follows:

Member of SaskCulture and receives a grant from Lottery Foundation.

Grant application is judged on how many people we serve and the number of people who are involved or access our programming.

SaskCulture Cultural Policy

Approximately 69% of SGS's revenue is received from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sports, Culture and Recreation. As a beneficiary of lottery dollars, SGS is judged against criteria set out in SaskCulture's Cultural Policy. The following cultural policy defines the funding priorities for the cultural section of the Trust as follows.

Access and Service

This includes the number of programs offered, size of membership, number of times programs are accessed, and number of individuals participating in programs. In addition, number of donors to the organization, ratio of total self-generated revenue raised through fundraising over Lottery grant and connections with other groups or organizations to gain access to target audiences. Also includes the impact of the programming on the cultural landscape and society of the province.

Representation

Membership must be geographically representative of the province and data on the

membership gathered and recorded. There must be an appreciation of demographics and how they affect the organization.

Organizational Effectiveness

The organization must have a clearly articulated vision and demonstrate a resolve to achieve it, while adapting to demographic changes. A planning and evaluation process must be in place to assess its progress towards its vision.

Effective Governance

The organization must operate under an appropriate model that assures the development and implementation of internal structures, policies and procedures which best achieve the mandate of the organization.

All Lottery beneficiaries are expected to take an active role in promoting the sale of Lottery tickets as a benefit to the cultural community and the overall quality of life in our province.

Operates under Non-profit Act

Reporting requirements

Is a Charitable organization

SGS has been granted the privilege of providing a Tax Receipt for donations and membership fees. This means we can only provide nominal benefits to members. Should membership fees change to value-added membership, SGS will continue to maintain their charitable status and continue to issue Tax Receipts for monetary and material donations. Value-added memberships are not subject to GST.

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2016 SGS Membership

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

The final membership for 2016 was 572 a decrease of 91 members over the 2015 final membership total. Senior citizens represent 55% of the total paid membership. The following is a geographical analysis of the membership in 2016 showing the widespread interest in the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.

SASKATCHEWAN

Total membership – 416 representing 94 communities.

Communities represented by more than 10 memberships - (273 members/7 communities).

Moose Jaw (24), Prince Albert (16), Regina (131), Saskatoon (64), Swift Current (16), Yorkton (11), Weyburn (11).

Communities represented by 3-9 memberships - (46 members/10 communities).

Biggar (5), Carnduff (3), Central Butte (7), Indian Head (3), Lloydminster (3), Mankota (3), Melfort (9), Moosomin (7), Ogema (3), Regina Beach (3)

Communities represented by 2 memberships - (40 members/20 communities).

Battleford, Bethune, Briercrest, Christopher Lake, Herbert, Kennedy, Kindersley, Lashburn, Loon Lake, Maryfield, Milestone, North Battleford, Oxbow, Rocanville, Rouleau, Tisdale, Unity, Warman, Webb, Whitewood

Communities represented by 1 membership (57 members/communities).

Admiral, Aneroid, Assiniboia, Avonlea, Balcarres, Bredenbury, Candle Lake, Ceylon, Colonsay, Corman Park, Creelman, Creighton, Cudworth, Cupar, D'Arcy, Dundurn, Dysart, Estevan, Eston, Fort Qu'Appelle, Furdale, Grenfell, Hanley, Kamsack, Kelvington, Kerrobert, Lacadena, Laird, Lake Lenore, Lestock, Lintlaw, Lumsden, Macklin, Manitou Beach, Manor, McCord, Melville, Monmartre, Osler, Pangman, Raymore, Redvers, Rhein, Richlea, Riverhurst, Riverside Estates, Rosthern, Ruthilda, Saltcoats, Shellbrook, Sifton, Southey, St. Walberg, Tyner, Watson, Wawota, White City

OTHER PROVINCES OF CANADA

There is a total of 142 members representing 76 communities.

Alberta (46), British Columbia (45), Manitoba (15), New Brunswick (1), Ontario (33), Prince Edward Island (1), Yukon (1)

UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES

United States 11 members / 8 communities.

Overseas 3 members / 3 communities

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Branch Report

Biggar

Meetings are held 2nd Wednesday of the month (except July and August) January to April - 2:00 pm; May to December - 7:30 p.m. at Biggar Post Office (2nd Floor) - 2nd Avenue Entrance.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$5.00.
- No newsletter published.
- Web site: <http://www.biggargenealogy.wikifoundry.com>
- Membership for 2016: 6 Members; 6 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: \$50.00 for local research.
- Brochures on the Branch and their research services are available.
- Special Collections: Town of Biggar Census for 1912, 1915, 1920, 1924, 1929 and 1945; assortment of Canadian National Railway Seniority Lists; CNR Retirees honoured by Biggar Terminal Retirement Association 1946 - 1991; births, marriage and deaths from *The Independent* newspaper 1913 to 1970; Obituary Index *The Independent* newspaper 1984 to 2014; obituaries on file from *The Independent* 1991 to 2014; births, deaths and marriages and other notable items from the *Landis Record* newspaper 1916, April 27 to 1937, August 25th, not indexed; 2 collections of Biggar undertaker records, indexed; 1911 Canadian Census Index for Village of Biggar; cemetery recordings for cemeteries in the R.M. of Biggar including the Town of Biggar, R.M. of Glenside, Landis, Cando and Ruthilda. Updated Biggar Cemetery up to March of 2010 based on Town of Biggar records; 1881 Canadian Census Index CD; HOME CD; basic 'how to' books and research papers for Saskatchewan, Canada, United States, United Kingdom, Europe and Scandinavia.
- Publications for sale: Obituary Index *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1984 to 2011; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1913 to 1920; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1921 to 1930; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1931 to 1940; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1941 to 1945; Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent* Biggar, Saskatchewan 1946 to 1950, Deaths from *The Independent*, Biggar, Saskatchewan 1951 to 1960 and Deaths from *The Independent*, Biggar, Sask 1961-1970 and and Biggar Cemetery Directory Centennial Edition with Plot Map.
- No queries or research requests this past year.
- Branch business cards left at Biggar Museum & Gallery for staff to hand out to those seeking help with their genealogy.
- Clipped obits from *The Independent*, Biggar, Saskatchewan for 2015, indexing completed and proofing data in process.
- Continue to add pages to the Biggar Heritage Album.
- No displays promoting the branch.

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Central Butte

Meetings are held 4th Wednesday of the month (except July, August and December) - 7:00 p.m. in lower level at Ivermain Place, Central Butte.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$15.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 7 Members; 7 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: Basic search for \$30.00 plus expenses.
- Special Collections: Local cemetery recordings, local vital statistics, research books, school year books, Swain funeral ledger; index to Central Butte property owners 1914-2014 and local history books.
- No publication for sale: Central Butte Property Owners Index
- Cemeteries updated – Tugaskie Cemetery.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Herbert Herald*.
- No display promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- No workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings and in the community.

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Grasslands

Meetings are held 3rd Wednesday of the month (except July and August) - 7:30 p.m. at Mankota RM office.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$6.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 9 Members; 6 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: \$6.00 plus \$1.00 fee and self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Special Collections: LDS) Family History Locality Catalog, OCFA, Archives of Ontario holdings, local history books; telephone books; local R.M. maps and local cemetery recordings.
- No displays promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.

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Moose Jaw

Meetings are held 4th Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) - 7:00 p.m. at Moose Jaw Public Library (Herb Taylor Room) - 461 Langdon Crescent.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 21 Members; 15 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available.
- Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~skmjbsgs/index.htm>.
- Research Services: Donations accepted.
- Special Collections: Henderson Directories; Genealogical Research Directories; online Cemetery records for Sunset, Moose Jaw Cemetery and Rosedale with photos of headstones, information is updated each year; random obituaries from Moose Jaw City Hall Records 1974-1989; miscellaneous BMD records from *Moose Jaw Times Herald* 1889-1998; scanned images BMD 1889-1891; images of 3 registrations books from North

Battleford. Complete birth and obituary notices from the *Moose Jaw Times Herald* 1999-2015 and a complete list of students, teachers, trustees of Victoria School(1896-1968)

- No publications for sale.
- Updated Moose Jaw City and Rosedale cemetery.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Had a display promoting branch.
- Genealogy Research Room in the Moose Jaw Gallery is open all year.
- Indexing obits for the SRI: *Moose Jaw Times Herald*.
- Workshop/Presentations were held at Branch meetings. In January Rose Mary Hartney spoke on how to start writing your family history. February Chris Krismer spoke on the Legacy software and how to use it. April Joan Maier gave a tour of the back room of the Moose Jaw Museum and all the artifacts they have in storage. In May Brenda Babich spoke on Researching the Roots of your Old Home. In October Susan Garner spoke on genealogy and social media and Wendy Gray spoke on genealogy and phone & computer apps

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North East

Meetings are held 1st Tuesday of the month (except June to September) - 1:30 p.m. at Kerry Vickar Centre Drycraft Room.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 13 Members; 10 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services are done on a no charge basis by members. However, donations are accepted.
- Special Collections: Recorded Cemeteries in the area, *Melfort Journal* microfilm up to 2007 available for view at Melfort Library. Resource books, IGI microfiche and (LDS) Family History Library Catalog. Collection is located at the Kerry Vickar Centre. Genealogy publications, newsletters, gazetteers, etc. maintained in a section of the Melfort Public Library.
- Publication for sale: Cemetery records in our area.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Melfort Journal*, *Tisdale Recorder* and *Parkland Review*. Copies of actual obituaries are in binders and updated regularly and kept at the Melfort Library. In 2014 we digitized all our obituary records for the area from 1983 to the present. CDs are available for sale. This is an ongoing project which is updated on a yearly basis.
- Had a display promoting branch
- No workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings or in the community.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Updated Mount Pleasant cemetery in Melfort, Tisdale cemetery and St. Peters Anglican Church Cemetery in rural Ridgedale, SK.

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Pangman

Meetings are held 4th Saturday of the month (January to March) at 1:30 p.m. / 4th Tuesday of the month (April to June, August to October) at 7:00 p.m. at Southeast Regional Library, Pangman.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$5.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 3 Members; 3 SGS Family Memberships.

- Brochure available.
- Research services as required.
- Special collections: 1881 Census Great Britain, 1992 IGI.
- No publications for sale.
- No display promoting Branch.
- Indexing for SRI.
- No workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings or in the community.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Radville Star*, *Deep South Star* and *Weyburn Review*

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Pipestone

Meetings are held 3rd Wednesday of the month (except June to August and December) - 7:30 p.m. at Moosomin Public Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$20.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 12 members; 9 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services are limited, fees to cover expenses.
- Special collections: IGI fiche, CD-roms, cemetery records, census lists, early copies of local newspapers on microfilm, books and genealogy magazines. All in local library.
- No publication for sale.
- Hosted a Beginners' Workshop in May.
- No display promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.

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Prince Albert

Meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of the month (except June, July, August, and December) - 7:00 p.m. at Lion's Club Room in the Optimist Center, Exhibition Grounds.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$15.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 25 Members; 16 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure is available.
- Website: <https://princealbertgenealogy.wordpress.com/>.
- Research services - offer limited research - lookups of obituaries, cemetery records, people listed in city directories and family histories in community history books. Fees are negotiable depending on time and resources involved.
- Special collection (s): Hamilton Funeral Home Records April 13, 1919 - September 28, 1944; Prince Albert Daily Herald Obituary & Death Notice Indexes 1982-2016; Shellbrook Chronicle Obituary Indexes; Wadena Obituary Indexes 2012-2015. Contact Branch for information.
- No publications for sale.
- Recorded the Batoche RC Cemetery.
- Indexing obituaries and death notices from the *Prince Albert Daily Herald*, *Prince Albert Rural Roots*.
- In January held an introductory genealogical workshop and in November Audrey Boyko gave a presentation on DNA Research.

- Volunteering for the SRI.
- No display promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings.

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Regina

Meetings are held 4th Tuesday of the month (except June to August & December) - 7:00 p.m. at the SGS Library, 110 - 1514 11th Avenue.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$20.00.
- Published no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 38 Members; 34 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available from the SGS, the branch. Distributed to Prairie History Room and Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan (PAS)
- Web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~canrbsgs/>.
- Research services: Contact Branch or visit website.
- No Special Collections.
- Publications for Sale: Census Lists for District of Assiniboia East, West, District of Saskatchewan and Albert for 1891.
- Recorded/updated cemeteries in the RM of Earl Grey.
- Had display to promote Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Workshops held at the branch meetings: January was Heirloom sharing, February was A War Brides Story by Joan Olson, March was Evaluating Sources by Chris Krismer, May was SGS Library by Celeste Rider, September we had a tour of the Prairie History Room by Warren James, October was Church Records by Trevor Powell and November was Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) by Greg Mulatz.

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Saskatoon

Meetings are held 3rd Thursday of the month (except July and August) - 7:00 p.m. at Albert Community Centre, 610 Clarence Avenue S, 3rd floor.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$25.00.
- Newsletter published 2-3 times per year is the *Armchair Genealogist*.
- Brochure is available
- Website: <http://www.genealogysaskatoon.org/>.
- Membership for 2016: 47 Members; 44 SGS Family Memberships.
- Highland Games, Ukrainian Day in the Park and in September we co-hosted with Latter-day Saints *Family Discovery Day*.
- Had a display promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Indexing, proofing and correcting books and obituaries for the SRI.

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South East

Meetings are held 4th Saturday of the month 2:00 p.m. – January to March & November; 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm – April, May, September & October. Locations will alternate between Oxbow and Carnduff Libraries.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$7.50.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 7 members; 4 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: Available on request. Fees will be charged based on expenses involved.
- Special Collections: Various books, newsletters, and maps. BMD records from Oxbow Herald 1905-1945 and 1965-2013. BMD index for RM3 and town of Oxbow. Contact branch for a complete list of collection.
- No publications for sale.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Oxbow Herald & Carnduff Gazette*.

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Swift Current

Meetings are held 4th Monday of the month (except June to August and December) - 7:00 p.m. at 164-1st Avenue N.W. (upstairs at Office Outfitters), Swift Current

- Branch Membership Fee: \$120.00 *.
- Published no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 21 Members; 18 SGS Family Memberships.
- Research Services: On-line research and local sources: \$12/hour plus copying
- No publications for sale.
- No cemeteries recorded.
- Presentations to the public were “How to Start Genealogy and Some Sites to Look at” held at the Bentley-Riviera Retirement Villa; “What Genealogy is and Why Do We Do It?” held at the Riverview Retirement Home. Both presentations were done by Joanne Jensen.
- No displays promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Two members did an interview with the Prairie Post-Eastern Edition which was published on December 9.

*2016 was a year of changes for the Swift Current branch. The branch was notified at the beginning of the year about losing the lease on their office space where they had been located for many years. A search for available office space in town came up with a space that costs 4 times as much as the previous space. This coupled with having lost their main source of fundraising when the bingo hall in the city closed a few years ago saw the branch increasing their membership dues to \$120.00/year. The branch moved into their new office at the end of February 2016.

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West Central

No meetings.

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Weyburn

Meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of the month (except July and August, unless otherwise specified) - 6:30 p.m. at Weyburn Public Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 9 Members; 8 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available from the branch or SGS.
- Research Services: \$10.00 plus postage and photocopying charges. Regular mail enquiries please send a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Special Collections: How to books, history books, atlases, directories, census reels for various years and locations, Family Tree Maker program, and microfilm reels of *Weyburn Review* 1943-1961. All located at the Weyburn Public Library.
- Publications for sale: *Glimpses of Weyburn – Centennial Edition*.
- Recorded no cemeteries.
- Volunteering for the SRI.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Weyburn Review*.
- Workshops/presentations were at Branch meetings. In May had a discussion on Documents and Maps to Assist in Our Research. In November members present stories about family members that served in any of the wars. Discussion on war records and the information found there took place at the same time.
- No displays promoting Branch.

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Yorkton

Meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of the month (except July and August) - 7:00 p.m. at the Yorkton Public Library, History Room.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Publish no newsletter.
- Membership for 2016: 15 Members; 12 SGS Family Memberships.
- Brochure available.
- No research services offered.
- Special Collections: Collection of local history books, maps, directories, microfilm and fiche of local newspapers and many others - all are held in the Ernest Bauerle History Room at the Public Library.
- No publications for sale.
- Had displays promoting Branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- No workshops/presentations were held at Branch meetings and in the community.

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Fundraising & Donations

SGS received the following donations from January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016.

DONATION

Friends (\$10-49)

Bonnie Downing
Marian Finucane
Rhonda Hall
William Haynal
Stanley Hockett
Donna Jamieson
Clara M. Johnson
Marian Kettlewell
Lorne Larson
Ted Meddess
Jean Marchand
Fred & Judy McLennan
Judith Meldrum
Sandra Norris
Bill Pinfold
Jenny Speir
Sherri Tomiak
Beverley Volk
Tom Worman

Fellows (\$50-99)

Catherine Dermody
Barbara Geoghegan
Rosalie Jarvis - North Battleford Br.
Gerard Stifter
Linda Suveges

Associate (\$100-499)

Anthony Gerein
Della Sanders

BULLETIN POSTAGE

Friends (\$10-49)

Bonnie Downing
Donna Halliday
Marian Kettlewell
Barry Little
Nancy Mawbey
Eleanor Ritchie
Beverley Volk

Patrons (\$1000 or more)

Ralph Harris

POSTAGE 2016

Friends (\$10-49)

Terri Chappell
W. Ross Doherty
Marian Kettlewell
Carol Light
Dorothy Lockhart
David Marshall
Brenda Monteith
Eleanor Ritchie
Marie Stewart

GIFT IN KIND

Friends (\$10-49)

Barb Archibald
Ian Brace
Douglas Hamilton
Shirley Hauglum
Bev Lundahl
Al Markel
Jacquie Perigny
Shari Peyerl
Grant Ridley
Glenn Schwartz
Myrna Sprecker
Audrey Wilkinson

Fellows (\$50-99)

Lorna Bossenberry
Leila Elder
Trevor and Betty Harle
Frank Korvemaker
Anne Lummerding
Celeste Rider
Marj Seidler
Howard Ulmer

Associate (\$100-499)

Deanne Cairns
Rae Chamberlain
Renae Grubb

Christa Kaytor
Christina Krismer
Jack Lemoine
Al Markel
William J. Paterson
Josef Tuchscherer

Partners (\$500-999)

Barb Tait

Patrons (\$1000 or more)

Rene Stock

MEMORIAL DONATION

Dave & Thelma Long – *for Robert Blair Gordon & Joyce Elsie McLachlan (nee Minter)*

FUNDRAISER (DEFICIT) 2016

Friends (\$10-49)

John H. Althouse
Charles & Rhaya Alton
Greg Arnott
Felix M. Auriat
Liz Avison
James Cleland
D. Brenda Cooper
Roberta Cox
Kathleen M. Davis-Page
Marilyn & Barry Dies
Bonnie Downing
Joyce Edgington
Catherine Friedel
Janie Fries
Brian D. Gushulak
Darlene G. Hawes
Brian Hutchison
Marian Kettlewell
Carol LaFayette-Boyd
Dawn Martin
Susan McLaughlin
Lillian Rediger
Eleanor Ritchie
C. Gordon Rook
James R. Sandercock
Ian Sloman
Curtis Smecher
Coleen St. Hilaire
Stuart Tait
Fran Van Bruggen

Clinton S. Wishlow
Ken E. Yung

Fellows (\$50-99)

Doug Appleton
Marge Cleave
Catherine Dermody
Darryl Ford
Vera I. Holmes
Donna Hogan
Linda Suveges

Associate (\$100-499)

Dolores Ast
Peggy I. Brown
Brian Gariepy
Evelyn Gay
Linda F. Gellner
Neil A. Gosling
Jeff and Renae Grubb
Barry Little
Greg Nelson
Janet Newman
Robert Pittendrigh
Fran Reiss
Jane Richardson
Celeste Rider
Glenn Schmuland
SGS South East Branch
Colleen Slater-Smith
Barbara Jean Stewart
Barb Tait

Partners (\$500-999)

Sharon Cleveland
Barr Godkin
Laura Hanowski
Betty & Trevor Harle
Hugh D. Heal
SGS Moose Jaw Branch
Zichydorf Village Association

Patrons (\$1000 or more)

Rae W. Chamberlain
SGS Weyburn Branch

Partners (\$500-999)

Laura Hanowski
Hugh D. Heal

DONATION 2017

Friends (\$10-49)

Charles & Rhaya Alton
Florence Arlitt
Greg Arnott
Donna Barber
Myrla Birch
D. Brenda Cooper
Bev & Margaret Culbertson
Lorraine Didrikson
Henry Fenwick
Dianne Gradin
LaDene Hamilton
Hugh Heal
Dirk Hoogeveen
Susan Kuzmak
Robert Liska
Valerie Martz
Tammy McIntyre
Rod & Corrie McLeod
John T. Nilson
C. Gordon Rook
James R. Sandercock
Glenn Schmuland
Jenny Speir
Coleen St. Hilaire
Marlene Thompson
Jacqueline Wood

Fellows (\$50-99)

Isabel C. Bailey
H. Leverne & Rene Baxter
Carol C. Clarke
Judith Droessler
Janet Newman
Lloyd O. Redick
Jaclyn Shanks
Ken E. Yung

Associate (\$100-499)

Eugene & Marie Blahut
Vernon C. Fowke
Jim Howlett
Phyllis Kowalchuk
James R. Sandercock

BULLETIN POSTAGE 2017

Friends (\$10-49)

Greg Arnott
Tom Atkins
Myrla Birch
Irene Blyth
Sharon Cleveland
D. Brenda Cooper
Bev & Margaret Culbertson
W. Ross Doherty
Frances G. Edwards
Darryl Ford
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Donna Halliday
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Elaine M. Kozakavich
Susan Kuzmak
David A. & Carol L. Marshall
Lloyd O. Redick
Jane Richardson
C. Gordon Rook
James R. Sandercock
Coleen St. Hilaire
Elizabeth Webb
Ken E. Yung

Fellows (\$50-99)

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Janet Newman

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Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets (deficit) and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Saskatchewan Genealogical Society as at December 31, 2016 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Regina, Saskatchewan
February 11, 2017


Dudley & Company LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

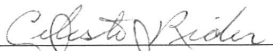

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash (Note 3)	\$ 128,827	\$ 106,647
Accounts receivable	2,153	3,024
Inventory	4,841	3,869
Prepaid expenses	4,803	630
	<u>140,624</u>	<u>114,170</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	<u>654</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 141,278</u>	<u>\$ 114,170</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 10,099	\$ 5,547
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	113,180	130,374
	<u>123,279</u>	<u>135,921</u>
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)		
Unrestricted fund	17,953	(22,336)
Restricted fund (Note 6)	46	585
	<u>17,999</u>	<u>(21,751)</u>
	<u>\$ 141,278</u>	<u>\$ 114,170</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 Director
 Director

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Statement of Operations
Year Ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
REVENUE		
Administration	\$ 241,157	\$ 231,666
Programs	40,341	12,351
	<u>281,498</u>	<u>244,017</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration	193,334	192,456
Membership communications	4,983	4,141
Programs	22,405	22,943
Travel and meetings	21,026	5,987
	<u>241,748</u>	<u>225,527</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 39,750</u>	<u>\$ 18,490</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Statement of Changes in Net Assets (Deficit)
Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2016	2015
Net assets (deficit) - beginning of year	\$ (22,336)	\$ 585	\$ (21,751)	\$ (40,241)
Excess of revenue over expenses	40,289	(539)	39,750	18,490
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT) - END OF YEAR	\$ 17,953	\$ 46	\$ 17,999	\$ (21,751)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from members and programs	\$ 86,650	\$ 82,323
Cash receipts from grants	177,405	179,313
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(241,906)	(231,033)
Interest received	31	45
Net change in cash and cash equivalents during the year	22,180	30,648
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	106,647	75,999
CASH - END OF YEAR (Note 3)	\$ 128,827	\$ 106,647

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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2016

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is incorporated under *The Non-Profit Corporations Act* of Saskatchewan. The society's principal activity is the promotion and development of the study, research, and preservation of genealogy and family history in Saskatchewan. The society is a non-profit organization within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* and is therefore exempt from income taxes.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realizable value.

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

Equipment	20%
Computer equipment	40%

Capital assets acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

Revenue recognition

Revenues from grants and other sources that relate to specific projects are recognized as revenue when the related expenses are incurred. Other grants and donations are recorded as revenue in the fiscal period to which they apply. Memberships, subscriptions and sales are recognized in the fiscal period in which the services are rendered. Miscellaneous items are recognized as revenue when received.

The society follows the deferral method of accounting for most contributions, with amounts received on account of revenue to be recognized in future fiscal periods recorded as deferred revenue. The society follows the restricted fund method of accounting for one category of restricted donations, with those donations being recognized as revenue in the restricted fund when received (see note 6).

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2016

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Contributed goods and services

The society's operations are partly dependent on contributed goods and services. Board members and other volunteers contribute a variety of their services on a regular basis. Some suppliers may also make contributions in the form of reduced rates or other in-kind goods and services. Gift in kind donations of goods totalled \$4,399 in 2016 (\$3,073 in 2015); only the portion pertaining to capital assets, and other items that reasonably would've otherwise been purchased, are recognized for accounting purposes (\$2,432 in 2016, \$ nil in 2015).

3. CASH

	2016	2015
Petty cash	\$ 50	\$ 50
Cashable term deposits	2,861	2,830
Chequing	125,915	103,766
Unrestricted savings	1	1
	\$ 128,827	\$ 106,647

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2016 Net book value	2015 Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 18,763	\$ 18,109	\$ 654	\$ -
Furniture and fixtures	38,728	38,728	-	-
	\$ 57,491	\$ 56,837	\$ 654	\$ -

5. DEFERRED REVENUES

Deferred revenue is comprised of the following:

	2016	2015
Subscriptions	\$ 220	\$ 330
Memberships	21,470	27,980
Sask Trust Grants	89,500	85,185
Project grants	-	8,943
Research	-	25
Specified donations	1,990	4,798
Conference	-	3,113
	\$ 113,180	\$ 130,374

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2016

6. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

In 2015, the society established a restricted fund called the Zichydorf Fund to track contributions restricted to these special resource purchases. The fund recorded donations of \$ nil (2015 - \$619), and purchases of \$ 539 (2015 - \$58), for an accumulated balance at the end of 2016 of \$46 (2015 - \$585).

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - MEASUREMENT AND IMPAIRMENT

The society initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. The society subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments, if any, in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash and accounts receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable. At the end of each reporting period, the society assesses whether there are any indications that a financial asset measured at amortized cost may be impaired, and if so, reduces the carrying amount accordingly.

8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - RISK EXPOSURES

Like any entity, the society is potentially exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. These include credit, liquidity, market, currency, interest rate and other price risks. None of these risk exposures are considered by management to be material, and there have been no changes in the society's risk exposures from the prior year.

9. COMMITMENTS

The society occupies leased office space. The lease was re-negotiated recently and the present lease term is now from January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2018. The total pre-tax lease for the two years is \$63,600, which equates to \$2,650 per month.

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**Schedule of Revenue****(Schedule 1)****Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	2016	2015
ADMINISTRATION		
Grants - Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund - AGF	\$ 177,000	\$ 170,370
Grants - Library and Archives Canada	5,033	-
Memberships	37,962	39,835
Interest	31	45
Donations - general	20,848	20,580
Miscellaneous revenue	283	836
Total Administration Revenue	\$ 241,157	\$ 231,666
PROGRAMS		
Advertising	\$ 1,068	\$ 1,410
Cemetery	54	75
Education, workshops, and certification	7,393	1,062
Other specified donations	2,061	1,385
Pioneer certificate	50	162
Publication sales	2,611	2,832
Research	4,706	2,619
Saskatchewan resident index	169	50
Conference and annual meeting	20,945	1,026
Special purchases donation	72	902
Women Pioneer book	1,212	828
Total Program Revenue	\$ 40,341	\$ 12,351

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**Schedule of Expenses****(Schedule 2)****Year Ended December 31, 2016**

	2016	2015
ADMINISTRATION		
Amortization	\$ 436	\$ 795
Benefits	18,552	13,340
Caretaking	215	840
Corporate and banking fees	1,444	1,189
Insurance	990	903
Membership	350	550
Office sundry	23	169
Office supplies	1,467	295
Parking	370	2,214
Personnel	119,500	121,600
Postage	3,322	3,098
Printing and copying	3,690	4,777
Professional fees	4,987	5,027
Rent	35,670	35,158
Telephone and communications	2,318	2,501
Total Personnel, Office and Corporate (Administration) Expenses	\$ 193,334	\$ 192,456
TRAVEL AND MEETINGS		
Board meetings	\$ 3,311	\$ 5,075
Membership meetings and conference	17,695	912
Staff travel	20	-
Total Travel and Meetings Expense	\$ 21,026	\$ 5,987
MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS		
Bulletins	\$ 4,532	\$ 3,304
Promotion	451	837
Total Membership Communications Expense	\$ 4,983	\$ 4,141

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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Schedule of Expenses (continued)

(Schedule 2)

Year Ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
PROGRAMS		
Library resources	\$ 49	\$ -
Postage	-	976
Research	1,409	2,454
Subscription databases	2,491	1,631
Subscriptions	309	1,403
Supplies and bookbinding	57	-
Subtotal: Library	4,315	6,464
Awards recognition	81	-
Births, Marriages, Deaths (BMD) Project	996	-
Branch administration	-	118
Burial index	-	466
Cemetery database	-	12,000
Computer services - data storage, website, etc.	3,741	2,410
Education, workshops and certification	8,377	150
Fundraising costs	837	258
Obituary files	1,613	-
Publications, cost of sales	1,906	994
Saskatchewan resident index	-	25
Special purchases	539	58
Total Programs Expense	\$ 22,405	\$ 22,943

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

SGS Volunteer Opportunities

We have the following openings for Volunteers

SRI Indexing and Proofing

- work from home
- indexing, proofing and correcting

Obituaries

- work in SGS Library
- numerous obituaries prior to 2001 need to be checked for duplicates, then added to collection

Indexing United Church Records pre-1926

- Location: Saskatchewan Archives, Saskatoon, SK
- One – two hour sessions (or longer if volunteer wishes)

Coordinators

- SRI – coordinator and assistant SRI data collector
- Cemetery
- Newspaper
- Volunteer
- Education

For more information on these and other volunteer opportunities, please contact Lisa Warren at saskgenealogy@sasktel.net or call 306-780-9207.



WITHOUT YOUR HELP
THESE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS
CANNOT BE SUSTAINED.

We are in need of Volunteer Coordinators.

Please contact Lisa at saskgenealogy@sasktel.net
if you have an interest in coordinating one of the above or
would like to find out what is involved in coordinating
these initiatives.

Did you know?

- » The SGS was formed in 1969.
- » There are approximately 858 Society members.
- » There are 15 branches around the province.
- » 26% of our total membership lives in rural areas.
- » SGS operates the largest genealogical lending library in Canada. 1,462 people visited the library including visitors from around the world.
- » SGS received over 1,035 phone calls for genealogical information per year. There have been calls from Australia, England, Germany, Sweden, Greece and throughout Canada and the United States.
- » Saskatchewan Resident's Index (SRI) was the first database of its kind in Canada.
- » There are over 3.3 million records on our SRI. Total of all databases is approximately 5.1 million names.
- » SGS's Instructor and Record Searcher certification programs are the first of their kind in Canada.
- » SGS is the second largest genealogical society in Canada.
- » SGS averages approximately 180,503 visitors per year to our home page on the web.
- » SGS works with a number of Aboriginal groups throughout western Canada who are helping people to trace their heritage.
- » SGS cemetery records are recognized as a key resource in preserving cultural heritage of a community.

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