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"Each problem that I solved became a rule which served afterwards to solve other problems."

- Rene Descartes (1596-1650), "Discours de la Methode

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Letter from the Editor

Happy New Year! It is a new era for the CGHSM, too. We start the year with our newly elected Board and have made the final transitional step from the reorganization committee. We now stand on our own feet and I encourage you to look for a way that you can become more involved. Your comments and articles for publication are always welcome.

In this issue you will find the addition of our formal Queries as well as a letter/article looking for help from member Jean McDaniel. You will also enjoy an article by Yvonne Martin about her trip to France to trace her family's history.

Wishing you the very best in the New Year.

Mike Poquette

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How e-Cousins et Cousines works

1. We are using an e-newsletter as the preferred method of sharing articles and information with the membership. This enables us to publish each issue without the constraints of having a specific page count as required by a printed document.
2. Providing an electronic version of the newsletter saves CGHMS at least 80% of the printing and mailing costs associated with a hard copy printed version. These savings enable us to purchase more publications for your research.
3. Save the PDF version of this newsletter to your hard drive for long term reference. **Accessing the hyperlinked text in this newsletter at a later date will take you to the current website and not to the text that was being referenced at the time of this publication.**
4. Cousins et Cousines will be issued by the 1st of each quarter. The deadline for articles and information is the first week of the previous month.

*At the
Annual Meeting
November 21, 2006*



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Results of the CGHSM 2006 Election

PRESIDENT: Kathy Horan-Grambsch is a graduate of St. Cloud State University, past PTA president and treasurer, served as committee member and treasurer of Scout Troop 346, and currently assists her husband in managing their business. She is a member of the CGHSM, MGS, Minnesota Historical Society, Irish Genealogy Society Int'l and Scott and Washington County Historical Societies. Kathy is an enthusiastic family researcher and, thanks to Ruth Charest, was involved in the reorganization of the CGHSM. She lives in Eden Prairie with her husband Bill, where they raised three fabulous children.

VICE PRESIDENT: Jim LaValle - Jim graduated from Brainerd High School in 1958. Served in the Military from 1958 until 1964, and was employed by the Bell System from 1964 to 1990 when he accepted an early retirement offer. Jim worked for a computer hardware manufacturing company in Eden Prairie from 1991 until 1998 when he completely joined the retirement world. Jim served as temporary Vice President of CGHSM from November 2005 and acting President of the reorganization committee from April 2006 until his election to Vice President in Fall 2006. Jim has always enjoyed history and became involved with his family history in the 1970's.

SECRETARY: Joan Davy lives in Eden Prairie with her husband, Mark. She has a BS degree and was an elementary teacher for six years. Joan then stayed home to raise her three children and coached their softball, baseball, basketball and volleyball teams, and was active on both school and community boards. She has served as business manager for her husband's fundraising consulting firm for 18 years. Joan became interested in genealogy in 1989 during a trip to France and has been a member of MGS since. She is researching her French, Irish and Polish ancestors and is a member of the Canadian, Irish and Polish branches. Joan served on the CGHSM reorganization committee as secretary.

TREASURER: Jacqueline Demeules Hofhenke - Jackie has always been fascinated with numbers and has been a treasurer in several organizations. Jackie likes to find people so this works fine in her hobby of genealogy - every month or so she gets a phone call or an e-mail from someone who turns out to be a relative. Jackie likes to see other people find their long lost relatives, too.

DIRECTOR: Curtis B Londroche - Curt is a long time member, a past Board member, Vice-president and President of NWTFC&FHC. He has been involved in genealogy for over 20 years. Curt currently serves as Events Chair.

DIRECTOR: Mike Poquette. Mike and wife Irene have 3 grown sons. Recent interest in discovering his genealogical past has led him to the Canadian Genealogical & Heritage Society of Minnesota. He became a member of the reorganization committee early in its formation. He is Editor for the quarterly newsletter "Cousins et Cousines" and is a member of the Publications committee.

PAST PRESIDENT: Al Dahlquist. Al served in the U.S. Army 1963 – 1967 (Administrative Specialist). He has been active in genealogy since 1971. Served as President of both MGS (1980-81) and our former NWTFC&CHC ca. 1979- ca. 1985 & 2004. Vice-president Little Canada Historical Society. Ran a girls slow pitch softball program in Brooklyn Park for about 10 yrs (ca. 1,000 girls). Treasurer PTA 4 years. Scoutmaster 2 years. Founder Scandinavian-American Genealogical Society. Founder Park Genealogical Book Co., and editor/publisher "Minnesota Genealogical Journal" #'s 1-7. Recorded many cemeteries. Editor of the first 4 issues of our "Canadian American Journal for Canadian, French & Metis Study.

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Family History Conference

September 30th, 2006

CGHSM had a booth at the **Family History Genealogical Conference** on September 30, 2006 to promote Canadian, Metis(se), and Native American research. The conference was sponsored by the Anoka Community Education and Irish Genealogical Society International.

Working our table were Jim LaValle, Florence Johnson, Jackie Hofhenke, Maureen Laughy, and Curt Londroche. Jackie Hofhenke and Kathy Horan-Grambsch, attend some of the workshops.

We met some very interesting people, and there were many of Irish descent whose ancestors came through Canada. I believe this validates the decision to open our group to all nationalities and not limit it to just France. There were more questions asked concerning Ontario than the rest of the provinces.

We gave out a number of membership applications as well as many copies of the last two issues of C&C. All in all, it was a very positive experience, and you can expect to see our table at many more events of this type.

Curt Londroche



Ready for conference to start



Working hard



Waiting for the workshops to end



Information, sources, and renewed enthusiasm for family research, were gained by attending the Family History Conference in Coon Rapids, September 30th. The classes offered at the Family History Conference were packed with information by instructors who are experts in their field. Each class gave specific sources to pursue, valuable handouts, insight into a variety of research methods, with time allowed for questions and answers. By attending this conference, I was able to connect with fellow researchers (a valuable resource), purchase publications, and ask questions of the genealogy societies who participated in this event. I'm glad I took the time to attend, and look forward to the next conference.

Kathy Horan-Grambsch

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What's New

Additions to Our Web Site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mncghs>

- Calendar for tracking CGHSM meeting and events.
- Pedigree Chart accessed from the Membership Page – Complete online, print and mail it to us.
- New Membership Application and Sales Order forms that can be completed online and mailed to us.

Past Issues of Cousins et Cousines:

Back issues of our newsletter “Cousins et Cousines” are available on CD. All issues prior to 2004 have been scanned and are available on CD in a non-searchable PDF format. A list of issues and contents has also been included on the CD in HTML format.

Order Code: **CD-0002** \$25.00 plus \$5.00 shipping & handling.
CGHSM Members \$15.00 plus \$5.00 shipping & handling.

Submit orders to: CGHSM Attn: Sales, 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy., Golden Valley, MN 55422

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Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it.

- Lou Holtz

Queries

Queries are published in **Cousins et Cousines** (as space permits) and are posted on the **CGHSM Web Site** for the minimum of one year. **CGHSM Volunteers may, but are not required,** to research queries. **Queries** are a **Benefit of CGHSM Membership** and Members may submit two queries per quarter.

Submit or Reply to Queries

**Submit a Query via email: ([link to form on website](#)) or Reply to a Query cghsm_queries@mngs.org or by US Mail to CGHSM Attn: Queries
5768 Olson Memorial Highway
Golden Valley, MN 55422**

- Q061101 Seek bpl/d/m of Benjamin Begin (wife Angel Noel), born abt 1805 in Canada, father of Joseph Medore Begin. horangrambsch@yahoo.com
- Q061102 Looking for descendents of LEANDRE DEMEULE and LUMINA BERUBE both born sometime in the 1800s. They were parents of Joseph Elzear Georges (GEORGES) DEMEULE Born 3 June 1903 in Saint Saveur ward in Quebec. He died there in 1 APR 1918 of a bullet wound to the heart. jackie55428@yahoo.com
- Q061103 Seek information on the PARENTS of Rose Delima (LOUISELLE LOISELLE WAYZEL) MORIN b. 1862 possibly MINNESOTA, CANADA OR VERMONT place unknown, also sister Mary (LOUISELLE) BILLETTE and a Brother HENRY LOUISELLE. Rose and Mary lived with Grandma Gorham in PLYMOUTH MINNESOTA. Henry lived with the GOVIN family, CORCORAN HAMEL MEDINA MINNESOTA. ladyflo@msn.com

Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare.

- Japanese Proverb

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Computer *tips*

from Mr. Bill's Adventureland

[How to Create New Folders and Rename Folders Using Windows Explorer](http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/winexplor/createfolder.htm)

<http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/winexplor/createfolder.htm>

[How to Download Files from Email or Websites and get them into Storage Folders so that you can find them later](http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/download/download.htm)

<http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/download/download.htm>

[How to Move \(Copy\) A Downloaded File From A Storage Folder To Where You Need It Using Windows Explorer](http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/movefiles/movefiles.htm)

<http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/movefiles/movefiles.htm>

[How to Unzip Files Using WinZip](http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/usewinzip/usewinzip.htm)

<http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/usewinzip/usewinzip.htm>

[How to determine what Letter represents your CD ROM Drive or DVD ROM Drive](http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/mydrives/mydrives.htm)

<http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/mydrives/mydrives.htm>

[Has your CD or DVD-ROM Drive's driver been loaded into DOS?](http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/mydrives/mydrives.htm)

or

Will my CD ROM Drive be recognized when I restart my computer in MS-DOS Mode?

<http://www.mrbillsadventureland.com/howto/doscdrom/doscdrom.htm>

Another great web site for information and to learn about using your scanner.

<http://www.scantips.com>

**A positive attitude may not solve all your problems,
but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.**

– Herm Albright

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Help Wanted:

Sales Coordinator: You will be responsible for items the society has for sale; CD's, Journals, books, etc. You coordinate availability of sales items for meeting, workshops, and conferences. No experience necessary. Contact: Jim LaValle, cghsm@mngs.org or 763-417-9159

Publications Assistant: You will be responsible for typing, formatting and preparing articles for our newsletter "Cousins et Cousines" and other publications. Need not be located in the Minneapolis – St Paul area. Basic computer skills and typing experience would be helpful. Contact: Mike Poquette frenchcanadian@qwest.net

Staffing the MGS Library: Members to assist with staffing the library on the 2nd Wednesday morning of each month 9:00AM until Noon. The Minnesota Genealogical Library, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, MN 55422. No experience necessary. Experienced volunteers will be with you. Contact: Kathy Horan-Grambsch, horangrambsch@yahoo.com or 952-949-2201

November 21st Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Canadian Genealogical & Historical Society of Minnesota was well attended. The evening began with a short business meeting including a discussion about new plans and ideas for the coming year. A social hour followed with wonderful food and drink. One of my favorites was the Canadian bacon pizza! Bravo Mike!

The members of the reorganization committee were thanked for all their hard work and received a small token of appreciation. Special thanks went to Maureen Laughy and Jim LaValle for their leadership and their contribution to the success of the reorganization committee.

Those who attended were able to view the updated technology on the CGHSM computer, listen to voyageur music, viewed a collection of articles and books, and won door prizes.

But most importantly, the group was able to discuss genealogy with their "cousins". There were many interesting stories shared.

For those of you that were unable to attend, we missed you. For those of you that did attend, thanks, it was a lot of fun.

Kathy Horan-Grambsch

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Letter from Jean McDaniel

Regarding Beaudry ancestors of Jean Marie (Ferber) McDaniel

I believe that the parents of Jean-Baptiste Beaudry, my great-grandfather, were Jean-Baptiste Beaudry (b. 1812) and Marie-Louise Gaudry-Bourbonniere. I can go back further through the Beaudry line by referencing information provided by Jacques Beaudry, a living distant cousin.

Mr. Beaudry has done extensive research on the Beaudry line as it pertains to his own ancestors. I have not yet been able to confirm this information through my own research as it comes (first) from French Canada and (second) France. Also, only the Beaudry line is represented—valuable, but hardly comprehensive.



Jean-Baptiste and Anastasia Beaudry travelled from St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, to Round Grove Township in Minnesota in 1877 while Anastasia was pregnant with my grandfather, Victor, thus making Victor the first child born on American soil. Although it appears that Victor was the 9th child out of 12, there were actually 16 children altogether, 4 children having died before the birth of Victor. It appears that 3 more children, born after Victor, survived to adulthood.

The family settled on a farm in a French community near Stewart, MN. I believe that Victor went to school in Glencoe, MN. I am not sure whether the family OWNED their farm, but I would like to look into where the French community was in that area and find out what plot of land they may have lived on.

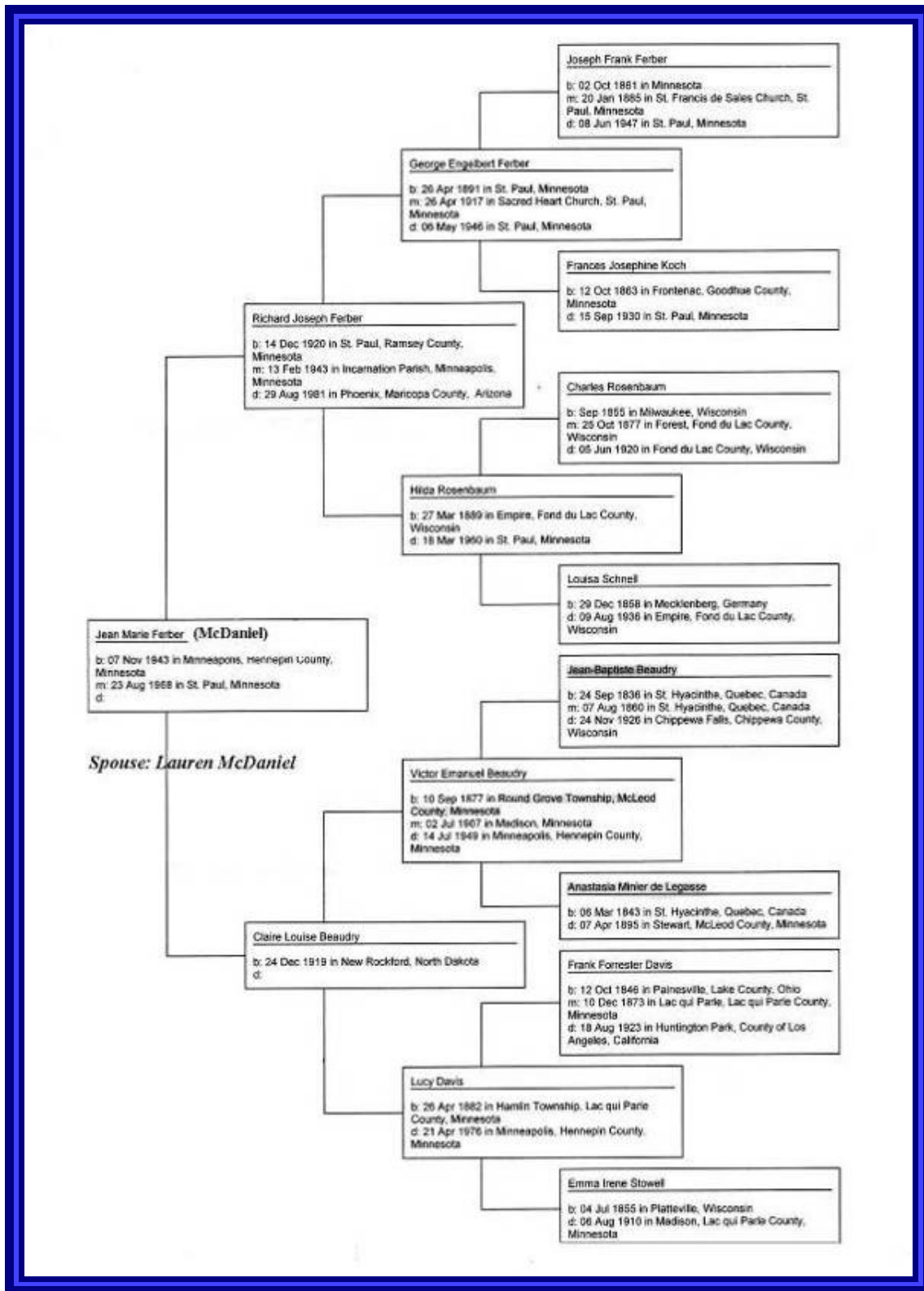
The family remained in Minnesota until the adult children scattered. Anastasia died in Minnesota, but Jean-Baptiste, sometime after his wife's death and when he was ill, moved into the home of his daughter, Octavia Lawrence, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, where he died on 24 Nov 1926. There is some conflicting information as to where he is buried, but my best information has him returned to Minnesota to be buried with his wife.

However, Anastasia's grave has been located in a Catholic cemetery near Stewart and her name is the only one listed on the monument. I made a call to the Catholic Church there and a nun told me that the Church has no records going back that far. I DO believe that Jean-Baptiste is buried there and that the family probably didn't want to spend the money for adding his name to the stone.

If there is a McLeod County history book, this could be valuable to me. If not, any information pertaining to this area would be helpful.

I would also like to get aimed at the right trail for Canadian research. I do not speak French. I have some Beaudry references to aid in the search, but nothing beyond that.

Jean McDaniel email: jeanmcdaniel@4dv.net



A Tour to Honor and Experience our French Roots

By Yvonne Martin

Jean Baptiste Morissette, my great-great-grandfather, was an early Minnesota Pioneer. His daughter Marie Celine was mother to my grandmother, Angelique Farrell. By a combination of curiosity and luck I discovered the Morissette Society, headquartered in Quebec. Most Canadian and Northern US members of the Morissette Society descend from either Jean or Mauthin Morissette, who immigrated to Quebec in the 1600's. I decided to join the society in an attempt to learn more about the early days in Canada and perhaps also why my 55 year-old ancestor would leave Canada to join his son in Minnesota in 1845.

When the society announced a two-week trip to France in 2001 to visit the birthplaces of our ancestors, my cousin Iris Williams and I were among the first to sign up. Three society members collaborated on planning the trip. Jacques Morissette operates Omnitour, a travel agency in Quebec that arranges many tours to France. Roger and Raymond Morissette had previously traveled to France and identified cousins and points of interest to the group.

The genealogical highlights of the trip involved the dedication of plaques at the birthplaces of our ancestors. The plaque for Jean is in the churchyard at Surgenes. We also attended mass in the church at which he was baptized. This was followed by a dinner with many of the French Morissettes. The plaque for Mauthin is attached to the city hall of Thouarsais-Bouldroux. The local townspeople had assembled in a receiving line to welcome each member of our group. After the dedication we walked in a procession to the small cemetery to view the grave of a Morissette WWII hero and then through the town to a reception prepared by the local townspeople.



Morissette principals presenting the plaque



The Plaque



*The Plaque
Iris Williams and Yvonne Martin*

The organizers also planned other Morissette-specific events. One noon we each purchased the makings of a picnic at a supermarket (an adventure for the non-French speaking!) to eat at the Morissette winery. The proprietors, no longer Morissettes, had prepared long tables with white tablecloths, festive napkins, and glasses for tasting the wine. Another afternoon we toured the Morissette flour mill and tasted the wares of their test kitchen. Again we were met by a receiving line, this time of Morissettes.

A Tour to Honor and Experience our French Roots - continued

The trip also included visits to places of significance to North Americans: the home of Samuel Champlain, a charming museum devoted to the acadians who returned to France when ejected from Canada, and the war museum at Caen that focusses on WWII and the battles in Normandy, in particular.

The terrorism of September 11 occurred on the third day of our trip. As a result, we quickly learned how to inquire when English-language newspapers are delivered to local newsstands. In addition we were also touched by the outreach of the French to Americans. At every government building we saw flower tributes to the victims and in Paris the firemen set up a tent to collect donations for their New York counterparts.

All was not serious of course. We enjoyed the Morissette cousins and learned Canadian and French customs as well, in particular I remember the cheek-kissing ritual. On that note, when Iris announced a small gift to Jacques Morissette, all three Jacques stood up to be kissed! My advice: if you have a chance to take such a trip, by all means do so. If you learn even a little French before you go, that will add to your enjoyment.

Bon voyage!

Yvonne Connolly Martin

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New and Renewing Member List

as of January 1, 2007

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- If you click on our **LOGO** on any issue of e-Cousins et Cousines you will open the **CGHSM Home page** on our web site.

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Some Little Used French Canadian Resources

by Dorothy Chandler

CANADIAN PASSPORTS 1681-1752
by Massicotte

To travel into Indian Country and trade with the Indians, one needed a “Conge de Traite”, a trade passport. Voyageurs (also called Engages or Canotiers) should not be confused with Coureurs-des-Bois. The latter were illegally engaged in trade and had no license or passport. Twenty-five passports were granted per year. This book will tell you the date each trade expedition was leaving, how many canoes, the names of the men and where each was from.

KASKASKIA UNDER THE FRENCH REGIME
by Belting

This is the story of the French in the Illinois Country of the 18th century. It is a fascinating account of some of our ancestors. It also contains extracts of records from the parish registers. Kaskaskia was a thriving village in the early 1700s. There was a large church with three chapels. In 1721 at Kaskaskia there were 80 houses and 4 mills. Today nothing remains.

IN SEARCH OF YOUR CANADIAN ROOTS
by Angus Baxter

In this book you will find research help all over Canada. It advises you where to find archives, libraries, parish registers, cemeteries, genealogy societies, Loyalists, newspaper, land records, etc., and many of the addresses you will need. I have found it to be a wealth of information.

FRENCH CANADIAN and ACADIAN GENEALOGICAL REVIEW
by Roland Auger

This was a wonderful series! We, as subscribers, were lucky to receive one publication a year, but each issue was so packed with information we were satisfied. They contained ancestral biographies, answered queries, history, photos and art work. The series ended after eleven or twelve issues because of the death of Roland Auger.

COMPLEMENT au DICTIONNAIRE GENEALOGIQUE TANGUAY
by J. Arthur Leboeuf

This volume contains corrections and additions to the seven volume set of Tanquay. Approximately 626 pages of marriages. A great resource!

What we think, we become.

- Buddha

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CGHSM staffing hours at the MGS Library

The Canadian Genealogical & Heritage Society of Minnesota will staff the Minnesota Genealogical Library on the second Wednesday of each month. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, volunteers will be available to help with your research.

During these hours volunteers experienced with the Library, Canadian, Metis(se) and Native American research will be available to assist you in your quest for ancestors.

Location: Minnesota Genealogical Library, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway on the north side service road of State Highway 55 (Olson Memorial Highway) just west of Highway 100.

For further information contact:

Kathy Horan-Grambsch, 952-949-2201, horangrambsch@yahoo.com

Letter from the Ex-Acting President:

It's the beginning of a new year and for the Canadian Genealogical & Heritage Society of Minnesota (CGHSM) this marks the end of a year and a half of answering the question "What happened to the NorthWest Territory, Canadian & French Heritage Center" (NWTC&FHC).

The new beginning has been successful and now the ReOrganization committee has been replaced by the newly elected Officers and Board of Directors.

In the last year a great many things have been accomplished:

- Thanks to Maureen Laughy for forming the ReOrganization Committee.
- The Constitution has been re-written. Thanks to John Schade, Curt Londroche, and Teresa Mercier.
- To the dismay of many of the previous members, the name of the society has been changed.
- Our checking account has been reopened, we learned a lot about timing name changes with that adventure.
- The basic logo was retained with minor changes.
- CGHSM has a web site <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mncghs> thanks to the Technology committee.
- The quarterly newsletter "Cousins et Cousines" is being published again. This is our 3rd issue thanks to our editor Mike Poquette and his volunteers.

- CGHSM is once again staffing the MGS Library and providing assistance to researchers looking for their Canadian, Metis(se), and Native American ancestors on the 2nd Wednesday mornings of each month.
- Back issues of our newsletters and journals have been digitized and are for sale on CD thanks to our Technology committee.
- We a query and research policy and a mentor program.
- John Schade and Maureen Laughy have been working hard on our library collection.
- We have a computer at the library that will contain a database of ancestors (a 2007 project), thanks to Al Dahlquist and Kathy Horan-Gambsch.
- We survived our first election. An election via email that tested features that will help us in future endeavours.
- And final we survived our first annual meeting on November 21st 2006.
- We end the year with 78 members (November 25th, 2006) , we will need about 175 to be completely operational.

The past year has been good to CGHSM and let's not forget the only why we can succeed is to remember that CGHSM belongs to its members (you) and its success depends on you. Contribute to our newsletter, volunteer to for library coverage, help on a committee, it's the small contributions that are important and make a society successful.

Jim LaValle

Vice President
Jim LaValle

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Mike Poquette
publish_cghsm@mngs.org

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