

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Inc.



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Inc.

Vision:

Saskatchewan genealogy and family history is respected and valued.

Mission

Our mission is to provide expertise and assistance to a wide range of people to help them participate in family history research; and to collect, preserve and deliver 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 relevant programs, services, expertise and resources for family history research.

Strategic Direction 2:

SGS will work to improve technological supports for SGS and family history research.

Strategic Direction 3:

SGS is building operating capacity.

President's Report

By: Brian Scherle

This past year 2023, went by very quickly and now we are in the 1st quarter of the year 2024. Where has the time gone to? The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society has been busy helping our members searching for information on their families and loved ones. We also had numerous non-members stop by our office looking for their family heritage which our staff was able to help.

We were successful last year in accessing a grant to hire a summer student for 3 months to take our scanned PDF files of our Obituary index and create a new file format that our computer databases would accept. Hopefully for 2024, we will be able to access more grant money to continue this computer work.

In the late fall, the Executive Director and myself were asked to participate in a 1 hour radio talk show hosted by the CBC. An Archivist from SASK Archives, which is located in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) building on Broad Street. The radio program focused on Genealogy and what our two organization could provide and we fielded questions from the radio programs listener's.

After the radio program, the Archivist took us on a tour of the SASK Archives office. The amount of information that they have archived was beyond my expectations. Climate controlled rooms storing boxes of documents and books as well as, canisters of film. We had a discussion on having a future meeting in 2024 to review what information each organization has and how we can work together to better serve the public who are looking for information.

Zoom meetings were still the norm for most of the year, but we were able to get together in September for the first time in many months. It was great to once again meet all the board members in person.

In the spring, Deanne Cairns, our Executive Director had left us to take another position here in the city. The position was advertised and in August, a new Executive, Director Karen Frisky was hired. At year end, our Executive Director Karen Frisky resigned for personnel reasons. During the time that we had no Executive Director, Board members took over that role and filled in where required. Thank you to the Board members for your help.

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) at its April 2023 meeting had implemented a Growth Incentive program to get new members into the branches. If a new member partnered with an existing member, both could get an SGS membership at a reduced rate. For more information on the incentive program, please visit the SGS Website. All of our branches have been having either zoom or in person meetings.

2023 Board of Directors

Officers

President

Brian Scherle, Regina

Vice President

Charles Matt, Saskatoon

Past President

Marge Cleave, Briercrest

Recording Secretary

Terri Hamill, Regina

Directors

Jerry Huculak, Moose Jaw

Barb Tait, Regina

Celeste Rider, Regina

Executive Director’s Report

This position was vacant part of 2023, no report for 2023.

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:

Saskatchewan Record Searcher Course - This course is intended to teach what the basic Saskatchewan record sources are, how to develop a research plan using these sources, how to document and write a research report and how and when to make recommendations for further research. The course was not offered in 2023 because it is being reviewed in order to make the majority of it self-marking. There are 15 students still working.

Indigenous Researcher Course - the focus of this course is on tracing Indigenous ancestry in the Prairie Provinces. This past year the course was offered four times and there were 15 students with 13 graduates from the program.

SGS and its branches continue to provide a variety of cultural and educational workshops/presentations throughout the province, and this year virtual presentations took place.

Workshops/Presentations hosted by SGS: 11 workshops
 297 people

Workshops/Presentations by SGS Branches: 60 workshops
 841 people

2. Preservation/Conservation & Collection

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

- advocating 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 Saskatchewan Pioneer Certificate.
- cataloguing the SGS collection.
- putting promotional brochures in archives and libraries.
- exchanging bulletins/newsletters with provincial culture and heritage organizations and other genealogical organizations.

Cemetery

SGS processes cemetery updates and new cemetery records as they are received. The total cemeteries located in the province are 3,500 and SGS has records for 2,581.

Volunteers continue indexing cemetery records so they can be added to the Burial Index online.

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

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Obituary

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society's obituary collection consists of over 161,000 obituaries that were extracted from various newspapers across Saskatchewan. This collection is one of our best sources of information about former Saskatchewan residents.

Post 2001 obituaries are being indexed and added to the SRI. Please continue gathering obituaries from the papers, even if you are unable to index. All newspapers forwarded to SGS will be indexed by volunteers.

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.)

Keep up the good work and thank you volunteers!

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Obituary Indexing Project

By: Celeste Rider, Coordinator

The SGS Obituary Files collection includes obituaries published in newspapers up to the end of 2001. The project to scan and index pre-2002 obituaries will continue on an as need basis. In 2023 no additional obituaries were scanned or indexed for this database. A file of corrections to the database entries is being maintained.

A summer student, Aiyana Burkowski-Kleefeld, was hired for three months and over that time she separated, extracted and linked scanned obituaries from pdf files to the correct person in the obituary index database. She was able to complete the links for 13,000 obituaries which will be uploaded to the database in early 2024 to be accessed by SGS members. There are about 161,000 obituaries in the SGS Obituary Files so the work completed by the summer student is 8% of the total collection.

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Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

The Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI) is a database of names that have been indexed from various sources (all Saskatchewan) such as: books, local history books, directories, church directories, year books, voter's list's, maps, newspapers and more. Volunteers have been busy working on cleaning up sources that were previously registered while adding new sources as well. This involved indexing, proofreading and correcting.

At the end of 2023, 997 sources have been registered with the SRI. Out of this total 850 are books and local history books, 61 are files in the SGS library, 10 are government documents, 15 are maps and 61 newspapers. Out of the 997 sources registered, 424 of them are completed (finished indexing and placed online under the SRI. Total records on SRI Database are 3,850,000. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the SRI this year.

The databases (Burial Index, Obituary Index and Saskatchewan Resident Index [SRI]) were totally rebuilt and some volunteers are busy indexing online for the burial index and SRI.



Library

By: Lisa Dawn Bertotti

Library Statistics:

Total value of the collection in 2023 401,393
As compared to 2022: 398,584
As compared to 2021: 396,665

The SGS Library Collection consists of:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Books	23,350	23,228	23,083
Microform	25,768	25,765,	25,765
Maps	720	712	712
CD/DVD	160	152	152

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

- 54 periodicals were exchanged with other societies
- 1 periodical was donated/sponsored by individual SGS members
- 4 periodicals were received by subscription

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

- 30 people donated 141 items
- 1 organization (genealogical societies, libraries, historical societies, and publishing companies) donated 1 item

Research

By: Celeste Rider, Research Coordinator

Below is a list of researches completed by the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society during 2023.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Indigenous/Métis Search	2	8	5	4
Basic Search of Saskatchewan Records	6	2	5	9
SGS Databases (broken down below)	9	8	5	4
<i>Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)</i>	4	4	4	2
<i>Burial Index</i>	4	2	-	1
<i>Obituary Index</i>	1	2	-	1
<i>Change of Names</i>	--	--	1	--
SGS Subscription Sites (Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, etc.)	--	--	7	10
SGS Cemetery Files	13	6	5	9
SGS Obituary Files	21	21	13	11
RCMP Obituaries	2	3	2	2
Newspaper Obituary Search	4	16	5	--
Look-ups in SGS Library (Books & Directories)	9	23	30	25
Look-ups in SGS Library (HOME CD/Maps)	--	--	2	1
Homestead Search	9	11	3	1
Analysis and Research Plan	--	2	-	--
Other searches charged at hourly rate (broken down below)	3	3	4	--
<i>Birth Parent Searches</i>	1	--	--	--
<i>Estate Searches</i>	--	--	1	--
<i>Vital Statistics: Birth, Marriage, Death Registrations</i>	--	--	1	--
<i>Newspaper Research</i>	--	--	1	--
<i>ISC Land Records</i>	1	1	--	--
<i>Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan, other</i>	1	2	1	--

Researches were completed by Laura Hanowski and Celeste Rider who are Certified Saskatchewan Researchers, and Thelma Caldwell who is a Certified Saskatchewan Record Searcher. SGS staff, Lisa Warren and Lisa Dawn Bertotti, completed the in-house research requests.

3. Resources

Human Resources - In 2023, SGS continued to operate short-staffed and has not filled the vacant librarian position. SGS currently has 3 full-time staff members.

Financial Resources - Revenue is comprised of funding from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust for Sport, Culture and Recreation, membership fees, donations, program revenue, fundraising, and sponsorships.

4. Promotion

SGS promotes and fosters the study of genealogy and family history.

A. Liaison - There is a need to establish and maintain mutual understanding with other groups and the community at the provincial and grassroots level. SGS networks with other genealogical societies and exchanges publications with groups and organizations around the world.

SGS works with First Nations and Métis organizations through genealogical research and training.

SGS plans to explore genealogical interest and expertise among newcomers and newcomer organizations.

SGS is a SaskCulture Eligible Cultural Organization and as such, networks with other cultural organizations in the province. SGS is a member of the Saskatchewan Council of Archives and Archivists and Heritage Saskatchewan. In 2022 SGS participated in the Heritage Fairs for Saskatchewan students with genealogy awards and a bursary.

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, website, social media, branches, members, and all programming. SGS continues to lobby the provincial government for an up to date Index to Vital Statistics in Saskatchewan

C. Public Access - SGS provides public access to one of the largest genealogical lending libraries in Canada.

	2023	2022
Visitors to the Library:	560	411
Circulation:	38,163	37,074
Packages of books mailed:	50	64
Phone calls for Information:	667	678
Volunteers (Library):	54	107
Volunteer Hours (Library):	168	283.5
Volunteers (indexing, etc.):	12	16
Volunteer Hours (indexing, etc.):	1000	654

The public also has access to the following quality SGS programs.

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.

Cemetery Program - Cemetery records are accessible to the public and members in our library and online.

Obituary File - Obituaries are accessible to the public and SGS members in our library and online.

SRI - Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI) is accessible to the public and members in the SGS library and online.

Conference - A conference was held every two years prior to the pandemic.

Annual General Meeting - The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held virtually on April 22, 2023. 40 people attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and participated in the discussions.

Bulletin - The Bulletin is published 3 times a year (April, August and December) and distributed to our members and subscribers. It provides education and tips on research, information on SGS programs and activities, success stories, volunteer opportunities, and other genealogical information of interest to our members. Circulation for 2022 was 524 per issue. Of those 366 were e-mailed. There were 83 organization subscribers including libraries, archives, genealogical societies, etc. The number of people who accessed the Bulletin is estimated at 7,336.

Workshops/Presentations – 1,138 people participated in SGS workshops in 2023.

Education - Certification programs are available to the public, however, only SGS members receive certification upon completion. Record Searcher course is being reviewed and the Indigenous/Metis course was offered by Zoom. There were 30 active students in 2023.

Stock - SGS stocks genealogical supplies for sale on a demand basis.

Pioneer Certificate – This is a program to recognize original settlers and their descendants. The SGS certificate of recognition is presented to descendants of original and/or early pioneers in the districts and territories that make up present day Saskatchewan. This program is available to the public

Research - SGS offers a variety of research services such as Saskatchewan Basic Search, Aboriginal and Metis search, cemetery, obituary, SRI and many more.

SGS Website - During 2023 there were 89,511 unique visitors to the website.

SGS Accountability to the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust for Sport, Culture and Recreation

The Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund is a partnership of SaskCulture Inc., Sask Sport Inc. and Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. Through a license agreement with the provincial government, these partners administer funds generated from lottery ticket sales to support volunteer drive sport, culture and recreation organizations and activities throughout the province. Over 12,000 volunteer groups benefit from this system.

SaskCulture manages the Cultural Section of the Trust. Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) has been receiving annual global funding from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation since 1985. In 2023, approximately 77% of SGS total funding was received from the Trust.

SaskCulture's Cultural Policy is the guiding framework for the work of that organization and all the activity supported by the Cultural Section of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. The work of SaskCulture and the Eligible Cultural Organizations, including SGS, is measured against the following performance criteria through regular reporting requirements.

1. **Cultural Impact**

1.1 **Unique and relevant contribution to culture**

- The organization has a unique cultural mandate and makes a unique contribution to the whole of Saskatchewan culture.
- The organization works with other organizations within the cultural sector and in complementary sectors to further cultural development.
- The Organization has a focus on the future and actively works to keep relevant to the people of Saskatchewan.

1.2 **Development of Culture in Saskatchewan**

- The organization works to facilitate and expand meaningful cultural experiences and the development of cultural products.
- The organization contributes to the continuum of cultural development in Saskatchewan through the development of cultural activities and practitioners, avocational and vocational.

1.3 **Increased recognition of the value of culture**

- The organization generates and builds on the demand for cultural experiences by contributing to the development of enthusiastic and knowledgeable participants and audiences.
- The organization works to expand support for culture through advancing understanding and appreciation of culture.

1.4 **Recognition of Diversity**

- The organization is inclusive of, and represents the diversity of, Saskatchewan people.
- The organization contributes to the diversity of Saskatchewan cultural perspectives, knowledge, practices and products.

2. Participation through Access and Services

The organization engages in cultural activities, vocational and/or avocational, which generate and enable participation by Saskatchewan citizens in beneficial cultural activity through access and service. The organization actively strives to provide support to those who experience barriers to access and participation in cultural activities.

2.1 Participation

- The organization offers and/or enables participatory cultural experiences that are relevant and of quality. The participation in cultural activity fosters ownership, commitment, personal growth and an enhanced sense of community in individuals.

2.2 Access

- The organization provides and or encourages many avenues of cultural access to the people of Saskatchewan, regardless of age, gender, physical or mental ability, race or ethnic background, geographic location, socio-economic status or skill level.

2.3 Service

- The organization provides service to their members in terms of representation, advocacy, resources, professional development, and training. This service encourages cultural workers to associate with each other to further the development of their discipline or their personal development within that discipline.

3. Organizational Effectiveness

The organization has a clear sense of its mandate and its contribution to the cultural community as a whole. The organization demonstrates commitment to organizational efficiency as well as volunteer and community involvement.

3.1 Leadership

- The organization demonstrates the development and nurturing of appropriate leadership models.

3.2 Effective Governance

- The organization assures the development and implementation of internal structures, policies and procedures which best achieve the mandate of the organization.

3.3 Organizational Efficiency

- The organization achieves results through effective planning and evaluation processes, and the efficient use of resources

3.4 Volunteer and Community Involvement

- The organization demonstrates commitment to volunteer and community involvement.



2023 SGS Membership

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

There were 460 SGS memberships (or approximately 690 members) in 2023, an increase of 8 memberships from 2022. The following is a geographical analysis of the SGS membership for 2023.

SASKATCHEWAN

Total membership - 297 representing 79 communities.

Communities represented by more than 10 memberships - (185 memberships/4 communities).

Moose Jaw (19), Regina (95), Saskatoon (58), Swift Current (13)

Communities represented by 3-9 memberships - (40 memberships/8 communities).

Central Butte (6), Mankota (3), Melfort (5), Moosomin (5), North Battleford (3), Prince Albert (7), Weyburn (8), Yorkton (4)

Communities represented by 2 memberships - (10 memberships/5 communities).

Fort Qu'Appelle, Indian Head, Oxbow, Regina Beach, Whitewood

Communities represented by 1 membership (62 memberships/communities).

Admiral, Aneroid, Avonlea, Bethune, Biggar, Big River, Briercrest, Candle Lake, Carnduff, Churchbridge, Corman Park, Creelman, Denare Beach, Dysart, Eatonia, Esterhazy, Estevan, Grenfell, Hanley, Herbert, Ile-a-la-Crosse, Kamsack, Kelvington, Kinistino, Kyle, La Ronge, Lacadena, Laird, Lake Lenore, Lashburn, Leader, Lebret, Lemberg, Lloydminster, Loon Lake, Lumsden, Manitou Beach, Martensville, McCord, McTaggart, Melville, Milestone, Montmartre, Pilot Butte, Preeceville, Raymore, Redvers, Rhein, Riverside Estates, Rocanville, Rosetown, Rouleau, Spruce Home, Star City, Stewart Valley, Stockholm, Tisdale, Warman, Watrous, Wawota, Webb, White City

OTHER PROVINCES OF CANADA

There is a total of 142 memberships representing 71 communities.

Alberta (57), British Columbia (50), Manitoba (5), New Brunswick (3), North West Territory (1), Ontario (24), Quebec (2)

UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES

United States 20 memberships / 20 communities.

Overseas 1 membership / 1 community

Branch Reports

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.
- Membership for 2023: 7 Members; 7 SGS 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.
- Publications for sale: Central Butte history book and Central Butte town property index.
- Indexing obituaries for the SRI: *Herbert Herald*.
- 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 Monday of the month (except January and February) - 2:00 p.m. at the RM office on 1st Avenue in Mankota.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$6.00.
- Membership for 2023: 6 Members; 5 SGS Memberships.
- We no longer meet in January and February but not meet in July and August. Usually cold and stormy in January and February.
- No workshops/presentations were held in the community.
- We had a rescue project of births, marriages and deaths in the village of Mankota registers.
- One of our members had a VHS machine so we watched Everett Baker's slides that were on tape/VHS. It was interesting seeing people and places we knew.
- December's meeting was at Aneroid 50+ club and we read old Aneroid News Magnet newspapers from 1914 onwards. Some items of genealogy interest were found.

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Moose Jaw

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

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Membership for 2023: 22 Members; 18 SGS Memberships.
- Brochure available.
- Website: <http://www.moosejawgenealogy.com/>
- Research Services: Donations for any lookups.
- Special Collections: Henderson Directories; online Cemetery records for Moose Jaw Sunset (formally), Moose Jaw City Cemetery, Moose Jaw Pioneer Cemetery; Moose Jaw Rosedale, Pine Grove Cemetery (Valley View) and surrounding areas with photos of headstones on the website, information is updated each year; random obituaries from Moose Jaw 1915-1998; scanned images "Moose Jaw Weekly Times" births 1888-1914, marriages 1891-1914, deaths 1888-1914; images of 3 registrations books from North Battleford. Complete birth and obituary notices from the Moose Jaw Times Herald 1999-Dec 7, 2017 and online obits from Discover Moosejaw Dec 7, 2017 to Dec 31, 2020 and a complete list of students, teachers, trustees of Victoria School (1896-1968). Thirty-seven bounded Moose Jaw Times Herald newspapers, random months and years 1949 -1969.
- Updated Moose Jaw Sunset, Moose Jaw Rosedale and Moose Jaw City cemeteries.
- Responded to queries and/or research.
- Had one displays promoting genealogy and the branch at the Western Development Museum Heritage Day on Saturday, February 11th.
- January: Sehar Sardar, Public Engagement Coordinator in Scotland (S and W), from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWWGC) gave a presentation on "Who We Are" and gave an overview of the organization and what they do and their history. By Zoom.
- February: Jamie Robert, Georgia, USA, from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission archives (CWWGC) demonstrated how to access the archives and make use of them and what you could find in the Archives Collection. Saskatchewan has 286 sites with more than eight hundred war graves. By Zoom.
- March: Branch member, Janie Fries apprised the branch of the work that the Heritage Advisory Committee in Moose Jaw is currently involved in. 1. Establishing QR codes for the historic buildings in the city allowing a visitor a walking tour of photos and information pertaining to the City of Moose Jaw buildings.
- April: Jeremy Mohr, Manager, Reference, and Outreach Services of the Saskatchewan Archives gave a presentation on the Homestead Records that are available at the Provincial Archives. He spoke of the Dominion Lands Act and how land was divided and settled within the province. He showed how to search the homestead records, and the type information found within the files. He also touched on the Pioneer Questionnaires that are available at the Archives.
- May: Joan Soggie, author from Elbow, SK spoke on her book, "Mistaseni," the ancient rock in Lake Diefenbaker. She also spoke on historical topics she has researched and/or written about in some of her other books.
- June: Toured the Cal Anderson private antique car museum.
- September: Members shared artifacts, photos, stories, research and family story books published.
- October: Pastor Andrew Hofer of the Sunnyside Hutterite Colony in Swift Current presented a thoughtful and informative history on the Hutterites from 1520 to present day. Very enlightening presentation for all.



North East

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

- Branch Membership Fee: No branch membership fee for 2022.
- Membership for 2023: 16 Members; 13 SGS Memberships.
- Research Services are done on a no charge basis by members. We look at what we have access to – cemetery, obituary, history books, etc.
- 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 and obituary CD.
- *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.
- Responded to queries and/or research requests.

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Pipestone

Meetings are held 3rd Wednesday of the month (except June to August and December) - 2:00 p.m. at Moosomin Public Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$20.00.
- Membership for 2023: 7 members; 6 SGS 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.
- Responded to queries and/or research requests.
- Had displays set up promoting genealogy and the branch.
- Workshops were started by our members showing a power point on beginner Genealogy and afterwards our members did a one and one to help with their individual genealogy. One took place in April at the Maryfield Library and the other took place in October at the Rocanville Library.

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Regina

Meetings are held 4th Tuesday of the month (except June to August & December) - 7:00 p.m. at various locations or via Zoom.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$20.00.
- Membership for 2023: 55 Members; 54 SGS Memberships.
- Web site: <http://www.rbsgs.ca/> will not be continued/using facebook.
- Research services: Contact Branch or visit website.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- January: Genealogical Proof Standard – Part 1 by Crista Cowan from Ancestry, via zoom.
- February: Genealogical Proof Standard – Part 2 by Crista Cowan from Ancestry, via zoom.
- March: Speaking about family group sheets by Christ Krismer, Sunrise Library.
- April: 1931 Census by Dave Obee, via zoom.
- May: Explaining the steps necessary to prepare and execute a cemetery recording by Elaine Nobel, Sherwood Village Library.
- September: Family History Show and Tell led by Dianne Romphf, Wesley United Church.
- October: Helping to Breakdown your Brick Walls led by Dianne Romphf, via zoom.
- Member gave a presentation on beginning genealogy to Regina Public Library, Sunrise branch.



Saskatoon

Meetings are held 3rd Thursday (except July and Aug.) 7:00 pm at #1 - 1730 Quebec Avenue, Saskatoon. Hybrid (in-person and Zoom) meetings Sept - Nov and Apr - June. Zoom meetings Dec - Mar. See website for up-to-date meeting arrangements.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$25.00.
- Brochure is available.
- Website: <http://www.genealogysaskatoon.org/>
- Membership for 2023: 54 Members; 53 SGS Memberships.
- Special Collection: Over 3,000 items, books on various topics, local (town) histories, family histories, general references, maps and atlases, cemetery records and more. The library page on our website has a link to the complete list of library materials (as of September 2021).
- Publication for sale: 7 and 10 Generation Pedigree Charts.
- Had two displays set up promoting genealogy and the branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- January: The Mennonites - History and Genealogy Resources by Victor Wiebe. Virtual meeting.
- February: Booth at Heritage Festival of Saskatoon on February 12. One of 37 organizations with a booth and approximately 50 individuals visited our booth.
- February: Safeguarding Your History - Caring for Your Treasures at Home by Jill Baron. Virtual meeting.
- March: AGM and Share & Chat - Genealogy Software Programs by Branch members. Virtual meeting.
- April: Unexpected Sources - Genealogical Research at the University Archives by Cheryl Avery. Virtual meeting.
- May: Family Search Centre at the LDS Church by Liz Killian. Hybrid (in-person & virtual meeting).
- June: Bring & Brag (heirloom or mystery items or discoveries) by Branch members. Hybrid (in-person & virtual meeting).

- September: Bring a Brick Wall by Branch members. Hybrid (in-person & virtual meeting).
- October: Canadian Censuses (including 1931) by Cindy Paradis. Hybrid (in-person & virtual meeting).
- October: Presentations provided to Bethany Manor residents on Introduction to Genealogy. Presentation provided by Cindy Paradis, with assistants Brenda Montieth & Michelle Weimer.
- November: Records and Other Sources of Information for Research Family Military History by Jane Richardson. Hybrid (in-person & virtual meeting).
- December: Benefits of Being Organized and Using Timelines in our Research by Brenda Montieth. Virtual Meeting.
- Special Interest and Chat Groups - British Isles, Canada/USA, Genetic Genealogy/DNA, Eastern Europe, Germany and Europe.



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.
- Website: <https://scbranchsgs.wixsite.com/sgssc>
- Membership for 2023: 14 Members; 12 SGS Memberships.
- Research Services: On-line research and local sources - \$15/hour plus copies.
- Workshops provided: We committed to a series of free presentations geared to beginner genealogists as part of a grant application for funding from Saskatchewan Lotteries and the City of Swift Current. They are scheduled to run in conjunction with our regular meeting. The first five presentation took place in 2022. Presenter are members of our branch and handouts are provided.
 January: Creating a Family Tree - Part 6 - Searching online - Family Search and Find My Past by Bev Hagen.
 February: Creating a Family Tree - Part7 - Searching online - Ancestry by Bev Hagen.
 March: Creating Family Tree - Part 8 - Citing Your Sources by Dawn Rogowski & Joanne Jensen.
- November: “Lunch and Learn” presented to help families reconnect with their military history (To help people conduct research on their ancestors’ military careers) by John Griffin at the Swift Current Museum.
- Remembrance Day Banquet, following the Remembrance Day Service. Presentation was on Swift Current’s History in the Military for WWI and WWII by John Griffin at the Swift Current Legion Hall.
- Meet and Greet - regarding an upcoming book “We Will Remember Them, the Heroes of Burnham” by John Griffin at the Morse Museum.



Weyburn

Meetings are held the 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.
- Membership for 2023: 12 Members; 12 SGS Memberships.
- Brochure available from the branch or SGS.
- Research Services: \$10.00 per name for basic or obituary search.
- Special Collections: How to books, history books, atlases, directories, census reels for various years and locations, and microfilm reels of *Weyburn Review* 1943-1961. All located at the Weyburn Public Library.
- *Glimpses of Weyburn* cd available for sale for \$5.00
- Indexing United Church records at the Saskatchewan Archives when time permits by Lorna Bossenberry.
- Indexed obituaries from the *Weyburn Review* for the SRI by Ilene Johnston.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- January: Discussion on information found in homestead records and some members brought Royal family memorabilia to display
- February: Merle St. Onge displayed her personal history book created using Forever.
- Timelines. Each member brought a timeline for at least one ancestor to review.
- April: Discussion on the new look of the SGS website. Their experiences and to compare the For Members Only and Public databases.
- May: Discussion on Winter successes and Summer goals.
- June: Discussion on Dave Obee's zoom presentation on *Discoveries in the 1931 Census*.
- September: Discussion on the newly release 1931 census, like and dislikes.
- October: Discussion on cemeteries and grave found in southeast Saskatchewan
- November: Display of WWI and WWII memorabilia including pictures, South Saskatchewan Regiment handbook, handkerchief from Ypres and a scrapbook with new items.
- December: Branch President, Ilene Johnston, gave a Beginners/Membership presentation at the Weyburn Public Library. Information was well received.
- Our Weyburn Branch members continue to submit genealogy articles to the *Weyburn Review* and *Weyburn This Week* newspapers.



Yorkton

Meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of the month (except July and August) - 7:00 p.m. at the Yorkton Regional Library, History Room and on Google-Meet. January to April are held via Google-Meet.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Website: Currently not being administered.
- Membership for 2023: 8 Members; 8 SGS Memberships.
- Brochure available from the branch or SGS.
- 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.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Working on new facebook page.

- Had two displays set up promoting genealogy and the branch – Spring Fling Yorkton in April and Garage Sale in May.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Received two grants for the Family History Fair - Yorkton CDC (Tribal Council) and Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.
- February: Black History Month and had a video.
- April: John Althouse on Introducing Genealogy to Youth.
- June: Nordin Family Century Farm by Allan Nordin and Elim Lutheran Cemetery by Leslie Carlson.
- November: Yorkton Film Festival Presentation - Program on Remembrance Day - RCMP and Canadian Armed Forces.
- December: Jackie Pearson on “It All Started Here”.
- Yorkton Western Development Museum: Heritage Day on February 19, Threshermen’s Days in August and Yorkton Genealogical Society Family History Fair on September 23 with 30 people attended.
- City of Yorkton Fall Registration Night on September 6.

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Financial Statements

DUDLEY & COMPANY LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (the organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (continued)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

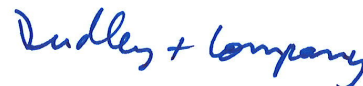
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Regina, Saskatchewan
March 12, 2024



Dudley & Company LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash (Note 3)	\$ 137,999	\$ 206,859
Accounts receivable	1,974	2,147
Inventory	5,126	4,886
Prepaid expenses	6,752	6,560
	151,851	220,452
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	-	302
	\$ 151,851	\$ 220,754
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 10,709	\$ 7,865
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	22,395	23,490
Deferred grant revenue (Note 5)	-	85,000
	33,104	116,355
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Fund	118,361	104,136
Restricted Fund (Note 6)	386	263
	118,747	104,399
	\$ 151,851	\$ 220,754

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, 2023

	2023	2022
REVENUE (Schedule 1)		
Administration	\$ 222,457	\$ 213,919
Fundraising	211	274
Programs	<u>17,468</u>	<u>6,271</u>
	<u>240,136</u>	<u>220,464</u>
EXPENSES (Schedule 2)		
Administration	204,787	217,141
Membership communications	4,236	3,478
Programs	16,517	9,790
Travel and meetings	248	61
	<u>225,788</u>	<u>230,470</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 14,348</u>	<u>\$ (10,006)</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2023	2022
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 104,136	\$ 263	\$ 104,399	\$ 114,405
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	14,225	123	14,348	(10,006)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 118,361	\$ 386	\$ 118,747	\$ 104,399

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements
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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash receipts from members and programs	\$ 59,667	\$ 48,527
Cash receipts from grants	94,300	170,000
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(222,901)	(230,391)
Interest received	74	72
Net change in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(68,860)	(11,792)
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	206,859	218,651
CASH - END OF YEAR (Note 3)	\$ 137,999	\$ 206,859

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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is incorporated under *The Non-Profit Corporations Act* of Saskatchewan. The organization's principal activity is the promotion and development of the study, research, and preservation of genealogy and family history in Saskatchewan. The organization 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

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

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 are restricted 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 organization 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 organization 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).

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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2023

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

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.

Contributed goods and services

The organization'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 \$1,629 in 2023 (\$1,875 in 2022); only the portion pertaining to non-minor capital assets, and other items that reasonably would have otherwise been purchased, are recognized for accounting purposes (\$1,629 in 2023, \$ nil in 2022).

3. CASH

	2023	2022
Petty cash	\$ 50	\$ 50
Chequing	129,559	199,121
Fundraising account	2,175	2,175
Paypal	2,362	1,732
Term deposit	3,279	3,207
Credit union equity	574	574
	\$ 137,999	\$ 206,859

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2023 Net book value	2022 Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 21,046	\$ 21,046	\$ -	\$ 302
Furniture and fixtures	38,728	38,728	-	-
	\$ 59,774	\$ 59,774	\$ -	\$ 302

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2023

5. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue is comprised of the following:

	2023	2022
Memberships	\$ 22,395	\$ 23,490
Deferred grant revenue: Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation annual funding in advance	-	85,000
Total Deferred Revenue	\$ 22,395	\$ 108,490

6. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

In 2015, the organization established a restricted fund called the "Zichydorf Fund" to track contributions restricted to these special resource purchases. The fund recorded donations of \$ 185 (2022 - \$ nil), and expenses of \$62 (2022 - \$28), for an accumulated balance at the end of 2023 of \$386 (2022 - \$263).

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the organization's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2023.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The organization is exposed to credit risk from customers. In order to reduce its credit risk, the organization reviews a new customer's credit history before extending credit and conducts regular reviews of its existing customers' credit performance. An allowance for doubtful accounts is established based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information. The organization has a significant number of customers which minimizes concentration of credit risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The organization is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its customers and other related sources, contributions to employee benefit plan, and accounts payable.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency rate risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. Since the organization doesn't have regular significant transactions in foreign currency, it is mainly just exposed to the latter two.

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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2023

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(continued)*

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the organization manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its interest-bearing accounts.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The organization has minimal exposed to other price risk since any investments usually wouldn't be investments in equity instruments.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant other price risks arising from these financial instruments.

8. COMMITMENTS

The organization occupies leased office space. The present lease commenced April 1, 2022 and continues through March 31, 2024. The landlord is in the process of selling the building therefore a new lease has not been signed and the rental will continue on a month-to-month basis. The monthly lease amount as of April 1, 2024 will be \$3027 per month including applicable taxes.

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Schedule of Revenue

(Schedule 1)

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
ADMINISTRATION		
Grants - Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
Grants - Sask Culture Special Initiatives	9,300	-
Memberships	30,120	30,735
Interest	74	72
Donations	12,818	13,084
Miscellaneous revenue	145	28
Total Administration Revenue	\$ 222,457	\$ 213,919
PROGRAMS		
Advertising	\$ 1,100	\$ 657
Education, workshops, and certification	11,206	235
Other specified donations - bulletin	578	665
Pioneer certificate	95	375
Publication sales	2,630	3,040
Research	1,717	1,194
Special purchases donation	-	15
Women Pioneer book	142	90
Total Program Revenue	\$ 17,468	\$ 6,271
FUNDRAISING		
Fundraising	\$ 211	\$ 274

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Schedule of Expenses

(Schedule 2)

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
ADMINISTRATION		
Accounting fees	\$ 3,156	\$ 2,827
Amortization	302	758
Audit	3,472	3,255
Benefits	21,598	21,359
Caretaking	200	162
Corporate and banking fees	2,117	1,575
Insurance	1,861	1,613
Maintenance and repairs	-	68
Membership	150	321
Office sundry	-	79
Office supplies	454	454
Personnel	129,187	121,841
Postage	1,675	1,774
Printing and copying	2,192	3,426
Rent	34,422	34,175
Staff development	88	-
Telephone and communications	2,469	2,440
Website development	1,444	21,014
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Total Personnel, Office, and Corporate (Administration) Expenses	\$ 204,787	\$ 217,141
TRAVEL AND MEETINGS		
Board meetings	\$ 190	\$ -
Staff and volunteer travel	58	61
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Total Travel and Meetings Expense	\$ 248	\$ 61
MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS		
Bulletins	\$ 3,209	\$ 2,661
Promotion	1,027	817
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Total Membership Communications Expense	\$ 4,236	\$ 3,478

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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Schedule of Expenses (continued)

(Schedule 2)

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
PROGRAMS		
Library resources	\$ 1,982	\$ 1,617
Research	698	672
Subscription databases	3,562	3,142
Subscriptions	200	59
Supplies and bookbinding	66	36
Subtotal: Library	6,508	5,526
Branch administration	250	-
Computer services - data storage, website, etc.	1,887	2,014
Education, workshops, and certification	3,218	1,558
Publications and cost of sales	1,352	664
Special purchases	62	28
Tracing Indigenous Ancestors publication/ course	3,240	-
Total Programs Expense	\$ 16,517	\$ 9,790

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Donations

SGS received the following donations from January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

DONATION

Friends (\$10-49)

Greg Arnott
Donna Barber
Kathy Black
Steve Cureatz
Lorraine Didrikson
Shirley Erskine
Gary J. Follensbee
Brian Gushulak
Birdene Keefe
Elaine M. Kozakavich
Lorne Larson
Holly Lawrence
Carol Light
Thelma Mattson
Heather Mazurak
Lorna McLean
Rod & Corrie McLeod
Diane Milton Smith
Sara Lynn Minken
Lorne Naherney
Lois & Monty Needham
Deborah Norman
Tiffany Papuc
James Smith
Terry Smith
Jenny Speir
Steven Stusrud
Gail Teed
Marlene Thompson
Jane Wallace-Brown
Melinda Welygan
SK African Canadian Heritage

Fellows (\$50-99)

Lorna Bossenberry - *in memory of
Gloria Onstad*
Carol C. Clarke
Bev Como
Bev & Margaret Culbertson
Marilyn & Barry Dies

Rhonda Hall
Gary Hamblin
Laura Hanowski
Jeannette Hargreaves
Stanley Hockett
Vera I. Holmes
Judy Labossiere
Carol LaFayette-Boyd
Lloyd J. Lipinski
Gloria Martin
Joanne Montgomery
Holly Schick
Valerie Shaver
Linda Suveges
Gordon Thomas
Beverly Tufts
Beverly Volk
Patricia White
Kenneth E. Yung
SGS Weyburn Branch - *in memory
of Gloria Onstad*

Associate (\$100-499)

John Althouse
Bea Dolphin
Linda Engel
Timothy D. Grad
Susan Leitch
Lew & Dorothy Lockhart
Peggy Mausch
Richard P. & Elizabeth Moffat
Brian F. Neufeld
Gloria Onstad
Frances D. Reiss
Jane Richardson
Glenn Schmuland
Jacquie Stark
James K. Wood

Patrons (\$500-999)

Sharon Cleveland
Barr Godkin
Hugh Heal

Barbara Onstad - *in memory of
Gloria Onstad*

(\$1000 or more)

Rae W. Chamberlain
Daniel Kowalchuk - *in memory of
Phyllis Kowalchuk*

ZICHYDORF

Friends (\$10-49)

Margaret Beler
Erika Botsch
John Meyer
Karen Pflanzner

BULLETIN

Friends (\$10-49)

Greg Arnott
Kathy Black
Linda Calvin
Carol C. Clarke
Marge Cleave
Sharon Cleveland
Keith E. Cunningham
Marilyn & Barry Dies
Mary & James Driver
Darlene Gray
Darlene Hawes
Janice Hobbs
Brenda McCracken
Thelma Mattson
Tiffany Papuc
Marcia E. Redford
Jane Richardson
Holly Schick
Sherry Smith
William Whyte

Fellows (\$50-99)

Irene Blyth
Lloyd J. Lipinski
Frances D. Reiss

GIFT IN KIND

Fellows (\$50-99)

Roberta Cox
Neil Gregory
Douglas Hamilton
Jean McFarland

Richard P. & Elizabeth Moffat
Marlene Scrivens
Marge Thomas

Associate (\$100-499)

Barry Anwender
Rae W. Chamberlain

Shelley Kloczko
Mary Newman
Jacqueline Pearson
Barb Tait

SARCAN – Drop & Go - \$157.16

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SGS Staff

Executive Director

Deanne Cairns (January – June)

Karen Frisky (August-December 2023)

Librarian - Vacant

Executive Assistant - Lisa Warren

Admin Assistant - Lisa Dawn Bertotti

Volunteer Coordinators

Obituary Coordinator - Celeste Rider

*Education Coordinators – Celeste Rider,
Barb Tait*

Cemetery Program - Vacant

SRI Coordinator - Vacant

Did you know?

- » The SGS was formed in 1969 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2019.
- » There are approximately 460 Society memberships or 690 members.
- » There are 10 branches around the province.
- » 23% of our total membership lives in rural areas.
- » SGS operates one of the largest genealogical lending libraries in Canada.
- » SGS received over 667 phone calls for genealogical information in 2023. There were calls from United States (Iowa, California, Michigan, Connecticut, Utah and Arizona) and throughout Canada.
- » Saskatchewan Resident's Index (SRI) was the first database of its kind in Canada.
- » There are over 3.85 million records on our SRI. Total of all databases is approximately 6 million records.
- » 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.
- » During 2023 SGS had 89,511 visitors to our website.
- » SGS works with a number of Métis groups or organizations throughout western Canada who are helping people to trace their heritage.
- » SGS cemetery records are recognized as a key resource in preserving the cultural heritage of a community.

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