

Local History Guides

The production of community histories, often called local histories, is an important activity carried out by nearly every municipality and community in Manitoba. There are approximately 2,000 local histories that have been developed over the past 60 years, and a handful of new ones and updated versions are developed every year. These resources are a major legacy, and also an important source for anyone pursuing a Manitoba research project that focuses on a community.

There are two resources that a group or community should consult when they are considering the development of a local history:

A Guide to the Study of Manitoba Local History

By Gerald Friesen and Barry Potyondi. Winnipeg, Manitoba: University of Manitoba Press, 1981. Print.

This essential guide, by eminent Manitoba historians Gerald Friesen and Barry Potyondi, was published in 1981 by the University of Manitoba Press. The nearly 200 pages provide expert guidance on key subjects and sources.

This book is available online for free on the Our Roots website (ourroots.ca).

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The Manitobia website (link below) provides the opportunity to review other local histories (via searchable pdf formats) and compare approaches and ideas. The site currently features nearly 250 volumes.

<http://manitobia.ca/content/en>