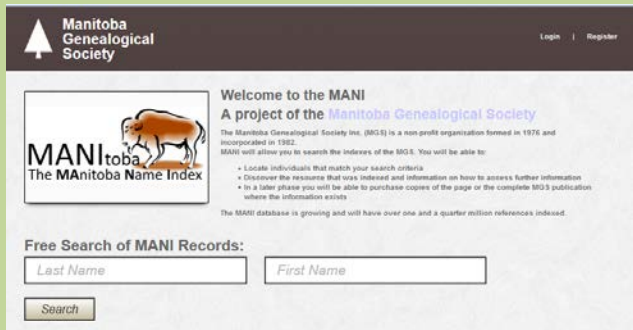


MANItoba

The MANitoba Name Index



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The screenshot shows the MANI login screen. At the top left is the Manitoba Genealogical Society logo. Below it is a smaller version of the MANI logo. The main heading is "Welcome to the MANI" followed by "A project of the Manitoba Genealogical Society". Below this is a paragraph of text: "The Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. (MGS) is a non-profit organization formed in 1976 and incorporated in 1982. MANI will allow you to search the indexes of the MGS. You will be able to:" followed by three bullet points: "• Locate individuals that match your search criteria", "• Discover the resource that was indexed and information on how to access further information", and "• In a later phase you will be able to purchase copies of the page or the complete MGS publication where the information exists". Below this is another line of text: "The MANI database is growing and will have over one and a quarter million references indexed." At the bottom, there is a "Free Search of MANI Records:" section with two input fields for "Last Name" and "First Name", and a "Search" button.

MANI login screen

MANI

The MANitoba Name Index Project.

Beta Testing

Beta V2.0

<http://mani.mbgenealogy.com/>

MGS has been working with a student project team from the Business Information Technology (BIT) department at Red River College (RRC). The students are working on adding modules to the MANI database and moving it to an outside service provider from the RRC student server where it has resided since the project started in 2012.

Concurrently MGS volunteers are busy preparing indexed records for uploading to MANI to expand the database.

Updating and preserving of the valuable MGS indexes and other resources (cemetery transcripts, early newspaper obituary indexes, etc.) is a critical part of the MGS mandate. This process which will be ongoing will add additional information over the next few years.

Convert paper based MGS data to digital files by scanning and then OCRing them or creating PDF copies and uploading them to MANI will take time. Make sure you continue to visit MANI and redo your searches as it grows.

Every family historian and researcher knows that the trail never ends. MANI continues to grow as more and more indexes to information are added for our members.

New Features

New features are coming to MANI in the coming months. We will be adding a new Membership processing module to MANI to replace the current MGS Membership system. This will automate access to MANI based on paid-up membership.

New Records/data being added weekly

Pat, Gordon, Sandra, Sheila, David, Mona, and many other MGS Volunteers are busy creating content for MANI. Last week 100,000 index items were added to MANI.

VOLUNTEERS

As we build our processes and standards for entering and editing data we will be needing additional volunteers. Are you interested? Contact us.

MANI The Next Phase:

Our current project phase consists of redesigning our MGS web-site that will allow controlled access to the MANI database and e-commerce functions. It will add a facility for pay-per-view access to view enhanced content not currently available.

Our website will have similar capabilities to the Saskatchewan Genealogy Society and the Ontario Genealogy Society. This is done by adding an e-commerce feature as well pay-per-view functions and content.

Links to Info pages will be added where the user can view the actual page, such as one from a Cemetery Transcription on a pay-per-view basis.

[OUR THANKS]

MANI PROJECT FUNDING

The MANI project is wholly funded from sources outside the MGS budget. In fact some items traditionally in the base budget are being covered as part of the project. We thank the following:

MGS Capital Campaign

The MGS Fundraising Campaign appeal to members and friends ran from April 1 to June 30, 2013 and has raised over \$18,000 to date. of our Campaign goal of \$30,000.

Culture and Heritage

We have received three grants from Culture and Heritage for previous phases of MANI.

Pavilion of Scotland

We received a grant of \$700.00 from the Pavilion of Scotland, part of Folklorama. This is in recognition of MGS having been part of the pavilion since it started.

South East & Winnipeg Branch is committed to raising funds for MANI and MGS IT infrastructure in general. The Branch has contributed about \$ 3,500. over the last three years This year they are covering the cost of the MGS internet connection as well as our online subscriptions.

The Winnipeg Foundation

The Winnipeg Foundation has recognized MGS's need to expand it's technical infrastructure and online presence in order to continue to thrive into the future. This grant to upgrade online services will positively impact MGS for many years to come. This is our second grant for our IT upgrades

MGS Membership

How quickly people adopt and use the MANI database will have an impact on the ongoing funding of MANI. We are aiming for a system that will be self-supporting within 5 years. An increase in membership, is expected due to the member's benefit of access to the MANI resource. It is planned that membership Pay-for-views, will cover the costs associated with having MANI available to members online.

Event Legend

b = Birth	c = Census	ch = Christening/Baptism	cr = Church Record	c
d = Death	fc = Funeral Card	fh = Family History	lh = Local History	
n = Newspaper Article	o = Obituary	pi = Publication Index		

MANI Record Types

You can search on a person's name. Our search engine will search for those letters. For example SMITH will return SMITH, SMITHFIELD, BLACKSMITH etc.

In first name the order of names is matched. Thus SMITH Mary Ellen will be found in a search for SMITH Mary or SMITH Ellen or SMITH Mary Ellen, but will not be found in a search for SMITH Ellen Mary.

We do not use periods. We always leave a space between words or letters so use JONES R E not JONES RE

We use brackets () around nicknames married/maiden names, titles or other oddities.

Where known we list a married woman under both married and maiden names.

Record Type

The record type field tells you what sort of information can be found in that source. It is given as a code:

Date

The date field has year only

Info Button

The info button will give you more information on the source document. It may give you a list of locations for the document or source of the information.