

# Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Inc.



## ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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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: Barb Tait

2024 was a challenging year for staffing at SGS with vacancies and each of our three staff members experiencing health challenges at some point throughout the year. Celeste Rider, Roberta Cox, Brian Scherle and I stepped up and spent more time than usual at the Library and Research Room to keep the organization functioning. Thank goodness Lisa Warren is a wealth of information about SGS. Brian Scherle obtained some free, used furniture and shelving that allowed us to move the family histories collection and make room for our new books. If you have not been to the SGS Library and Research Room lately, you will be pleased as the office is both more functional and more aesthetically pleasing.

SGS relies heavily on our operating grant from SaskLotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. Each year, and 2024 was no different, your SGS Board struggles to try to increase our self-generated funds. Our online 50/50 raffle was not as successful as we would have liked. The funds raised were targeted to support relocation but we have a long way to go at a crucial time when the building is up for sale, plus the neighborhood and the safety of the neighborhood has greatly deteriorated each year.

We are now on a month to month lease arrangement with the owners and if a sale takes place we could be forced to move within 60days. The building owners are moving out to new space this Spring. If you are aware of some reasonably priced commercial space that would be good for the SGS Library, Research Room and Office please let me or one of the other Board members know.

We hired back the same summer student to work on the obituary project again for the 2024 summer despite not receiving a grant to fund the position. SGS made use of the vacancy and disability salaries to fund the summer student. After two years of working on the project, the summer student has completed approximately 17% of the obituaries. We have applied for a grant from the Documentary Heritage Communities Program to fund the obituaries project but have not heard work yet on whether it was approved or not.

On a positive note, SGS is in the process of hiring a library technician. This former Librarian position has been vacant for many years. Filling this position is important to our priceless Collection.

In 2025, as we get back to a full staff complement we look forward to working with and for you to help make your research more successful.

I wish each of you every success in your family history research and hope to see you at the first in-person conference in many years, “Past Meets Future” conference, being hosted by the Moose Jaw and Regina Branches on September 27, 2025 at the Atlas Hotel in Regina.

## 2024 Board of Directors

### Officers

#### *President*

Barb Tait, Regina

#### *Past-President*

Brian Scherle, Regina

#### *Vice President*

Roberta Cox, Regina

#### *Recording Secretary*

Brian Scherle, Regina

### Directors

Jerry Huculak, Moose Jaw

Terri Hamill, Regina

Celeste Rider, Regina

## Executive Director's Report

2024 was a challenging year for the Society. The year started off with a vacancy at the Executive Director position once again. The position was advertised. I was very happy to accept the position again starting mid April. Health issues and hospitalization had forced me to leave my previous job.

The Administrative Assistant position was also vacant at the beginning of the as the encumbant moved from short to long term disability. That position has not been filled and the intent is to fill the library position with a library technician.

Later in the year illness hit again and both the Executive Assistant (Lisa) and I were sick and hospitalized. Thankfully not both at the same time. My health issues kept me away longer and the Board once again stepped up and backfilled. Thank you to Celeste, Barb, Roberta and Brian who all went above and beyond to keep things running smoothly. It is much appreciated.

Membership numbers were down a little in 2024 despite the promotion to bring in new members and get both members at a reduced price. Visitors to the library/research room came from all across Canada and some U.S. locations such as Spokane, Washington. The Board and staff feel that the neighborhood crime, homelessness and addiction issues have a lot to do with the drop in visitation numbers, particularly by our local members.

Between branch and SGS programming there were numerous presentations to enjoy including British Home Children, A Fresh Light on Old Newspapers, Researching Irish Records, DNA, and Accessing Court Records for your Genealogy Research to name a few. Saskatoon Branch has various chat groups running. Another diversity video was produced late in the year for our "What is Family?" initiative and features a gentleman who is originally from Peru. The video is available to view on the SGS website in the Diversity Plan section.

Education and Research were busy programming areas again in 2024. Most of the demand in the education classes was again focused on indigenous research. There are always a lot of requests for our research services and with few volunteer researchers there is always a backlog of requests.

SGS ran another online 50/50 raffle fundraiser in the summer/fall. The winner of the 50/50 was Peggy Mausch from Saskatoon. She won \$2,395 and very kindly donated some of her winnings back to SGS. Thank you, Peggy.

You will see from the Financial Statements included in this Annual Report that we had a clean audit again this year and are in a sound financial position. However, the owner has listed the building we are in for sale and they are moving out. This intensifies the need for us to relocate to somewhere in the city that is safer for our members and our staff. We are operating on a month-to-month lease which could mean we might only get 60 days notice to move should the building if the new owner wants to use the space for something else. This issue could have a major impact on our finances in 2025 and the Board and I will be starting to look for alternate space

2025 will see interesting presentations, ongoing classes, new resources, and conference planning is underway for the 2025 conference being hosted by the Regina and Moose Jaw branches. This will be the first in-person conference since before Covid.

Thank you to our Members, Branches, Board, volunteers and Lisa Warren, who together, all keep this organization running and relevant.



# 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 2024 because it is being reviewed.

Indigenous Researcher Course - the focus of this course is on tracing Indigenous ancestry in the Prairie Provinces. This past year the course was offered twice and there were 16 students with 15 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:	27 workshops
	342 people

Workshops/Presentations by SGS Branches:	53 workshops
	822 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 3,506 and SGS has records for 2,583.

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 newspaper obituaries forwarded to SGS will be indexed by volunteers.

1. Name of the paper must be supplied with obituaries.
2. Date and name 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: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

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 2024 no additional obituaries were scanned or indexed for this database. A file of corrections to the database entries is being maintained.

A summer student returned for the second year 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 were uploaded to the database in November 2024 and can 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 17% 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 2024, 1065 sources have been registered with the SRI. Out of this total 918 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 1065 sources registered, 442 of them are completed (finished indexing and placed online under the SRI. Total records on SRI Database are 4,000,000. 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 have been busy indexing online for the burial index and SRI.

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## Library

By: Lisa Warren

### Library Statistics:

Total value of the collection in 2024 388,635 \*  
As compared to 2023: 401,393  
As compared to 2022: 398,584

\* Dollar amount for 2024 is lower as numerous books were pulled from the collection. The items pulled were outdated books, duplicate copies, and periodicals prior to the last 10 years.

The SGS Library Collection consists of:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Books	23,533	23,350	23,228	23,083
Microform	25,768	25,768	25,765,	25,765
Maps	724	720	712	712
CD/DVD	164	160	152	152

183 new books were added to the library collection in 2024.

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

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

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

- 16 people donated items plus several anonymous donors
- 3 organizations donated items

## Research

By: Celeste Rider, Research Coordinator

Below is a list of researches completed by the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society during 2024.

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society completed 25 researches in 2024. These were completed by Laura Hanowski and Celeste Rider who are Certified Saskatchewan Researchers, and Thelma Caldwell who is a Certified Saskatchewan Record Searcher. Celeste also assisted Lisa Warren with completing the in-house research requests.

	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
<b>Indigenous/Métis Search</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Basic Search of Saskatchewan Records</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SGS Databases (broken down below)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)</i>	4	4	2	0
<i>Burial Index</i>	2	0	1	0
<i>Obituary Index</i>	2	0	1	0
<i>Change of Names</i>	0	1	0	0
<b>SGS Subscription Sites (Ancestry.com, Newspapers.com, etc.)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>SGS Cemetery Files</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SGS Obituary Files</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>RCMP Obituaries</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Newspaper Obituary Search</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Look-ups in SGS Library (Books &amp; Directories)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Look-ups in SGS Library (HOME CD/Cummins Maps)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Homestead Search</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Analysis and Research Plan</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other searches charged at hourly rate (broken down below)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Birth Parent Searches</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Estate Searches</i>	0	1	0	1
<i>Vital Statistics: Birth, Marriage, Death Registrations</i>	0	1	0	0
<i>Newspaper Research</i>	0	1	0	0
<i>ISC Land Records</i>	1	0	0	0
<i>Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan, other</i>	2	1	0	0

### 3. Resources

Human Resources - In 2024, SGS continued to operate short-staffed and has not filled the vacant librarian position. SGS currently has 2 full-time staff members in addition to the vacancy.

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 2024 SGS participated in the Heritage Fairs for Saskatchewan students providing 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.

	2024	2023	2022
Visitors to the Library:	516	560	411
Circulation:	14,595	38,163	37,074
Packages of books mailed:	35	50	64
Phone calls for Information:	651	667	678
Volunteers (Library):	14	54	107
Volunteer Hours (Library):	707	168	283.5
Volunteers (indexing, etc.):	14	12	16
Volunteer Hours (indexing, etc.):	1200	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 20, 2024. 50 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. Due to the Canada Post strike the December issue was only emailed. There were no printed copies. 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 2024 was 456 per issue. Of those 353 were e-mailed. There were 81 organization subscribers including libraries, archives, genealogical societies, etc. The number of people who accessed the Bulletin is estimated at 6,384.

Workshops/Presentations – 1,164 people participated in SGS workshops in 2024.

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 16 active students in 2024.

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 2024 there were 95,547 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 2024, approximately 73% 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.

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## 2024 SGS Membership

By: Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant

There were 425 SGS memberships (or approximately 637 members) in 2024, a decrease of 53 memberships from 2023. The following is a geographical analysis of the SGS membership for 2024.

### **SASKATCHEWAN**

Total membership - 281 representing 79 communities.

*Communities represented by more than 10 memberships - (161 memberships/3 communities).*

Moose Jaw (21), Regina (87), Saskatoon (55)

*Communities represented by 3-9 memberships - (44 memberships/8 communities).*

Central Butte (6), Mankota (3), Melfort (5), Moosomin (5), Prince Albert (4), Swift Current (9), Weyburn (9), Yorkton (3)

*Communities represented by 2 memberships - (12 memberships/6 communities).*

Fort Qu'Appelle, Indian Head, Meadow Lake, North Battleford , Regina Beach, Whitewood

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

Admiral, Aneroid, Avonlea, Balcarres, Bethune, Biggar, Briercrest, Borden, Carnduff, Corman Park, Coronach, Creelman, Creighton, Dysart, Elrose, Esterhazy, Estevan, Grenfell, Hanley, Kamsack, Kelvington, Kinistino, Lacadena, Laird, Lake Lenore, Langham, Lashburn, Leader, Lebreton, Lloydminster, Loon Lake, Lumsden, Manitou Beach, Maple Creek, Martensville, McCord, McTaggart, Melville, Meyrone, Milestone, Montmartre, Oxbow, Pense, Pilot Butte, Preeceville, Raymore, Redvers, Rhein, Riverside Estates, Rocanville, Rosetown, Rouleau, Star City, Stewart Valley, Stockholm, Tisdale, Turtleford, Warman, Watrous, Wawota, Webb, Wishart,

### **OTHER PROVINCES OF CANADA**

There is a total of 129 memberships representing 66 communities.

Alberta (52), British Columbia (44), Manitoba (6), New Brunswick (3), North West Territory (1), Ontario (20), Quebec (3)

### **UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES**

United States 14 memberships / 10 communities.

Overseas 1 membership / 1 community

## Branch Reports

### Central Butte

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

- Branch Membership Fee: \$15.00.
- Membership for 2024: 8 Members; 8 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*. *Herbert Herald* closed August 30, 2024.
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (except January and February) - 2:00 p.m. at the RM office on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Mankota.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$6.00.
- Membership for 2024: 5 Members; 4 SGS Memberships.
- No workshops/presentations were held in the community.

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## Moose Jaw

Meetings are held 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Moose Jaw.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Membership for 2024: 26 Members; 21 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 11<sup>th</sup>.
- January: Discussion and sharing of the Reminiscence Kit from the Western Development Museum. The kit contained artifacts from 1950-1970, we shared memories of how the 'new technology' of the day or the fashion of the day impacted our lives and made us who we are. 15 people attended.
- February: We had a display table at the Western Development Museum for their Community Heritage Day. We joined with other heritage, cultural and community groups to promote our organization. 100 people attended.
- February: We had an evening of 'Show & Share' with our members. 13 people attended.
- March: Dana Chamberlain, General Manager of Jones's Funeral Home enlightened us on their records and what they can legally share with people who are doing their family research. 14 people attended.
- May: Our branch sponsored a very interesting Zoom presentation by Susan Hillman Brazeau, BA, MA-IS on Canada's British Home Children and Child Migrants Almost Forgotten.... Almost. The presentation was hosted by SGS, with all SGS members invited to attend.
- September: We invited everyone to share their genealogical summer finds, challenges they may have in their research or treasures that they wanted to share with the other members. 14 people attended.
- October: Jodi Ann Eskritt, curator of the RCMP Historical Collections Unit spoke on the history of the RCMP in Saskatchewan, why they were formed, the early days and the subsequent development of the force since. Jodi brought a display of RCMP artifacts from their Outreach Collection. 20 people attended.

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## North East

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

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00
- Membership for 2024: 10 Members; 7 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 files and updated regularly and kept at the Melfort District Museum. 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.
- Grant received from City of Melfort re: SaskLotteries for facilities use, visual equipment rental-printing of updates and general expenses.
- January: Learn about Find a Grave Cemetery listings offered by Ancestry.com. Presented by Shelly Penner-Melfort & District Museum. 12 people attended.
- February: Top Tips for Canadian Family History Research – Ancestry.ca – Utube. Presented by Crista Cowan. 9 people attended.
- March: Best Ancestry Search Tips, Step by Step Tutorial. Presented by Louise Gem. 11 people attended.
- April: How to record you family history and create a record binder. Utube by Stalesboro-Bulloch County Library. Plus presentation by Lorne Kish, Melfort. 12 people attended.
- May: Build a family tree & researchfamily history for free on familysearch.org. Presented by Connie Know, Genealogy TV. 10 people attended.
- June: Research session at LDS Family History Centre, plus familiarization of the LDS research options by missionaries of the LDS Family History Centre, Melfort. 10 people attended.
- September: 5 mistakes you are making in your Census research. Presented on Utube by Lisa Lisson. 10 people attended.
- October: Curse of the “Gypsies” Part 1 & 2. History Channel Documentary. 7 people attended.
- November: A fresh light on old newspapers. Saskatchewan Genealogical Society online presentation by Dave Obee. 8 people attended.
- December: Appreciation & honour Thelma Long night supper & presentation Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Heritage Award plus presentation of North East Branch appreciation award to Thelma Long, founder and charter president of North East Branch. Appreciation recognition to missionaries of the LDS Family History Centre and to Shelly Penner of the Melfort & District Museum. Display of past years activities, photos, cemetery books and memorabilia.

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## Pipestone

Meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2024: 9 members; 8 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 a display set up promoting SGS 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 Moosomin Public Library and the other took place in November at the Broadview Public Library. Both titles "Let us help you with your family tree research?".

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## Regina

Meetings are held 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (except June to August & December) - 7:00 p.m. at St. James United Church, 4506 Sherwood Drive, Regina.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$20.00.
- Membership for 2024: 63 Members; 62 SGS Memberships.
- Using facebook.
- Research services: \$60 for a basic search. Fees can vary depending on research required.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Recorded cemeteries in the RM of Edenwold – Arrat, St. John's and Emmanuel.
- February: Webinar by Amber Oldenberg "How to Use familysearch and Wiki and Catalogue". Virtual meeting via zoom. 16 people attended.
- March: Gordon McBean presented "Creating Your Family History Book". Virtual meeting via zoom at the Regent Place Library. 14 people attended.
- March: We had a display at the Heritage Event hosted by Heritage Regina and Government House. We distributed brochures and answered numerous questions. Government House. 60 people attended.
- April: Sarah Woods from Heritage Regina "The resources they have available and connections with other organizations". Regent Place Library. 13 people attended.
- May: Shaun Cook from Financial and Consumer Affairs "Cemeteries Act and Regulations". SGS Library. 13 people attended.
- May: Tour of Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan. Held on two days. 20 people attended.
- September: Lora Bansley from the Ministry of Justice "Accessing Court Records". St. James United Church. 15 people attended.
- October: Member sharing on breaking down our brick walls and sharing favourite websites. St. James United Church. 15 people attended.

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## Saskatoon

Meetings are held 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 and for Special Interest Chat Groups (zoom only).

- Branch Membership Fee: \$30.00.
- Brochure is available.
- Website: <http://www.genealogysaskatoon.org/>
- Membership for 2024: 57 Members; 55 SGS Memberships.
- Research services: Accept donations.
- 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 the Saskatoon branch website has a link to the complete list of library materials (as of September 2021) and will be updated.
- Publication for sale: 7 and 10 Generation Pedigree Charts.
- Had three displays set up promoting genealogy and the branch.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- January: Records of Emigration and Immigration presented by Linda Suveges. Virtual meeting via zoom. 17 people attended.
- February: Migration West: Expansion of Western Canada and the US by Michelle Weimer. Virtual meeting via zoom. 15 people attended.
- March: Using Newspapers for Genealogy and Family History Research by Cindy Paradis. Virtual meeting via zoom. 19 people attended.
- April: Sources and Resources for Planning a Trip to Visit Your Ancestors by Belinda Riehl-Fitzsimmons. Hybrid (in person & zoom). 14 people attended.
- May: DNA Testing: What is it and How Can it Help Solve Genealogy Questions? By Jane Richardson & Linda Suveges. Hybrid (in person & zoom). 16 people attended.
- June: Preparing a Genealogical Will by Randy Touet. Hybrid (in person & zoom). 16 people attended (2 non-members).
- September: Open Mike Night! by members. Hybrid (in person & zoom). 17 people attended (1 non-member).
- October: Defining Métis Ancestry through Genealogy by Tammy Vallee. Hybrid (in person & zoom). 16 people attended (1 non-member).
- November: The Discovery, Recovery and Identification of a Canadian Soldier's Remains 72 Years After His Death in WW2 by Gordon Thomas. Hybrid (in person & zoom). 17 people attended (1 non-member).
- December: "I have my DNA test results – Now What?" by Jane Richardson & Linda Suveges. Virtual meeting via zoom. 15 people attended (2 non-members).
- Special Interest and Chat Groups - British Isles, Canada/USA, Genetic Genealogy/DNA, Europe and General Discussion.
- Saskatoon Heritage Festival took place on February 4. Although the weather was inclement, approximately 1300 people visited the festival. We spoke with approximately 85 individuals at our booth. Several purchased pedigree charts.
- Saskatoon Culture days took place September 21. We had an open hour. 8 visitors and 8 members attended.

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## Swift Current

Meetings are held 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month (except June to August and December) - 7:00 p.m. at 10 Aitken Place, Swift Current.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$30.00.
- Website: <https://scbranchsgs.wixsite.com/sgssc>
- Membership for 2023: 12 Members; 11 SGS Memberships.
- Research Services: On-line research and local sources - \$15/hour plus copies.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.

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## Weyburn

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (except July and August) - 6:30 p.m. at Weyburn Public Library.

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Membership for 2024: 13 Members; 13 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.
- 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: Sorted through and read papers from the Assiniboia Brokerage Company of Weyburn. They were found under a closed up staircase in a business in Weyburn. The papers ranged from 1911 to 1919. 6 people attended.
- February: Discussed options to acknowledge our Branch's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. 7 members attended.
- March: Ireland research and what Irish records we have found. Members brought Ireland maps and books to look at. 5 members attended.
- April: Discussion on what research each member has been working on. 9 members attended.
- May: Discussed the zoom presentation that members viewed and research plans for the summer. 7 members attended.
- June: Discussion on indexing the *Weyburn Review* obituaries. 8 people attended.
- September: To commemorate our branch's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we hosted a presentation by Mary Lou Van De Bon "An In-depth Look at DNA". This presentation was open to the public and held at the Weyburn Public Library. 17 people attended (9 non-members).
- October: Demonstration/discussions on using the Information Services Corporation (ISC) website. 7 people attended.

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## Yorkton

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

- Branch Membership Fee: \$10.00.
- Website: Currently not being administered.
- Membership for 2024: 11 Members; 11 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 Yorkton Public Library.
- Responded to queries and/or researches.
- Working on new facebook page.
- Had three displays set up promoting genealogy and the branch - Yorkton Western Development Museum: Heritage Day in February and Threshermen's Days in August. Display at the Spring Fling Trade Show in April.
- Presentation at Saltcoats Public Library by Doris Maben and Colleen Nordin.
- March: Preserving the Family Bible by Colleen Nordin.
- September: Copilot and AI by Doris Maben.
- November: AI and Your Family Tree by Michelle Borowitz.
- December: Forts of Canora North by Cecil Machnee.
- Providing genealogical research support to the local community from September to present by Doris Maben. 2 members of the public are presently supported.
- September: Yorkton Genealogical Society donated to the Red Brick Mill Society in Yorkton in the name of a deceased genealogy member, Glenn Wiseman.
- October: Yorkton Genealogical Society donated to the Yorkton Animal Shelter in the name of a deceased genealogy supporter, Mitchell Wlock.

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# Financial Statements

## DUDLEY & COMPANY LLP

*Chartered Professional Accountants*

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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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, 2024, 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, 2024, 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 4, 2025

  
Dudley & Company LLP  
Chartered Professional Accountants

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT		
Cash (Note 3)	\$ 173,444	\$ 137,999
Accounts receivable	1,443	1,974
Inventory	4,625	5,126
Prepaid expenses	4,767	6,752
	<u>184,279</u>	<u>151,851</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	292	-
	<u>\$ 184,571</u>	<u>\$ 151,851</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,871	\$ 10,709
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	18,878	22,395
	<u>24,749</u>	<u>33,104</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Fund	159,512	118,361
Restricted Fund (Note 6)	310	386
	<u>159,822</u>	<u>118,747</u>
	<u>\$ 184,571</u>	<u>\$ 151,851</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, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>REVENUE (Schedule 1)</b>		
Administration	\$ 211,820	\$ 222,457
Fundraising	5,014	211
Programs	15,548	17,468
	<u>232,382</u>	<u>240,136</u>
<b>EXPENSES (Schedule 2)</b>		
Administration	166,213	204,787
Fundraising	3,048	-
Membership communications	3,345	4,236
Programs	18,253	16,517
Travel and meetings	448	248
	<u>191,307</u>	<u>225,788</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 41,075</u>	<u>\$ 14,348</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, 2024**

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2024	2023
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$ 118,361	\$ 386	\$ 118,747	\$ 104,399
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	41,151	(76)	41,075	14,348
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 159,512</u>	<u>\$ 310</u>	<u>\$ 159,822</u>	<u>\$ 118,747</u>

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**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash receipts from members and programs	\$ 58,851	\$ 59,667
Cash receipts from grants	<b>170,000</b>	94,300
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	<b>(192,933)</b>	(222,901)
Interest received	<b>13</b>	74
Cash Flows From (For) Operating Activities	<b>35,931</b>	(68,860)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of capital assets	<b>(486)</b>	-
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents during the year</b>	<b>35,445</b>	(68,860)
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<b>137,999</b>	206,859
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR (Note 3)</b>	<b>\$ 173,444</b>	\$ 137,999

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**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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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, 2024**

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 \$nil in 2024 (\$1,629 in 2023); only the portion pertaining to non-minor capital assets, and other items that reasonably would have otherwise been purchased, are recognized for accounting purposes.

3. CASH

	2024	2023
Petty cash	\$ 50	\$ 50
Chequing	167,185	129,559
Fundraising account	4,557	2,175
Paypal	1,078	2,362
Term deposit	-	3,279
Credit union equity	574	574
	<b>\$ 173,444</b>	<b>\$ 137,999</b>

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 3,084	\$ 2,792	\$ 292	\$ -

5. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue is comprised of the following:

	2024	2023
Memberships	<b>\$ 18,878</b>	<b>\$ 22,395</b>



**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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**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 \$169 (2023 - \$185), and expenses of \$245 (2023 - \$62), for an accumulated balance at the end of 2024 of \$310 (2023 - \$386).

**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, 2024.

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.

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.

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**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(continued)*

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 exposure 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.

# SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Schedule of Revenue

(Schedule 1)

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Sask Lotteries Trust Fund - Annual Global Funding	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
Sask Culture - Special Initiatives	-	9,300
Memberships	26,856	30,120
Interest	13	74
Donations	14,776	12,818
Miscellaneous revenue	175	145
Total Administration Revenue	<u>\$ 211,820</u>	<u>\$ 222,457</u>
<b>PROGRAMS</b>		
Advertising	\$ 646	\$ 1,100
Education, workshops and certification	10,815	11,206
Other specified donations - bulletin	459	578
Pioneer certificate	305	95
Publication sales	1,426	2,630
Research	1,837	1,717
Conference and annual meeting	5	-
Women Pioneer book	55	142
Total Program Revenue	<u>\$ 15,548</u>	<u>\$ 17,468</u>
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>		
Fundraising	<u>\$ 5,014</u>	<u>\$ 211</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Schedule of Expenses  
(Schedule 2)**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Accounting fees	\$ 3,362	\$ 3,156
Amortization	195	302
Audit	3,581	3,472
Benefits	18,141	21,598
Caretaking	153	200
Corporate and banking fees	1,848	2,117
Insurance	1,010	1,861
Membership	270	150
Office supplies	615	454
Parking	871	-
Personnel	93,967	129,187
Postage	1,548	1,675
Printing and copying	2,343	2,192
Rent	35,196	34,422
Staff development	-	88
Telephone and communications	2,441	2,469
Website development	672	1,444
Total Administration Expense	\$ 166,213	\$ 204,787
<b>TRAVEL AND MEETINGS</b>		
Board meetings	\$ 239	\$ 190
Membership meetings and conference	150	-
Staff and volunteer travel	59	58
Total Travel and Meetings Expense	\$ 448	\$ 248
<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
Bulletins	\$ 2,818	\$ 3,209
Promotion	527	1,027
Total Membership Communications Expense	\$ 3,345	\$ 4,236

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The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

**SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Schedule of Expenses (continued)**  
**(Schedule 2)**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>PROGRAMS</b>		
Library resources	\$ 2,211	\$ 1,982
Research	520	698
Subscription databases	5,396	3,562
Subscriptions	153	200
Supplies and bookbinding	127	66
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Subtotal: Library	8,407	6,508
Awards recognition	403	-
Births, Marriages, Deaths (BMD) Project	318	-
Branch administration	-	250
Computer services - data storage, website, etc.	1,641	1,887
Education, workshops, and certification	6,480	3,218
Publications and cost of sales	759	1,352
Special purchases	245	62
Tracing Indigenous Ancestors publication/ course	-	3,240
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Total Programs Expense	\$ 18,253	\$ 16,517
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<b>FUNDRAISING</b>		
Fundraising	\$ 3,048	\$ -
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## Donations

SGS received the following donations from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

### **DONATION**

#### ***Friends (\$10-49)***

Bonita Ackerman - *in memory of Shelley Kloczko*  
Greg Arnott  
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Debra Cole  
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Marianne Woods  
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Weyburn Branch SGS - *in memory of Charmane Johnson*

#### ***Associate (\$100-499)***

Roberta Cox  
Tammy Fell  
Norine Gamble - *in memory of Shelley Kloczko*  
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Greg Nelson  
Brian F. Neufeld  
Barb Onstad  
Jacqueline Perigny - *in memory of Shelley Kloczko*  
Jane Richardson

Glenn Schmuland  
Jenny Speir  
Linda Suveges  
Barb Tait  
Terry Trithart Smith  
James K. Wood  
Kenneth E. Yung

#### ***Patrons (\$500-999)***

Linda Engel  
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Timothy Grad  
Dianne Gradin  
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Hugh Heal  
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#### ***(\$1000 or more)***

Rae W. Chamberlain  
Celeste Rider

### **POSTAL**

#### ***Friends (\$10-49)***

Shirley Erskine

### **BULLETIN**

#### ***Friends (\$10-49)***

Greg Arnott  
Marge Cleave  
Sharon Cleveland  
Allison E. Close  
Marilyn & Barry Dies  
Mary & James Driver  
Jeannette Hargreaves  
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Geoff Huckerby  
Carol LaFayette-Boyd  
Lloyd J. Lipinski  
Brenda McCracken  
Gloria Martin  
Greg Nelson  
Linda Parrott

Sheila Polasek  
Patricia Rea  
Gail Skikevitch  
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***Fellows (\$50-99)***

Frances D. Reiss

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Irene Blyth

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Linda Engel  
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Greg Boelke  
Michael Borkan  
Roger Burk  
Christopher Deckert  
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**SARCAN - Drop & Go** - \$155.84

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**SGS Staff**

*Executive Director*

Deanne Cairns

*Librarian - Vacant*

*Executive Assistant - Lisa Warren*

*Admin Assistant - Vacant*

**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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019.
- » There are approximately 425 Society memberships or 637 members.
- » There are 10 branches around the province.
- » 27% of our total membership lives in rural areas.
- » SGS operates one of the largest genealogical lending libraries in Canada.
- » SGS received over 651 phone calls for genealogical information in 2024. There were calls from various places in Canada and throughout the United States.
- » Saskatchewan Resident's Index (SRI) was the first database of its kind in Canada.
- » There are over 4 million records on our SRI. Total of all databases is approximately 7 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 2024 SGS had 95,547 unique 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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