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EMIGRANT LIFE IN WINNIPEG:

Letter From a Lancashire Man in an English Newspaper, 1886
Contributed by W. J. Birtles, MGS #1006.

Mr. James Summersgill, of Sankey Bridges, has forwarded to us for publication, a letter from a relative of his, a labouring man, who emigrated from Manchester some twelve months ago to Winnipeg, Canada, in which the writer gives the following interesting particulars of his adopted city:

Winnipeg is a city on the Red River, with a population of 25,000; and perhaps it may interest you to know that Winnipeg is an Indian name which means "muddy water". It has grown very rapidly, and, as yet, there are to be seen everywhere traces of a ruder existence; but the rude shanties which suited the Winnipeggers of ten years ago are fast disappearing before grand and stately buildings.

Buildings rise like mushrooms. It scarcely looks the same city it did nine months ago. One large block of stores (and Canadians call shops stores) have been built last summer, which are the grandest I have seen anywhere. They are brick buildings, five storeys high. The first storey is supported by huge iron columns, and the whole building is then veneered over with ornamental zinc, having a beautiful deep cornice overhanging the top storey. These grand buildings are called the "Cuachon Blocks", and are admitted to be the finest in the whole Dominion. Then the Hudson Bay Company have some fine stores just opposite, which are built of red brick; and I am told that every brick in these stores cost 8 cents (4d. in English money) to lay them. And besides these, there is not a bank in Canada but what is represented here, and most of them have very large buildings, especially the banks of Montreal and Ontario. The Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate (sic) have now a large station in course of a building, and also a large machine shop which will employ over a thousand hands when completed.

At the west end of the city dwell the gentry, and I observe a great deal of artistic taste in the style of their houses. Along many of the streets at this end of the city are planted maple trees, which present a charming appearance. But I also observe that work, taken on the whole, is not nearly so well done as in England, although it may surpass it in artistic taste.

The principal street in the city is Main Street, a handsome street indeed. It is one hundred feet wide, and will be five miles long when completed. It has now a line of buildings extending a distance of over two miles, and buildings, too, which would be a credit to any city in the world.

Next spring they are going to build a very large college just off Main Street at a cost of \$50,000 (or about ten thousand pounds, speaking in round numbers), which will certainly be a benefit to the city in more ways than one.

We have churches of every denomination here. The Methodist I consider to be the strongest. I may just say that Methodism has conferred a very high honour on Winnipeg. One of our ministers, Rev. Dr. Rice, has been made President of the Methodist Church of Canada. He is an old man, and an excellent preacher; but we are shortly going to lose him, for he is appointed to go to Toronto.

We have little variety of scenery here, it being all prairie. In whichever direction we look we see nothing but the bending sky touching the beautiful prairie land. Along the banks of the rivers it is nicely wooded, and presents a picturesque appearance; but taken on the whole we see little variety in scenery.

There is a great trade done in every department, and Winnipeg from its very position of necessity continues to be the great trading centre of the North-West. Now, as to the prospects for a man here, I may just say that they are not so good as might at first appear. For it is mostly outdoor work, and the winters are so long and severe that the building trade almost comes to a standstill. There are hundreds of workingmen at this moment, walking the streets, who cannot get work; but there are few signs of poverty, for men, as a rule, if they be (careful, earn enough to keep) them through the winter. (But man makes a sad mistake...if he comes out...and then...with no other object than working...as an artisan).

...this part of Canada has not yet passed through its experimental period, and things have a fictitious value; few speculate to hold as a permanent investment; and there is a great want of capital, which to a great extent cripples enterprise.

I think the best thing a man can do is take up land and become a farmer, and then he has a living in the soil, no matter what else may betide. That is what I intend to do when I see my way clear.

However, I consider a workingman better off by far here than he is in England. There is a great deal of money to be made during the summer, and men do make hay while the sun shines. I will just give you a few examples of the wages earned here during the summer: - Carpenters earned three dollars (12s 6d) per day, and some even earned three and a half dollars per day through the months of July, August and September. Bricklayers during those months earned six dollars (£1 5s) per day, and in a few cases seven dollars; but bricklayers were not able to work as long through the summer as carpenters, which must be taken into consideration. Masons earned from three to four dollars per day. Of course wages came down during the winter and spring.

I commenced last spring to work a sawing machine at two dollars (8s 4d) per day; then I got advanced 25 cents per

day, making my wages 9s 4½d per day. Towards the end of July I left that job and went to help the plasterers at a wage of three dollars (12s 4d) per day, where I continued to work until I broke down ill. I am now working at an iron works at two dollars (8s 4d) per day.

Board is from five dollars (£1 0s 10d) to six dollars (£1 5s) per week. I pay five dollars. But men, especially if their wives be with them, get tents to live in during the summer, and build shanties for winter. It almost looks as if an army were encamped round Winnipeg to see these tents in the summer.

As for our Manitoba winter, I think that to say they are exceedingly cold would scarcely give you an idea of what they are like. The thermometer often registers 25 below zero, and some days it even falls to 48 below zero. But 48 does not feel so cold as 25 when the wind prevails. When the thermometer gets to 40 wind ceases; but it is more stealthy for all that. For instance, you may just walk down the street at 40, thinking it is not so cold as yesterday at 25 with a wind; but you soon find out the fact, for somebody meeting you calls out, "Eh, your nose is frozen," and putting your hand to your nose you find it as hard as a stone. We have to be very careful, for we lose all feeling when we are frozen, and it becomes.....matter if we allow it to keep going on. The part...that...becomes as white as milk, and if it be any part of your face you may be told of it; but if it be your feet or hands, they are covered, you rarely find it out until night, and then you are made to smart.

If we go out, our beards become filled with icicles, giving us the appearance of Father Christmas. Many times I have found my beard full of icicles as I lay in bed, and the timber in the house has been cracking all night like the shot of a gun; and the cold beating upon my face like a hammer filled with needles so that sleep has been impossible.

All this may sound dreadful, but on the whole I am rather enjoying it, and would rather have a Canadian winter by far than an English one. In fact, winter seems to be the most enjoyable season. The sun shines brilliantly all day long, so that if we did not feel the effects of the cold we might mistake it for summer, and the nights, when the moon is shining, are simply lovely. It is a delightful sight to see the sleighs gliding through snow, and to hear the ringing bells on the horses, just as you see them in pictures of Canadian winter life. E.A. Poe gives a nice description of this in his "Bells". And it is very amusing to see the children who have small sleighs driven by dogs - with bells on of course. We dress in furs, which give us the appearance of grizzly bears, when we go about our daily business, or to spend an evening on the ice. I rather like Manitoba winters, and only wish that many dear ones were here to share them with me.

James Newby Middleton

PIONEER PROFILE

Edwin Firmstone Heath

Muriel Thompson, Winnipeg. While researching her Cartwright, Manitoba family, (Taylors) Muriel became interested in a neighbour family, the Heaths. Her complete booklet contains Census copies, newspaper excerpts, maps, and copies of homestead applications and related letters. She has donated a copy to MGS.

The Heaths were one of Cartwright's earliest and most colourful settlers. I can remember hearing my Dad talking about "old Mr. and Mrs. Heath" - Edwin "Edward" Firmstone Heath Esq. and Elizabeth Heath. He was born in Kingswinford, Staffordshire, England, on the 6th of March, 1836, that is, according to the 1901 Census for Manitoba. The parish register records his baptism on the 22nd of September, 1840, in St. Mary's Chapelry, Kingswinford. At the time of the 1841 Census in England, usually taken in April, Edwin was only 9 months old, which, if correct, makes his birth date to be about July-August 1840, but the civil registration gives still another birth date - the last ¼ of 1839. I think the registration date would be the right one and that might be why the others are wrong because, according to the civil registration for marriages, his parents were also married the last ¼ of 1839, it was likely very embarrassing for the family to have Edwin born so close to their marriage date.

Elizabeth was born on the 8th of January in 1836; this is also according to the Manitoba Census, but I don't know where in England, nor do I know her maiden name. I haven't found a marriage date for Edwin and Elizabeth.

Mr. Heath's father's name was also Edwin Heath and his mother was Ann Firmstone. At the time of the 1841 Census, the Heaths were living at Lawns Wood, in the parish of Kingswinford, with Elizabeth's parents, George and Fanny Firmstone, along with seven female servants and two male servants. Living on the grounds were three more employees, a gardener, a male servant, and a laborer. They were all married and had families. George Firmstone, 50 years old, was an "Iron Master" and Fanny was 45 years old. There were "Firmstone's Furnaces" in the area which must have belonged to George Firmstone. Edwin, 40 years old, was in "Her Majesties Service" and Ann was listed as being 20 years old but we must keep in mind that these dates are all to the closest five years. Still, it is easy to let your imagination run wild and picture a dashing older man in uniform sweeping a young maiden off her feet

Edwin's sister, Anne, was baptized in 1841, Arthur George in 1842, Alfred in 1844, and Arthur Henry in 1846, all in St. Mary's Chapelry, Kingswinford. Kingswinford is just 3 ½ miles north by west of Stourbridge, which is just west of Birmingham.

The Firmstones must have been a very wealthy family in the 1840s but I can't find either the Firmstones or the Heaths in Kingswinford in the 1861 and 1871 Censuses.

In 1861 there was a magistrate, Thomas Fletcher, and his wife and one daughter living in Lawns Wood in the big house. They had three servants. It is rumoured that the "Heaths" had financial losses, and I don't know when but it possibly had something to do with the *South Sea Bubble* crisis, and I'm not sure just how because that was back in 1720. I have included some information about the *South Sea Bubble* with these papers. The Heaths seemed to think that they could gain it all back by coming to Canada for a few years. Unfortunately, life in Canada was much harder than they thought it would be so they never did make a fortune, nor did they do very well at farming.

There is an article in the *Manitoba Free Press* on the 27th of July, 1880, from a correspondent from Badger Creek (Cartwright, Manitoba). In this article, it says that "Mr. Heath and his good lady arrived here on the 11th" of July. It took them three weeks to make their way from Emerson. They were on their way to Turtle Mountain with a group of settlers headed by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, when, just west of the Pembina River they "were left behind to work their way as best they could through mud holes, duck ponds, creeks, etc. with a yoke of stupid oxen. He was not acquainted with the track, and is more accustomed to driving a carriage and a pair in the old country". The Heaths decided to stay in the Badger Creek area. So it looks like the 1901 Census is wrong again because it said they had come to Canada in 1878.

Mr. Heath put an application in for a Homestead Patent on the 16th of March 1886, stating that he had made a Homestead Entry at Deloraine on the 20th of June 1881, on the south-east quarter of Section 34.2.15W. The Heaths had a hard time getting a Homestead Patent for this quarter. There is a lot of correspondence to and from them and to and from different government departments in their file in the Manitoba Archives; most of it is very hard to read, but I have included some of the easier-to-read ones with these papers.

It seems that a lot of their trouble in getting this quarter was in getting a recommendation for a Homestead Patent. although they had lived on the homestead quarter, by this time they were living on the S.E. quarter of 35.2.15W, in the section next to this homestead quarter, but it was permissible to do this because it was within the "two mile radius clause". However, the trouble may have been because he had only broken 36 acres instead of 40 acres as required in the homestead act, but he said that it was because there wasn't any more land fit for cultivation and he wanted to use it for a pasture anyway. He finally got the Patent for this quarter on 22 October 1901.

Through all this Mrs. Heath was buying the south half of 35.2.15W where they were living. The Time Sale entry date for this half was 11th June 1889 and the records state that she got her Patent on the 23rd of October 1890. There is a letter, dated the 25 of July 1889, saying that the Heaths

owed \$400 & \$16.17 in interest. Over the next 20 or so years there were many mortgages taken out and payments made on these properties - all very confusing!

Their son, Alfred Edwin "Edward" Firmstone, was born the 6th of February 1882 in Manitoba, but keep in mind that this date came from the 1901 Census! If Mrs. Heath's birth date is correct, she would have been 46 years old when he was born. I don't have a record of any other children so it must have been quite an experience for them I would think! If they had emigrated to Canada in 1880 they would have only been in Canada for two years and their living conditions must have been very primitive to what they had been used to back in England. It is said that Edward was a very "delicate" little boy. The Heaths felt that their son should be called "Master Heath" so they started referring to him as "Sonny", thinking others would then use the name "Master Heath". This idea didn't work, instead, everyone called him Sonny too, a name that stayed with him even after death. Mrs. Heath's sister came from England to educate Sonny. She later married Stuart Hutchinson, and they had two daughters. I wonder what happened to them? If they had descendants, where are they?

The Heath family built a log house and stable in the valley on the homestead quarter, SE 34.2.15W - in later years this quarter was owned by Herbert Ramsden. When my cousin, Rhoda Pettypiece, was a child, (she was then Rhoda Ramsden), she would use their long steep trail down the side of the hill and into the valley where she often found old saucepans and pieces of old broken crockery. After they (Heaths) bought the south half of 35.2.15W, they lived in a two storey log house which was in the valley about half a mile west of the junction of the Long River and Badger Creek. They called this farm "The Hermitage". Could it have been named after their home back in England? or was it because they were "six miles across the prairies from Cartwright, which is like six miles from nowhere". Herbert Ramsden's son, Wes, bought this land in more recent times.



Mrs. P. A. Watts, in her articles in the *Southern Manitoba Review*, the Cartwright newspaper, describes Mr. Heath as "a typical English country squire transplanted into the Manitoba wilderness". Rhoda Pettypiece says that he had "young men come out from England to learn farming.

They were called remittance men. He would show them how to plow etc., then they would be expected to do all the work and he would get paid for it! Mr. Heath would, in an English riding habit and on a beautiful horse, ride around to where the men were working to advise them about their work". In the book, *Memories Along the Badger Revisited*, it states that "The last time Mrs. Watts saw him, he was riding a beautiful sorrel pony and was dressed as though to take part in an English hunt (minus the red coat). His coat and cap were matching tweed, well tailored, whipcord breeches, and shiny brown leggings, shoes and gloves. Everything was just right even to the riding crop tucked at a jaunty angle under his arm."

The 1901 Census states that Mr. Heath could speak French and Mrs. Watts says, "He was a professional at the leisurely arts, a crack shot, an adept fisherman, and he made a hobby of collecting butterflies. He was so skilled at this that he was able to sell specimens and collections to museums and other collectors. He would spread sugar on his trees at night and next morning collect moths and butterflies. In 1912 he was ecstatic to find a rare butterfly from South America which could have come only from bananas in a Cartwright store." There is a letter written to the Department of the Interior in Ottawa from James Fletcher, the Dominion Entomologist of the day, at the Central Experimental Farm, also in Ottawa, stating that Mr. Heath had done work for him collecting insects. His obituary, in 1914, states he "possessed one of the finest collections of the insect family in the Dominion of Canada. Experts in the business, who, on behalf of the Dominion Government, have visited the *Hermitage* say that the display contains species that have never been known to be captured by anyone on the North American Continent." In the book, *Entomologists of Manitoba*, it states that he "was an authority on the taxonomy of some families of Lepidoptera." After his death "the Heath collection" was bought by the Manitoba government, rearranged by J.B. Wallis and F.H. Wolley-Dod, and today reposes in the Museum of the "Department of Entomology, University of Manitoba".

Mr. Heath had "a splendid camera and took pictures of the early town and views of the countryside. We certainly owe him a debt of gratitude." Rhoda Pettypiece has a collection of 18 of his photos. They contain pictures of Holmfield, bridges, and homestead buildings, including his own. Although they are over 100 years old and faded, they portray life as it was in those days. Rhoda will give this collection to the Cartwright Museum and I have had copies made which will be given to the Manitoba Provincial Archives in Winnipeg.

Mr. Heath was the first secretary-treasurer of the Cartwright School. Nora DuBedat, writing re the Heaths for the Cartwright book, says, "When my mother's family, the Stuarts, arrived in Killarney in 1886, the Heath family were established in a picturesque log house in the valley.

There were plenty of fine fruit trees around the buildings. Many were fruit-bearing, such as saskatoons, chokecherries, pincherries and plums. I remember Mr. Heath's garden where he grew just about everything. It was a wonderful place to visit, but I remember being terrified of the dogs that literally poured out of the house when a reluctant door finally yielded to Mrs. Heath's efforts and she always appeared wearing an old-fashioned lace cap." One day Nora told Rhoda that the door would always stick so it would be difficult to open and two barking dogs inside didn't help either. Nora's parents would send her over to the Heaths with some English magazines and Mrs. Heath would send other English magazines back with her. The two families visited back and forth quite a bit.

Herbert Ramsden boarded at the Heath home when working on the Neelin road. He remembered that the house inside was humble, but Mrs. Heath served dinner on a lovely white tablecloth and used their English silver. Moreover, the Heaths always "dressed" for the evening meal. My sister, Vera Butterworth, remembers that the Taylers had a small tray with a cream and sugar, not silver, but almost like aluminum, that once belonged to the Heaths. I wonder what happened to them? Vera also recalls hearing the story about their clocks which I think tells a lot about the Heath family. It seems that back in England where they came from, the lady of the house always wound the clocks for the household. After Mr. Heath died and Mrs. Heath and Sonny moved close to the Tayler farm, Mrs. Heath felt that their living conditions were so bad that she should not wind the clocks, so she would ask the Tayler girls to do it for her because they were more "suitable".

Jean Armstrong, now in her 90s, also remembers the Heaths. She remembers him as being tall and thin and her as also being tall but a bit plumper. One of the letters written to Ottawa says that he was partially paralysed. Nora DuBedat says that she can only remember seeing him when he was riding a horse and that Mrs. Heath was a very good cook. Rhoda understood that when they lived at their first log house in the valley, they used the water from the river which wasn't far from their house but any distance is far when a lady has to carry all the water used in the house.

"There occurred the death at the *Hermitage* on Thursday, May 14, of Edwin Firmstone Heath at the age of 73 years and 2 months.", the parish register says 9 months, in 1914. The obituary goes on to say that he had been suffering from "a severe disease of the lungs for a month or more". Nora DuBedat thinks he had pneumonia, her mother stayed with Mrs. Heath while he was ill. He was buried in the Cartwright Cemetery, Plot 216 and "the Rev. Hoodspith of Holmfield delivered the last message in Christ Church" The parish register says that he died of heart failure after a few days. Dr. Davidson was the Physician.

The Cartwright history book says, "After several years the farm was taken over by a mortgage company." Records in the Land Titles Office in Morden show the many mortgage dealings they had over the years. It goes on, "Mrs. Heath and Sonny moved to a rented farm two and a half miles west of Holmfield. They were neighbours of the Augustus Taylers."

The flu epidemic became very bad in 1918-1919. Rhoda says that Sonny was hauling wood from the other farm, I suppose the *Hermitage*, when he stopped at Tom Hay's farm. They told him that Mrs. Hay was very sick with the flu but he took a drink of whisky and said it would protect him and he went in. She died within a day or two and Sonny also came down with the flu and died eight days later. The Taylers helped by doing the chores for them but they were very careful to stand so that the wind would blow away from them. Sonny was put in a casket, carried out of the house by the undertaker and Doctor D. Little, and taken directly to the Holmfield Cemetery and buried. According to the parish register for Holmfield, he died of Spanish influenza after 8 days, on the 27th of January, 1919. There was a funeral service, likely at the cemetery, on the 28th of January by the Rev. Mr. Ernest J. Springett, Clergyman for the Church of England.

The Cartwright book says, "Mrs. Heath went to live with the Augustus Taylers for a while. Later she lived with the Rev. Mr. Ernest J. Springett, the Anglican minister, and his family in Holmfield. They moved to Deloraine, taking Mrs. Heath with them. She died there and was buried in the Deloraine Cemetery." I'm not sure about this last statement because there is no record of a death for Mrs. Heath in the cemetery or in the Deloraine parish register even though Mr. Ernest Springett was the minister for the parish of St. Andrew's, Deloraine, from about 1920-1923. I don't know where the Springetts went after they left Deloraine, and I still haven't found anything about her death.

There were two wooden crosses put in the Holmfield Cemetery to mark the grave site. Over the years these crosses rotted so my father, Edward Tayler, and my brother, Ron, made and put up two iron crosses with the word "Heath" cut into one of them. A very unpretentious memorial to a proud British family who tried to carry on an aristocratic way of life in a harsh prairie pioneer environment!

South Sea Bubble: Encyclopaedia Britannica (Micropaedia):

"...a speculation that ruined many English investors in 1720. The bubble, or hoax, centred on the fortunes of the South Sea Co., founded in 1711 to trade (mainly in slaves) with Spanish America, on the assumption that the War of the Spanish Succession, then drawing to a close, would end with a treaty permitting such trade. The company's stock, with a guaranteed interest of 6 percent, sold well, but the relevant peace treaty, the Treaty of Utrecht made with Spain in 1713, was less favourable than had been hoped, imposing an annual tax on imported slaves and allowing the company to send only one ship each year for

general trade. The success of the first voyage in 1717 was only moderate, but King George I became governor of the company in 1718, creating confidence in the enterprise, which was soon paying 100% interest.

"The year 1720 saw an incredible boom in South Sea stock, as a result of the company's proposal, accepted by Parliament, to take over a large part of the national debt. The company expected to recoup itself from expanding trade, but chiefly from the foreseen rise in the value of its shares. These did, indeed, rise dramatically, from 128½ in January 1720 to 1,000 in August. Those unable to buy South Sea stock were inveigled by overly optimistic company promoters or downright swindlers into unwise investments. By September the market had collapsed, and by December South Sea shares were down to 124, dragging other, including government, stock with them. Many investors were ruined, and the House of Commons ordered an inquiry, which showed that at least three ministers had accepted bribes and speculated. Many of the company's directors were disgraced, but the company itself survived until 1853, although it sold most of its rights to the Spanish government in 1750.

"Robert Walpole, who had come into power shortly before the collapse of the stock, saved the Whig ministry by his cool-headed policy."

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THE FAMILY of JOHN LYONS

Comments on "Using Canadian Census Records to Trace Ethnic Origin and Family Relationships",
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In researching the employees of Brandon House (an HBC Post on the Assiniboine River near Brandon, Manitoba) between 1793 and 1810, and their families, I found many intermarriages between employees' families and coincidentally, among people of different ethnicities. A recent article in *Generations*, (Vol. 20 #2, June 1995, page 12) revealed one more ethnicity to consider in the mix. I was aware of the presence of Ferdinand Jacobs and the Solomons competing with the Hudson's Bay Company east of Lake Winnipeg in the decades before the turn of the nineteenth century, but Glen Eker's article opened up the possibility of their descendants being part of the fur trade community. The marriage of John Lyons (son of Robert Lyons) and Margaret Kipling (daughter of John Kipling, Englishman), discussed in "Using Canadian Census Records to Trace Ethnic Origin and Family Relationships: The Case of Hebrew Ancestry in a Canadian Métis family", by Glen Eker, is one of the many relationships formed between families of co-workers.

My research shows that John Lyons was employed at Brandon House from 1797 to 1810, while his brother-in-law, John Ram Kipling, was there from 1804 on. John Kipling, father of John Ram, and Margaret, who only appears one or two years in Brandon, is recorded as having a relationship with Hannah, an Indian.¹ The marriage of John Lyons and Margaret Kipling is recorded by Anglican church records as being on 18 December, 1827.² The baptisms of three of their children, Mary, Jane, and Thomas, were recorded at the same time,³ showing that their births and the relationship predated that time.

Charles Denney, an Albertan genealogist/historian, developed a family chart from his research on this family, which included the following children and spouses:

Sophia	b.1807, m. Francois St. Denis (b.1796)
John	b.1811, m. Margaret Gibson 7 Dec. 1837
Nancy	b.1815, m. Magnus Birston 3 Mar. 1830
James	b.1817, m. Catherine Cook 12 Mar. 1836
Jane	b.1822, d. 24 April 1834, buried St. John's
Thomas	b.1825, m. Charlotte Pruden 18 Dec. 1846
Mary Ann	bap. 19 Dec. 1827, m. Charles Cook 5 Mar. 1836
Charlotte	bap. 15 July 1828, m. George Calder 24 Mar. 1843
Miles	b.1830, d. 6 Aug. 1841
Henry	b.1832, m. Mary Stevens 17 October 1852 ⁴

John Lyons' career with the Hudson's Bay Company ended in August 1816 when he was dismissed for refusing

to accompany James Inkster on a trip to the Indian Elbow on the upper Assiniboine. In the spring of 1818, then a "Freeman" (living in the country and unemployed - the opposite of "inland"), he joined others in establishing the short-lived "Birsay Village" on the Assiniboine River, near the present-day St François Xavier.⁵ This group included other former employees of Brandon House, including Humphrey Favel, Thomas Favel, and Magnus Spence, who appears to have been the leader.

I was very interested in Glen Eker's comments on the residence of some of the descendants of the Lyons family in St. François Xavier, and of the persistence of the family in the parishes of St. Andrews and St. Clements. My research suggests that families with a long history of employment with the Hudson's Bay Company in the upper Assiniboine basin (surely another form of persistence) were highly likely to have descendants in the Red River communities on the lower Assiniboine.

Eker's illustration of the amount of information available from the combined censuses was very illuminating. I was also very happy to see him commenting on the changing ethnic origin categories for the same individuals for the different years of the Red River Census. These changes would seem to reflect the change in dominant society values toward ethnic minorities, rather than changes in self-ascribed ethnic identity. It is important that we today do not confuse the two.

Endnotes

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3. St. John's Baptisms, Mary, #604, p.89; Jane, #605, p.89; Thomas, #606, p.89.
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FAMILY ROOTS GROW DEEP at St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (Winnipeg)

Mary Ann Fitzgerald. This article first appeared in the Anglican Church's *Rupert's Land News*, Vol. XXXI, No. 10, December 1995, and is reprinted with the permission of the Editor, Rev. John Caird.

Nancy Ann McGowan marks some major events in her life in terms of St. John's Cathedral.

"I was baptized in the old cathedral in 1908 when I was six weeks old. I was confirmed in the Pro-cathedral and I was married in the (present) cathedral in 1940."

And, laying undisputed claim to being the cathedral's longest-standing parishioner, she was in the congregation for the evensong service this fall launching the historic old church's 175th anniversary celebrations.

Mrs. McGowan says she doesn't remember the "old" cathedral, where she was christened Anne Elizabeth by Canon E.E.M. Phair. Built in 1862, it was the third church located on the site and the second to be designated as a cathedral.

It was declared unsafe in 1913 and the parish hall at Church Ave. and Main St. became the Pro-cathedral, where Mrs. McGowan was confirmed by Archbishop S.P. Matheson. It was used until the present cathedral was completed in 1926.

Mrs. McGowan's roots grow deep in St. John's Cathedral and in the Red River settlement which her family has called home for two centuries.

Her great grandfather, John Inkster, came from the Orkney Isles to work as a stone mason for the Hudson's Bay Co. in 1818 - two years before Rev. John West arrived from England to establish the first Anglican church in western Canada. That church became St. John's.

John Inkster and his brother James joined their uncle, also John Inkster, who had come with the HBCo in 1790. He had received grants from the company and wanted his nephews to develop the farmland.

The younger John Inkster, known as Orkney John, took the land on the west side of the river.

After establishing his farm, Mrs. McGowan tells how her great grandfather branched out as a free trader and merchant, importing goods from England by way of Hudson Bay and then by York boat to the Red River.

"He brought American goods from St. Paul by Red River cart," she recounts.

Orkney John married Mary Sinclair, daughter of Governor William Sinclair of the Hudson's Bay Company and of Margaret Nahoway Sinclair.

"I'm Metis," Mrs. McGowan says, pronouncing the word MEH-tees, which she maintains is correct.

John and Mary Inkster were married by "Banns and Consent of Parents," and by Rev. David Jones.

"They say she walked on snowshoes to marry him," Mrs. McGowan adds, retelling the family legend.

John Inkster took his bride to a log house in what is now the Seven Oaks Park area.

The family attended St. John's where John served as rector's warden to David Anderson, the first bishop of Rupert's Land and later to Archbishop Robert Machray.

John and Mary Inkster had nine children, one of whom was Harriet, Mrs. McGowan's grandmother.

Another was Colin Inkster, who became high sheriff of the province and later of the eastern judicial district. He was a member of St. John's College council and served as minister's warden at the cathedral for a record 62 years.

"I was a little scared of him," Mrs. McGowan says of her famous great uncle. "I didn't know him very well."

But in the retrospect of her 87 years, she remembers a thoughtful and kind person.

"When he went to Honolulu he brought me a little wee purse and a coral necklace which I still have someplace."

Mrs. McGowan's grandmother Harriet married William McMurray, also an HBCo. man and the couple was posted to northern communities. Mr. McMurray died suddenly while the family was visiting Winnipeg in 1874.

"Grandmother stayed in Winnipeg with her three children," Mrs. McGowan continues. She built a home on her property her father gave her and raised her family in St. John's, her son attending St. John's Boy's School. A daughter, Harriet Jane, Mrs. McGowan's mother, attended St. John's Ladies School, a forerunner of the present Balmoral Hall.

Mrs. McGowan proudly displays a large silver locket her mother won for proficiency, inscribed with her initials and 'St. John's Ladies School 1885 midsummer'.

"She was only 11 years old. She very much wanted to go to university, but they wouldn't accept ladies at that time," Mrs. McGowan says. "I very much let her down, because I was not a scholar."

Harriet Jane married Ernest W. Mermagen, administrator of Anglican residential schools.

He served on the St. John's vestry from 1906 until 1913 and again from 1930 to 1933. During the First World War, the family moved to England while Mr. Mermagen served overseas.

"Mother and me were camp followers. We went all over," Mrs. McGowan says. "All the family went through both wars and came home."

She recalls the first service the family attended in the new St. John's Cathedral.

"Mother was so mad. The plaques were not in their right places." Archbishop Matheson explained no one could remember where they had been so they were just put up.

"She could have told them where all the plaques went."

Mrs. Mermagen was a member of the Mother's Union and later Mrs. McGowan helped with the Junior Woman's Auxiliary on Friday afternoons.

"But, we were not very good at belonging to organizations," she said.

She remembers Mrs. S.P. Matheson for her beautiful embroidery of Altar linen and frontals.

"The needlework was done largely under her direction. The material was purchased from England by the Ladies' Aid. I think the first frontal pieces were the white ones for the dedication," she says.

Nancy Mermagen and Lt. Col. Clarence L. McGowan were married in 1940 by Canon R.S.K. Seeley.

Her husband served with the Royal Canadian Artillery prior to World War Two and as staff officer in Canada and Europe before returning to command the 39th Field Regiment.

He was overseas with John Anderson and William Harrison, both of whom were to become deans of St. John's and the families became good friends.

"We had some lovely dinner parties," Mrs. McGowan recalls.

After her husband's death in 1982, Mrs. McGowan remembers the kindness of Dean James Setter and his family, who invited her to join them for Christmas Eve services every year until the dean's death.

He had invited Mrs. McGowan to unveil the plaque just outside the cathedral's main entrance.

"I had to tell him we were related. That isn't why he asked me."

Mrs. McGowan's grandmother and Dean Setter's great grandmother were sisters.

Over the years, Mrs. McGowan has watched many changes to the practices and forms of worship and leaves little doubt she preferred the old ways.

"John West was an Anglican but a great many (in the settlement) were Scots, used to the Presbyterian church," she notes.

They didn't have their own minister so the Anglican services took a form acceptable to the Scottish settlers.

"That's why the cathedral was so low (church) and it was very low," she said. "All these (changes) came in gradually."

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DIARY of R.A. VESEY

England To Canada, June 1906

Via Dominion Line Royal Mail Steamer S.S. Kensington
Liverpool for Quebec & Montreal.

This diary was shared by Beryl Lanphear, MGS #1520. R. A. Vesey was her paternal grandfather.

Passenger list noted Captain William Roberts, Surgeon D.A. Kearns, Chief Steward G.W. Haworth; 181 passengers, including Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Vesey, Misses E.M., and E. D. Vesey, and Master R. G. Vesey (see photo on cover); six passengers "not on board" and twenty-eight under "Additional".

Editor: The passenger list of the S.S. Kensington was published in Generations, Vol. 15 #3, September 1990, page 13.

Mr. Frank Vesey, in his *Memoirs of Frank Norman Vesey*, writes: "My Mother and Dad, Richard Augustus Vesey and Emily Eliza Youell, left (London) England, along with their three children, Emily May, Ethel Doris, and Richard George, for Cartwright (Manitoba) in 1906 via boat and train. Dad kept a diary of their journey Coming to Cartwright must have been quite an experience for him from being a head waiter in a high class restaurant catering to French tourists to working on a farm for \$1.00 a day. He had many jobs in order to keep his family, which by then consisted of an additional five more children, Sydney, Grace, Percy, Marguerite, and Frank, making a total of eight. He also worked for George Matheson in the creamery and learned to be a butter maker, cooked on a threshing gang, and for many years, was Secretary Treasurer of the Cartwright Agriculture Fair, an annual fair."

The Diary

Wednesday, June 13th

Started by train from Euston (Station) tired but good-tempered as usual at 12:06 o'clock midnight. Arrived Liverpool 6:50 a.m., Thursday morning 14th June.

Thursday, June 14th

Looked around Liverpool which possesses some very fine buildings, but are not artistic in design and consider the town very dirty, also a great many inhabitants are ill-kept. Boarded the SS *Kensington* at 3:20 p.m., sailed at 4:25 p.m. from Liverpool, had a good send-off from SA band on steam-tug which came some little distance, about 1 mile out with us before returning, about 1400 passengers all well but awfully tired. (234 miles)

Friday, June 15th

6 a.m. Morning broke fine but changed to dull later in the day and sea rather choppy but not rough. Saw porpoise about 150 yards from vessel for about five minutes when it disappeared. Weather little brighter, about 20 persons unwell. No intoxicants. Passed Ireland, all well, good food.

(321 miles)

Saturday, June 16th

6 a.m. Weather still somewhat dull but sea not rough. Slight swell, a fair amount of sickness on board but nothing compared with last voyage. Sighted cargo steamer about mile away steaming towards Ireland, first since before we sighted South Ireland. Weather improving but still somewhat dull and cool. We are all keeping well. Food good, enjoyed ourselves (318 miles). Have just got wanted on voyage luggage after waiting two days for same, labels having been rubbed off and luggage mislaid.

Sunday, June 17th

6 a.m. Weather broke gloriously, fine sunshine. Sea calm but still slight swell. 9 o'clock air turning cooler with change of wind but still enjoyable although one requires a cloak or rug unless walking. Still a lot of sickness. 10 o'clock weather turning quite cold with wind increasing. 2 o'clock sea much rougher and wind stronger. 5 o'clock haze overhanging and swell increasing but not very rough. 9 o'clock rather dark night, no moon, with still a deep swell, have today been over third class compartments and consider there is plenty of room for a very great improvement, especially as far as the sanitary arrangements are concerned. The food I am told is good but the service could be greatly improved, also the style of serving. Em gone to bed rather queer after having been once sick. Children are all keeping well, also myself.

(308 miles)

Monday, June 18th

5 a.m. Morning broke gloriously with a fair amount of wind, and a little sunshine. Still a deep long swell, if anything, deeper than yesterday but not very rough. Wind changed. 9:30 a.m. somewhat duller but weather still fair. Em slightly better, has not yet been sick today. 3 p.m. weather simply glorious with the exception of a rather stiff wind. 8 p.m. weather improved, wind dropped, swell not so bad. Em again sick after dinner. 8:30 p.m. 2 sharks sighted close to vessel. Just started to rain, the first since we started. A report to the effect that scarlet fever or measles has broken out contradicted by our bedroom steward. 9 p.m. rain ceased, very mild evening. Just passed whale about 50 yards distant (308 miles).

Lecture on Canada in Saloon but did not attend.

Tuesday, June 19th

6 a.m. morning rather dull, raining nearly all night, very mild, rather deep swell. 10 a.m. wind now very fresh and sea a little rough. 1 p.m. brighter weather, sea calmer but wind still rather stiff and cool. Weather milder. 1:15 p.m., slight rain falling. 2:30 p.m. rain ceased. 2:45 p.m. just seen porpoise continued to jump out of water, in view for about one minute and then disappeared. 3 p.m. just sighted ship in distance about 4 miles, travelling in same direction as ourselves. 3:30 p.m. ship disappeared in distance partly at our rear on our left facing stern. 6:30 p.m. Em again sick and feeling rather unwell but children and myself are all in good health. 8:30 p.m. wind very high

and awfully cold. Sea also rather rough and with a deep swell which does not feel at all pleasant. Not quite so much sickness on board today but quite enough to suit us all. 9 p.m. very cold with northwesterly wind which is rather piercing. (314 miles)

Wednesday, June 20th

Morning broke fairly bright but awfully cold. 6 a.m. with terrible cold wind. 8 a.m. thick mist, horn blowing every minute. 8:30 slight sunshine mist slightly lifted but horn still blowing. 10 o'clock weather cleared and sunshine brighter but still cold. 10:45 haze thick again, horn blowing but still a fair amount of sunshine, slight swell. 1:30 horn ceased blowing. 9 p.m. still very cold indeed although wind not quite so high, the coldest day by far we have had since we started on our voyage. The QuarterMaster informs me today we have had to go 200 miles further and out of our direct course so as to avoid the ice. Although we have not seen any icebergs we are in the vicinity of the ice-floes. Tonight one requires real winter clothing with an extra amount of rugs. (319 miles)

Thursday, June 21st

6 a.m. Morning very cold but wind changed to NW. Just sighted iceberg about 3 miles, also sailing and steam vessels. Plenty of fishing smacks in close vicinity. 11 a.m. weather slightly milder, little sun but not very strong yet. Have seen a few steamers in the distance, also a quantity of fishing craft. Great excitement on board at the prospects of sighting land shortly, also at changing of English coins to Canadian paper money. QuarterMaster informs us we passed Cape Race early this morning so shall now soon sight land. 1 o'clock p.m. wind blowing very stiff, sea a little choppy but a very little swell although weather is terribly cold, really too cold to be on deck. Still a very fair amount of sunshine but not very strong, therefore not much warmth from same. 4 p.m. wind increasing and sea a little rough. Have just sighted Newfoundland in the distance, only able to see just the dim outline of the land. 6 p.m. awfully cold and keen wind. 8 p.m. wind stronger, piercingly cold and sea rough, lot of spray and deep swell. (294 miles)

Friday, June 22nd

6 a.m. Windy morning, rather dull, sea fairly smooth. 8 a.m. sea slightly better, wind dropped somewhat. 9:30 have just sighted Magdalene Islands in the distance, wind much colder and stronger. 10:15 lost sight of Islands, turning much colder, sea slightly choppy but not rough. 10:15 p.m. (a.m.) started raining, also a little snow falling. 1:25 p.m. rain ceased but wind still very high and terribly cold, sea fairly smooth, slight swell. 3:45 just passed cattle boat loaded with live beasts bound for Deptford, England from Canada. Wind still fairly keen and the weather still awfully cold. 4:30 p.m. wind dropped very much not near so cold. 5 p.m. just sighted land, Anticosti Island. 5:20 sighted land on other side of vessel. 7 p.m. just finished dinner, land well in sight, beautiful sight. Seems almost

too real to be true. 8 p.m. the sun is setting - a real Canadian sunset, one of the most glorious sights I have ever seen, a glorious bright red round flame, too pretty and beautiful to even describe. The wind has now practically died altogether and the weather much warmer, but still slightly chilly for one still requires a coat or rug. We are now between Anticosti Island and the mainland (NB). Hardly a ripple on the water and great excitement on board at our near approach to our destination. 8:45 the sun has now disappeared from view but the sky is one mass of fire intermixed with a few clouds and every colour one could think of, one can hardly realize the sight is natural. 10:30 p.m. still a deal of sunset to be observed in the West. Weather still chilly, a little wind and rather dark night but light from light-houses still plainly visible. Plenty of people still on deck anxiously conversing about their new homes in the land in view. Have just signalled by rocket to mainland. (NB) (297 miles)

Saturday, June 23rd

5.a.m. A most glorious morning, the sun shining very brightly and warm but the air is still somewhat chilly but we are all enjoying ourselves beautifully. We are now opposite what is called Lower Quebec on our left and the open water on the right. 7 a.m. seamen commenced to unload the holds of luggage wanted for Quebec. 8 a.m. weather improving and much warmer, sun is getting quite hot. We have now a lovely view of the shore as before the mainland dotted here and there with villages which one can plainly distinguish with the naked eye. Am now going to breakfast, all being awfully hungry. 10:30 a.m. land on other side of river just in view. 10:45 a.m. just taken Pilot on board which caused quite a stir among the passengers as they know by this time they are going well up the River St. Lawrence. Morning still fine but a little cooler. Sun not quite so strong. 3 p.m. sun obscured somewhat heavy and turning rather chilly. 4 p.m. we are now well up river and are passing between two islands which look grand, both are well wooded and green and they rise to a tremendous height looking most majestic. Weather still dull and cold. 7:12 p.m. just passed a C.P. liner *Empress of Britain* bound for England. Just started to drizzle with rain still cold and rather cheerless. 8:30 p.m. very dark night still raining milder. 8:55 Doctor boarded, three children mother and father taken to isolation hospital. 9:15 p.m. Doctor left on his steam launch. 10:45 p.m. dropping anchor for the night as weather is very heavy and dark, too dark for navigation.

Sunday, June 24th, 1908

5 a.m. just roused for another medical inspection, immigration doctors. We are now at Quebec, a dull cheerless morning, blowing hard and cold, raining like fury. 7 a.m. passed doctors and given up our immigration tickets after inspection by Quebec officials. 7:30 steerage passengers starting to disembark. 8 a.m. breakfast. 8:15 all 3rd class passengers landed. 9 o'clock went ashore as far as Quebec station then returned. 10:45 all luggage and

cargo unloaded. 10:55 cast off from shore. 11:05 a.m. just passed Citadel fort on our right and the place where Cook landed. 11:35 a.m. just level with the new bridge in course of construction over River St. Lawrence about 2 miles above Quebec. The scenery on both sides of river simply glorious. Rain ceased, little clearer but still somewhat dull, wind dropped slightly. 3 p.m. getting well up river, weather still dull and heavy, also rather cold. 5:45 p.m. exactly opposite Three Rivers, most glorious scenery on both banks, in fact one cannot describe the beautiful views one meets as we go up the River St. Lawrence. 7:00 p.m. weather somewhat brighter and a little milder but still none to pleasant. 8:30 p.m. weather fairly mild, little wind which blows rather chilly and still somewhat dull. 9:20 p.m. still going up to Montreal, fairly dark night, have just passed pleasure steamer, one mass of lights two funnelled paddle 3 decker almost full of people returning from Montreal. 9:40 p.m. slowing down, will shortly anchor for the night as river is too dangerous to go much farther.

Monday, June 25th 1906

4 a.m. dull morning, going full speed. 5:30 still dull with slight drizzle. 5:40 discovered luggage slightly damaged but not near so bad as some. I consider the goods arrangements are simply disgraceful, to say the least of it. 6:30 a.m. slowing down, weather still gloomy and dull. 7:30 landed and passed customs but had a long time to wait for the labeller. 9 a.m. luggage checked. 9:20 left dock and went with George. 9:40 a.m. had tea and posted letter to England. 12 p.m. somewhat brighter little sunshine. 1:30 p.m. till 6 p.m. walked round Montreal which I consider awfully ill-kept. 2764 miles

9:05 p.m. boarded train.

9:40 train started on the journey to Winnipeg.
12:36 first stop for about 5 minutes, took on more passengers.

Tuesday, June 26th

1:03 a.m. shunted back into Ottawa station about 25 minutes
2:45 a.m. just breaking day, going at full speed
7:30 a.m. Ladywell
8:40 a.m. Rutherglen
9:00 a.m. North Bay stop 35 minutes
10:15 a.m. left North Bay Station
10:50 a.m. Sturgeon Falls, stop 5 minutes
11:00 a.m. Cache Bay stop 3 minutes
11:15 a.m. Verner stop 2 minutes
11:35 a.m. Warren stop 2 minutes
11:55 Markstay stop 3 minutes
12:28 Wahnapitae stop 4 minutes
2:30 p.m. Cartier stop 15 minutes
4:10 p.m. Metagama stop 5 minutes
5:05 p.m. Biscotasing stop 5 minutes
5:37 p.m. Ramsay stop 1 minute
6:00 Woman River stop 10 minutes
6:45 Ridout stop 1 minutes

7:50	Chapleau stop 35 minutes
9:20	Maryland (Marathon?) stop 1/2 minute
10:15 p.m.	stop for shunting 20 minutes
20:35	Missanabi stop 3 1/2 minutes
Wednesday, June 27th	
5:47 a.m.	Schreiber stop 10 mins
6:55	Nipigon stop 7 minutes
8:45	Port Arthur stop 5 minutes
8:55	Fort William stop 32 minutes
10:02 a.m.	Murillo stop 10 minutes
10:52 a.m.	Kaministikwia (now Kakabeka Falls) stop 1 minute
11:47 a.m.	Links, passed through
12:10 p.m.	Savanna stop 3 minutes
1:20 p.m.	passing through dust storm
1:30 p.m.	storm over - weather glorious
2:10 p.m.	Ignace stop 16 minutes
3:41 p.m.	Dinorwic stop 1/2 minute
3:52	Wabigoon stop 3 minutes
4:30 p.m.	Dryden stop 5 minutes
4:45	Oxdrift stop 1 minute
5:05 p.m.	Eagle stop 1/2 minute
5:25 p.m.	Vermilion stop 5 minutes
5:53 p.m.	Parry passed through
6:09 p.m.	Snell
6:25 p.m.	Hawk stopped 2 minutes
6:58 p.m.	Margagh stopped 3 minutes
7:18 p.m.	Kenora stopped 12 minutes
7:40 p.m.	Keewatin stopped 15 minutes
8:36 p.m.	Ingolf stopped 1 minute
9:18 p.m.	Rennie stopped 3 minutes
9:45 p.m.	Whitemouth stopped 10 minutes
10:13 p.m.	Shelley stop 14 mins
10:45 p.m.	Molson stop 1 min
11:15 p.m.	Tyndall stop 2 mins
11:31 p.m.	Selkirk stop 1 min

Thursday, June 28th

4: p.m.	left Winnipeg
4:40 p.m.	La Salle stop 2 mins
4:54 p.m.	Shanawan (now Domain) stop 1/2 min
5:15 p.m.	McTavish stop 1 min
5:25	Morris stop 2 min
5:51	Rosenfeld stop 3 mins
6:08	Plum Coulee stop 2 mins
6:25	Winkler stop 5 mins
6:45	Morden stop 23 mins
7:25	Thornhill stop 1 min
7:42	Darlingford stop 1 min
7:57	Manitou stop 1 min
8:22	La Riviere, rain, stop 7 mins
8:48	Woodbay stop 1 min
8:59	Pilot Mound stop 1 min
9:10	Crystal City stop 1 min
9:20	Clearwater stop 1 min
9:33	Mather stop 1 min
9:46 p.m.	Cartwright,

"Thank God"



ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

Those of us who live in Manitoba often forget that we do have a seaport, albeit a remote and underused facility. Surrounded in the southern part of the province by the endless flat land and gently rolling hills, we do not often think of the sea and the giant ocean liners which at one time brought the settlers to this land and took them back to visit the old country from time to time. Yet every so often, we prairie people are brought face to face with sea tragedies which affect our community profoundly. The sinking of the *Titanic* in 1912 immediately comes to mind when the word shipwreck is heard. A lesser known disaster is the collision between the *Empress of Ireland*, a luxury liner, and the Norwegian ship, *Storstad*, in which many people from Manitoba lost their lives. The *Free Press* and *Tribune* carried stories of the tragedy.

The *Empress of Ireland* had been launched in 1912 and since that time had ridden the waves of the Atlantic and the St. Lawrence River on its journeys between Britain and Canada. It had left Quebec City in the afternoon, 28 May 1914, and was travelling down the St. Lawrence River to the open sea. At Father Point near Rimouski, at about 2.00 a.m. fog was encountered and the ship's captain thought it prudent to come to a stop until visibility improved. He signalled his intention to an oncoming ship, the *Storstad*, which apparently acknowledged the signal. What happened next was never entirely clear, but somehow the *Storstad* sliced into the *Empress*, then reversed engines and pulled away from it, leaving an enormous hole through which the waters of the St. Lawrence rushed. Within fourteen minutes, the *Empress of Ireland* had sunk. Few had time to reach the ship's deck and climb into the nine lifeboats which were launched. In words from the *Free Press*, "with a wild sucking roar like the death cry of a living thing, the vessel plunged to the bottom" in 90 feet of water, within sight of the shore. Of a total of some 1400 passengers and crew, only about 400 survived.

Some of the passengers had come from Manitoba and the newspapers included extensive biographical information and sometimes photographs of both victims and survivors.

More than 100 of the passengers had been members of the Salvation Army who were going to England for a conference. These included almost all of the high ranking officers of the Army in Canada, and the Army's band, most of whom were from the Toronto area, supplemented by musicians from other parts of Canada. From Winnipeg, and among those who died was Captain Matthew Mc Grath, (photo) born in Bristol in 1879, survived by four brothers in Manitoba: Edward, James, Herbert and

Thomas, and two sisters: Katie Mc Grath and Mrs. W. Wren of College Street. There were other siblings in England. The Assistant Matron of Grace Hospital, Adjutant Nettie Beckstead, drowned. Her body was recovered and she was buried in Morrisburg, Ontario. Adjutant Jaynes of Brandon also was lost. Two Winnipeg members of the Salvation Army, James Morgan and son William, of 120 Henry Ave., were never located.

People who survived or perished were given prominence in the newspaper accounts. R. A. Cunningham, an assistant chemist at the Agricultural College and originally from Edinburgh, was saved. Mr. and Mrs. Hannes, and Tilly Peturson of 153 Horace were among the fortunate, as was Walter Erzinger, a Swiss citizen and brother of John Erzinger of Winnipeg. Joseph J. Lennon, a former insurance man lived to find another ship to cross the Atlantic, marry his fiancée in Ireland, and bring her back to Winnipeg.

Mrs. Robert H. Gallagher, (photo) wife of a Winnipeg real estate agent, and her son Cedric, 19 years old, were travelling first class. A daughter, Bessie, aged six, had been left with aunt, Mrs. Thomas Fessenden of Montreal. Both Gallaghers made it to the deck, but Mrs. Gallagher was swept away. Cedric survived. Mrs. Gallagher was also survived by a second sister, Mrs. S.S. Bain of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Evinson (photos) and eight month old Julius, of 65 Mc Kenzie, Winnipeg, were the subject of some confusion in the reporting. They had become separated and each thought the other had perished. In the end, both apparently survived, but little Julius was lost.

Thomas Nuttal, of Winnipeg, suffered a terrible loss. His wife, Christine, and children, Thomas Jr. and Ralph, were all drowned. He was able to identify the bodies of Christine and Ralph and they were returned to Winnipeg for burial. Thomas was never found.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kitson (photo) and daughter, Monica, (photo) were going to live in Dorchester, England after having lived for some time in Winnipeg. Mrs. Kitson's family had a homestead near Younkers on the G & P main line. Her sister, Mrs. J. E. Jackson, and brother, Charles E. Long, lived at 277 Semple Ave. The family had come originally from Thorne, near Doncaster, England.

Mrs. Harriet Hakker, 28 years old, and daughter Juliet, 7 months, had lived in Winnipeg for only eleven months. They were on their way to Amsterdam to visit Mrs. Hakker's seriously ill mother, leaving behind the husband and father, J. Hakker, who was a caretaker for the CPR dining car bungalow..

Young Herbert E. Ford was on his way home to Jersey in the Channel Islands to sell his interests there and return to Winnipeg to set up a tobacco business.

Mrs. Edith Prior, wife of George, of 872 Alverstone, Winnipeg, was going home to England to visit her family in Colchester, Essex and her in-laws in Quarry Hill, Leeds, Yorkshire.

Christopher H. Halliday had come to Pierson, Manitoba, from Scotland some 15 years previously and had run a general store there. His wife and two children survived. He was buried in Winlaw Cemetery. William Shattuck (photo) of Nesbitt, Manitoba, had lived in Canada for three years. His parents were residents of North Petherton, Bridgewater, England.

Alma Mary Assafray of Winnipeg was going to England to bring her family to Winnipeg for her wedding to A.J.

Musgrave who had the sad task of identifying her body. Mary Frances Afanassief was of Russian descent and had worked as a fur finisher in Winnipeg. Mrs. Ruth Greenfield (photo) had lived with her daughter, Mrs. L. Fletcher, on Church St. for two years. She was returning to England to live with a daughter in Liverpool.

Others from Winnipeg who died were Anna Jensen, A. Blonquist of Poinquest, his wife and son, Fred. J. Anderson, as well as two Swedes whose names were not mentioned.

If anyone mentioned above has connections with your family, you should read the Winnipeg newspapers of late May and early June 1914 for further information.

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Nominations & Elections Committee
Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.
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Winnipeg MB R3E 0M4

TRANSLATORS WANTED

Occasionally, MGS requires the services of a translator. There has been recent call for French, German, Ukrainian, and Dutch languages, but any talents are welcomed. Please call Louisa at MGS, 783-9139.

SALT LAKE CITY TRIP

Plans are being finalized for the trip to Salt Lake City (spring 1997). It is not known at this time if we are travelling by bus or plane, but it will be for a week. The application form will be in the September issue of *Generations* and all the details will be finalized by then.

MGS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, October 19, 1996
4:30 - 6:00pm

Jubilee Place, Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute
180 Riverton Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba
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June, 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17	18 MGS closed Tuesdays until September	19 MGS open 10:30 - 3:30	20 MGS open regular hrs.	21	22 Dauphin "GATHERING"
23 Dauphin "GATHERING"	24	25	26 MGS open regular hrs.	27 MGS open regular hrs.	28	29
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July, 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 SUMMER HRS. MGS open 10:30 - 3:30	4 SUMMER HRS. MGS open 10:30 - 3:30	5	6
7	8	9	10 MGS open regular hrs.	11 MGS open regular hrs.	12	13
14	15	16	17 MGS open regular hrs.	18 MGS open regular hrs.	19	20
21	22	23	24 MGS open regular hrs.	25 MGS open regular hrs.	26	27
28	29	30	31 MGS open regular hrs.			

Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc Seminar '96

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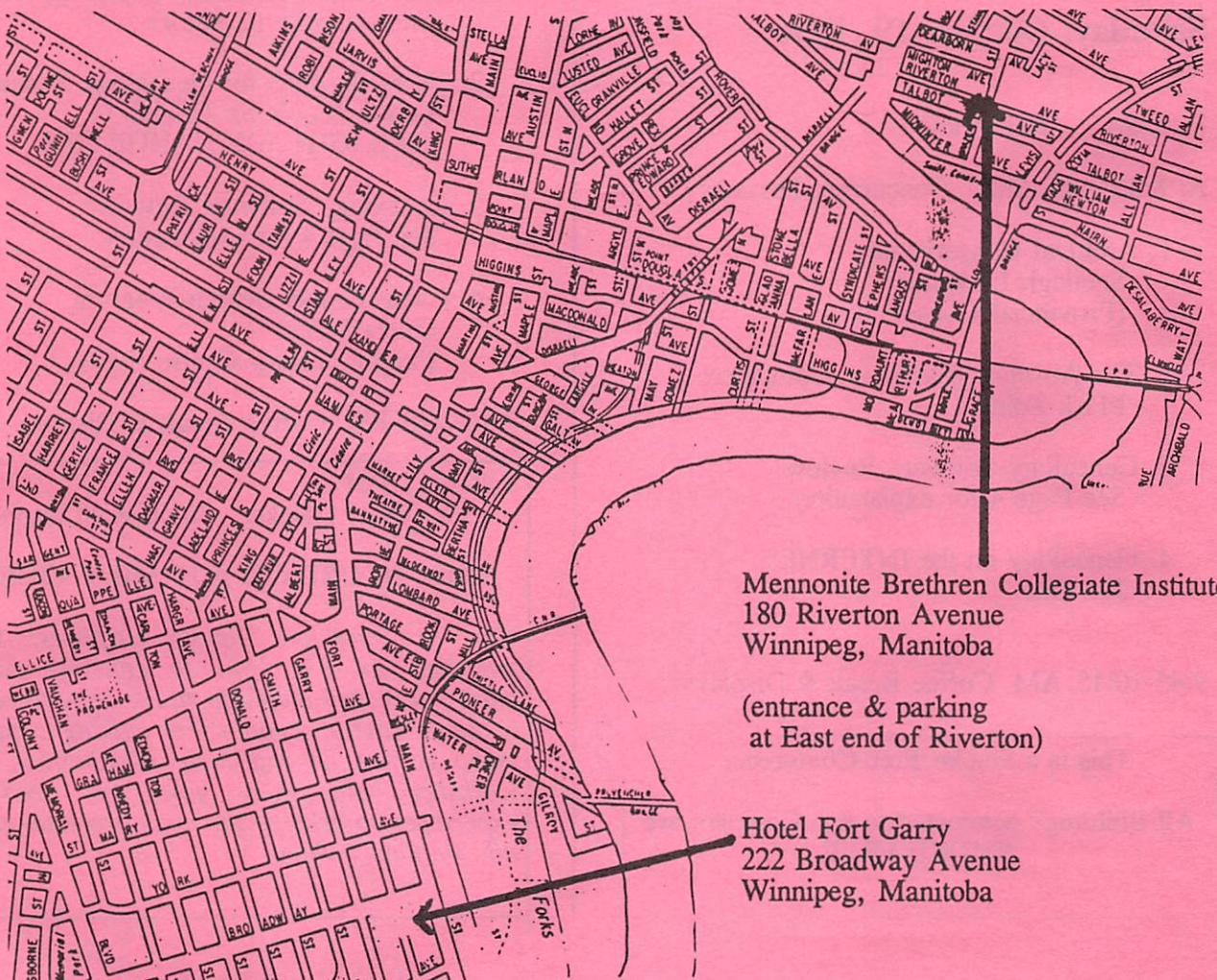
October 18, 19 & 20, 1996

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Friday, October 18, 1996

6:00 PM Registration
6:30 PM Opening Ceremonies

7:00-9:00 PM
Keynote Speaker Louise St Denis

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9:00- 10:00 PM
Genealogy Software Showcase & Displays

Saturday, October 19, 1996

8:15AM Registration

A: 8:30-9:45 AM Concurrent Sessions

1. Archival Conservation
Sheilagh Linklater
(Provincial Conservator)
2. The Absolute Starter on Computers
Mark Zoldy
3. Genealogy Software Review
See Page 4 for explanation
4. Genealogy on the INTERNET
Jim Oke

9:45-10:15 AM Coffee Break & Displays

This is a Smoke Free Conference.

All Buildings connected to this Complex are
SMOKE FREE

B: 10:15-11:30 AM Concurrent Sessions

1. Dating According to Costuming
Asst. Prof. Cecile Clayton-Gouthro
University of Manitoba
2. Scanning & Storage of Pictures &
Documents as Computer Files
Mark Zoldy
3. Genealogy Software Review
See page 4 for explanation
4. Genealogy on the INTERNET
Jim Oke

C: 11:30-1:00 Lunch
Served in the Cafeteria

*Remember to visit our
Genealogy Software Showcase & Displays*

D: 1:00-2:15 PM Concurrent Sessions

1. The Western Canada Pictoral Index
Thora Cooke (Curator)
2. Using the BBS for Genealogy Research
Leo & Nicole St. Hilaire
TWILIGHT EXCHANGE BBS
3. Genealogy Software Review
See Page 4 for explanation
4. Using Family Search Program
Shiela Mears
Family History Centre (LDS)

2:15-2:45 PM Coffee Break & Displays

2:45-4:15 PM
Keynote Speaker Louise St Denis

HOW TO CREATE A FAMILY VIDEO:

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4:30-6:00 MGS Annual General Meeting
Jubilee Place

E: 7:30 MGS Dinner Banquet
Hotel Fort Garry

Sunday, October 20, 1996

F: 9:00-10:15 AM Concurrent Sessions

1. Publishing Your Family History
methods for publishing family history
Ernest McCallum
2. Multi Media (Audio & Visual)
Wayne Warren
3. Genealogy Software Review
See page 4 for explanation
4. Planning your Research trip
to Salt Lake City
Unconfirmed Speaker
(see September GENERATIONS
for details)

10:15-10:45 AM Coffee Break & Displays

G: 10:45-12:00 AM Concurrent Sessions

1. Publishing Your Family History
methods for publishing family histories
Ernest McCallum
2. Multi Media (Audio & Visual)
Wayne Warren
3. Genealogy Software Review
See page 4 for explanation
4. Planning your Research trip
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Registration Form

Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.
Seminar '96
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Sessions listed in the program are coded as shown below. Please circle the code of the Seminar sessions which you would like to register for. Choose only one activity per given time. You will be notified if your chosen activity is NOT available.

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E F-1 F-2 F-3 F-4

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Please list three surnames and area(s)
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Seminar Notes & Information

Early Bird Registration Draw

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Early registration will have the best choice of workshops. Registration receipts will be placed in your Seminar Packet which you will receive at the registration desk. Please keep a copy of this form for your records. For further program or registration information please contact Daryl Dumanski at 204-668-9366

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Genealogy Software Review

Item # 3 all Concurrent Sessions

This will be hands on use of several popular Genealogy Software Programs.

MGS 20th Anniversary Dinner

Banquet
Hotel Fort Garry
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Photo Contest:

Amusing and/or unusual Family Photographs:

Your display can be of photos that are old and/or recent, but please bring copies of valuable prints. Photos should be of your own family and relate to your own genealogy. Put captions with your photos. Put your name in an envelope attached to the back of your photo display. Hand in your Photo Contest entries at the Registration Desk on Friday evening and pick them up again by 5:00 PM on Saturday afternoon.

Bring a favorite photograph, have it scanned and take it home on disk.

September, 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 MGS expects to resume regular hrs. 10:30 - 3:30 Please phone to confirm	4 MGS open regular hrs.	5 MGS open regular hrs.	6	7
8 Phone re Sunday openings Phone re Computer mtg 2:00pm., MGS	9 Possible Swan Valley Br. mtg. 7:00pm Town Office	10 MGS open regular hrs.	11 MGS open regular hrs.	12 MGS open regular hrs.	13	14
15	16	17 MGS open regular hrs.	18 MGS open regular hrs.	19 MGS open regular hrs.	20	21 Phone re Irish mtg. 1:30pm., MGS
22	23	24 MGS open regular hrs.	25 MGS open regular hrs.	26 MGS open regular hrs. Possible Dauphin Br. mtg.; 7:00pm Mun'l Council	27	28
29	30					

August, 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 MGS open regular hrs.	2
4	5	6	7 MGS open regular hrs.	8 MGS open regular hrs.	9	10
11	12	13	14 MGS open regular hrs.	15 MGS open regular hrs. Deadline for September Generations	16	17
18	19	20	21 MGS open regular hrs.	22 MGS open regular hrs.	23	24
25	26	27	28 MGS open regular hrs.	29 MGS open regular hrs.	30	31

WE NEED YOUR HELP

One of the advantages to membership in the Manitoba Genealogical Society is the opportunity to become a volunteer for the Society. You can volunteer in a number of ways, and, in the process, learn more about searching your own roots.

Did you know that volunteers keep the Resource Centre open 4 days per week September through May, and 2 days per week during the summer months, for the benefit of members and the general public? You are certainly needed here - to work in the library, do research, filing, data entry. The list is broad, and your skills are needed. Training and support will be provided.

Volunteers are also needed to serve on committees which manage the work of the Society. If your interest lies in this area, consider becoming a member of the Fundraising Committee, the Grants Committee, or the Volunteer Management Committee, just to name a few of the positions available to you.

Remember that the Society is entirely managed and operated by volunteers for the benefit of its members and the people of Manitoba. Please get involved.

Complete the following and return it to the MGS, 885 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3E 0M4, or leave a message at 783-9139. We will get back to you immediately.

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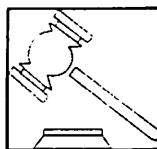
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I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON A COMMITTEE. PLEASE GIVE ME MORE INFORMATION.	
OTHER (BE CREATIVE IN THE WAYS YOU COULD HELP)	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ruth Breckman, MGS #243L



Every once in awhile it is necessary to step back and take a good look at what we have accomplished in the past, what we are doing now, and what we want to achieve in the future. In the past ten years there have been several very good sessions on Society self-evaluation conducted by Joyce Christie and, individually, some of our members from Winnipeg have attended the excellent courses run by the Winnipeg Volunteer Centre.

One of the major concerns that we face with every other voluntary organization, is the need for more people to help with the tasks that need to be done. A small amount of money was set aside to hire a person with volunteer management experience to help us to define our needs, to refine our job descriptions, and to help us find a person to chair a Volunteer Recruitment Committee. Enid Butler has been hired as a consultant for a few months to help us through all the necessary steps. She will join us at the "Gathering" in Dauphin in June so that we may all benefit from her professional expertise.

Bye until the 22nd of June.

EAST EUROPEAN BRANCH REPORT

Mavis Menzies, MGS #718



A new independent non-profit incorporated society, **East European Genealogical Society Inc.**, has been formed in Winnipeg and an offer of dual membership has been made from this new organization to the entire East European Branch (EEB) membership. An EEB Executive meeting was held on April 3, where a motion was passed unanimously to support the new organization and transfer EEB activities to the **East European Genealogical Society Inc.**, including publication of the *East European Genealogist*, the EEB Library holdings, etc. Subsequently an EEB Council meeting was held where the same decision was ratified.

For over 4 years, the EEB has been aware that the membership was not in favour of EEB members also being required to be members of the Manitoba Genealogical Society (MGS). This fact was also confirmed by 80% of the respondents in our recent membership survey. On the other hand, the MGS Constitution is very clear that membership in a Branch requires membership in the MGS. The EEB Executive and Council has made every attempt over the past 4 years to reach a compromise with the MGS by proposing changes to the Membership Articles in the MGS Constitution. In the interim, the EEB and MGS have had an unspoken agreement to "tread softly" on the issue. However, after having considered all our compromise proposals, the MGS Council passed a motion at their

March 9 meeting stating that no new membership categories would be added to the Constitution and furthermore, that the membership requirements in the MGS Constitution must be adhered to. This left the EEB Executive and Council with only two possible options, either to disqualify all EEB memberships for persons who are not members of MGS or form a new organization.

While membership in the MGS will no longer be required for membership in the **East European Genealogical Society Inc.**, we would like to encourage all members who have an interest in Manitoba genealogy to continue their MGS membership and take advantage of the tremendous wealth of resources which the MGS has to offer for Manitoba research.

This reorganization does not affect the benefits previously offered by the EEB. Members will still receive the *East European Genealogist* and be able to request research, attend meetings, etc. from the new organization at no extra cost for this membership year. In the future, please make all cheques and money orders payable to the **East European Genealogical Society Inc.** Box 2536, Winnipeg MB R3C 4A7. The EEB Library has been donated to the new Society and has been relocated. More information concerning the library location will be forthcoming.

Change is essential for the growth of any organization. We appreciate your support during this transition time.

SWAN VALLEY BRANCH REPORT

Donna Fox, MGS #1738, Secretary

Branch meetings are in our office in the Town Office Building the second Monday of each month, 7:00pm.

We were bitterly disappointed that on the day of our Open House, April 20, we had a giant snowstorm that dumped about a foot of snow on us. However, Ruth Breckman did a wonderful job on her presentation and the people that were able to attend were able to benefit greatly.

The morning session featured a slide presentation and the afternoon session featured research tips for both beginners and more advanced researchers.

Our plans for the summer include finishing the Benito Cemetery and possibly starting transcription of another, if the weather holds. We plan to take our summer break during July and August; however, we will answer queries.

REMINDER for EVERYONE

Please note new *Generations* deadlines as of last issue:
Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15, Nov. 15.



WINNIPEG BRANCH

Wayne Nelly, MGS #430, President



The Winnipeg Branch Newsletter has been reactivated so this report will be somewhat shorter than the last. If you haven't received your newsletter, and live in the Winnipeg region, check your membership card; your Branch membership may not be paid for this year - it isn't automatic with Society membership as in some organizations.

Meetings were held as scheduled:

On 31 March, 18 members came out for our first sharing/problem-solving meeting in a few years. Jodi Cassady of Cassady and Associates, and George Glenn provided the advice of professionals and many experienced members present enabled a real sharing of ideas that continued for over 2½ hours to the enjoyment of all.

On 21 April a meeting was held on organizing data and numbering systems used by genealogists which was led by a panel consisting of Bill Olmstead, Wayne Nelly, and Chair of MGS' Computer Interest Group, Len Perron. About 16 were present.

By the time you read this, the Annual General Meeting will have been held, and most Branch activity will have slowed down for the summer.

One area that may be gaining momentum is the Branch Special Projects Committee, which is undertaking an index to the 1901 Census for Winnipeg. Contact George Glenn (667-8894) for information on how to get involved.

Blessed are those
who return their
books
on time!

LIBRARY LINES

Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L, Chair
Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L

Phase I of the United Church Archives (Manitoba and Northwestern Conference) Index to Baptisms, Marriages and Burials has been completed with the assistance of a Heritage Grants Advisory Council (HGAC) grant. The indexes should be in MGS' Library when you read this.

Under the Special Projects Committee umbrella, arrangements were made with the UCA to transcribe records in their holdings to the end of 1915. Several MGS members volunteered to work on this project. Following is a list of the Charges included in Phase I. (A charge is the United Church's term for a geographical area, similar to a parish.)

Unless noted otherwise, the Charge registers record Baptisms, Marriages and Burials. (Some have records in only one or two of the categories. D = Burials)

Rural Charges
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Dugald	
Emerson	
Fisher River	
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Hamiota	
Hayfield	
Keewatin	B + M only
Kelwood McCreary	
Kenora	M + D only
Killarney	B only
La Riviere	
Little Britain	
Macdonald	
McGregor	
Morris Altona	
Napinka	
Neepawa	
Ninga/Turtle Mountain	B + D only
Pembina Valley/Emerson	
Stockton	

Winnipeg Charges

Grace Methodist	
St. John's Presbyterian	
St. John's Methodist	
Sparling Methodist	
Westminster Presbyterian	M only
Zion Methodist	

As might be expected, some Charges have more complete records than others. Some have none. It depends upon what records have been deposited with the Archives. And, of course, some are in better condition than others. Please remember that the transcribers could only copy what was there (including the spelling mistakes!).

Each Charge's records are in a separate AccoPress binder; Indexes are first, followed by the transcriptions of the Baptisms, Marriages and/or Burials.

There are Cumulative Indexes as well, a separate binder for each of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials. Baptisms have been indexed by Baptizee's Name, Father's Sur-

name, Mother's Surname, and Date of Event. Marriages have been indexed by Groom's Surname, Bride's Surname, and Date of Event. Burials have been indexed by Deceased' Surname and Date of Event. Within each binder, the Rural Charges are separate from those in Winnipeg. Each entry has a code which directs the user to the proper Charge (eg. Code DL = Deloraine,). Winnipeg Codes have a W first (eg. WSG = Sparling). Code lists are in the front of each binder.

Hopefully, you will enjoy using this new resource. When you find something, to confirm it with the Archives. Currently, they do not charge for genealogical help but they do appreciate donations. Happy hunting! JSE

Books/materials added to MGS since January 1996.

We are in the process of producing a new edition of Library Holdings complete to the end of 1995. The lists as printed in this, and upcoming Generations, will be for those materials received since the end of 1995. We hope to have the listing to the end of 1995 available by the end of August 1996. It will be approximately 200 pages and will be available for purchase. Meanwhile, I hope that you find something in the following list which may help you in your research. Members (within Canada) may have the circulating materials sent to them by paying all postage charges. Unfortunately we cannot send out those materials marked REF or MF. But if you are interested in any of those, please ask for details of our research policy. We may be able to help you for a very nominal amount. Also, it is possible that some of the following Reference Books are second copies - ask - there may be a circulating copy as well.

MANITOBA Yellow section

- REF 283 Ben Benham. *Once more unto the breach: St. George's Anglican Church, Winnipeg...1883-1993*
- REF 971.27 Fra/Rur Franklin municipality, MB. *R.M. of Franklin turns a century 1883-1993*
- REF 971.27 Han/Ref Hanover Municipality, MB. *Reflections on our heritage: a hist. of Steinbach and RM of Hanover*
- REF 971.27 Lor/Ffo ffolkes. *Letters from a young emigrant in Manitoba*
- REF 971.27 Nor/Low Lowery. *Unbeatable breed: people and events in Northern Manitoba*
- 363.2 Coo Cooper. *History of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police within Manitoba*
- 371 His History of Mr. Neil Campbell and Salisbury Morse Place School, 1841-1995...and Barnes Family
- 920 Pro Profiles of women in agriculture
- 971.27 Bro/The2 Brokenhead municipality, MB. *They stopped at a good place: the Index*
- 971.27 Fra/Rur Franklin municipality, MB. *R.M. of Franklin turns a century 1883-1993*

- 971.27 Han/Ref Hanover Municipality, MB. *Reflections on our heritage: a hist. of Steinbach and RM of Hanover*
- 971.27 Sho/Way1 Shoal Lake Municipality, MB. *The way it was*
- 971.27 Sho/Way2 Shoal Lake Municipality, MB. *The way it was. The Index*
- 971.27 Tac/Law Tache municipality, MB. *100 years in our community*

WESTERN CANADA Purple Section

- REF 917.124 Hen Henderson's Prince Albert, Saskatchewan directory
- REF 971.06 Kov Kovacs. *Esterhazy and early Hungarian immigration to Canada.*
- 325 Nor North West Half Breeds and original white settlers, registers and indexes
- 910.3 Ran Ramsey. *Ghost towns of British Columbia*
- 971.1 Bri British Columbia rides a star
- 971.1 His *History of Ellison district 1858-1958*
- 971.1 McK McKelvie. *Pageant of British Columbia*
- 971.1 Tra *Trail between two wars: story of a smelter city*
- 971.23 MacGregor. *Battle River Valley.*
- 971.24 Hom *Homesteading in Saskatchewan*
- 971.24 Rey Reynolds. *History of Patuanak*

EASTERN CANADA Blue section

- REF 917.13 Hen Henderson's Lakehead, Ontario directory
- REF 929.4 Ont/Dir Ontario Genealogical Soc. directory of surnames. 1995 ed.
- REF 971.3 Bye. Byers. *Rural roots. Pre-confederation buildings of the York region of Ontario*
- 026 Gui *Guide to the holdings of the Upper Canada Village Reference Library and Archives*
- 312 Que Quebec. *Transcriptions and index of 1851 census: Lachute, St. Andrews, Grenville, Harrington & The Gore*
- 917.13 Dis *Discover your heritage: ...prov. plaques in Ontario*
- 929.3 Ont/Sim1 *Funeral register of Herman M. Thompson 1921-1951: Index (Simcoe County)*
- 929.3 Ont/Sim2 *Alliston funeral register 1885-1908.(Simcoe)*
- 929.4 N.S./Dir *Directory of members and surname interest 1995 (Nova Scotia GS)*
- 929.5 Ont/Ken Kenora district, Ontario. *Pineridge cemetery index, Sioux Narrows cemeteries*
- 929.5 Ont/Sim1 *Simcoe county, ON. Mulmur Twp. Pera Methodist, Whitfield cemeteries*
- 929.5 Ont/Sim2 *Simcoe county, ON. Innisfil Twp. cemetery: St. John's Anglican, Cookstown cemeteries*
- 929.5 Ont/Sim3 *Simcoe County, ON. Adjala Twp. cemeteries:*
- 929.5 Ont/Sim4 *Simcoe County, ON. Tosorontio Twp. cemeteries...*
- 929.5 Que/Arg Argenteuil county, PQ. *St. Andrew's East Protestant cemetery*

- 929.5 Que/Cem Cemetery lists for sale at the Quebec FHS
 - 929.5 Que/Lac Lachute protestant cemetery: Argenteuil Co.
 - 971.024 Bun Bunnell. *New Loyalist Index*. Vol II.
 - 971.3 Ess Essex County sketches. (Ontario)
 - 971.3 Kap Kapuskasing: after 60 years (Ontario)
 - 971.3 Per/Str Stratford: (Perth Co., Ontario)
 - 971.4 Sel Sellar. *History of the County of Huntingdon and the seigniories of Chateaugay and Beauharnois*
 - 971.8 STP St. Paul's Anglican Church, Trinity, Newfoundland: *Index ... 1753-1867*
- CANADA Red Maple Leaf**
- REF 929.1 Bax Baxter. *In search of your Canadian roots*. 1994 ed
 - 015.7127 Hud *Genealogical sources in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives*
 - 355.1 Col *Collecting medals awarded to Canadians 1812-1966*
 - 355.1 Ukr *Ukrainian Canadian veterans Royal Canadian Legion 1926-1986*
 - 363.2 Rec *Records of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RG18)*
 - 920 McN McNeil. *Voice of the pioneer Bill McNeil*
 - 929.3 Dis *District of Saskatchewan: Index to the census of Canada 1891*
 - 970.1 Ind *Indian hall of fame*.
 - 970.1 Ind *Indians in the fur trade*
 - 970.1 MacE. MacEwan. *Portraits from the Plains*. (on some Indians of North America)
 - 971 Czu Czumer. *Recollections about the life of the first Ukrainian settlers in Canada*
 - 971.9 Yuk Yukon and Northwest Territories
- GREAT BRITIAN AND IRELAND. Red section**
- REF 914.15 O'La O'Laughlin. *Master book of Irish place names*
 - REF 929.3 O'La O'Laughlin. *Book of Irish families*
 - REF 929.4 Wou Woulfe. *Irish names and surnames*
 - REF 941.5 Tab *Table of Church of Ireland parochial records*
 - 942.9 Wel *Welsh family history: a guide to research*
 - 362.7 Lig Lightstone. *Flower of the flock*. (Barnardo boy)
 - 914.21 Roy Royal Botanic Gardens Kew: *souvenir guide*.
 - 914.23 Pic *Pictorial guide to historic Plymouth*
 - 914.27 Enj *Enjoying Cheshire*
 - 941.3 Cas *Castle of Edinburgh*
 - 941.3 Poo *Poor relief in Edinburgh*. n.d.
 - 942.1 Dul *Dulwich village (London)*
 - 942.1 Eas *East London record*. No. 1, 1978
 - 942.1 Gre *Greenwich: official guide...*
 - 942.1 Har *Harrow, Middlesex: official guide* 13th ed. n.d.
 - 942.1 May *Mayhew's characters: selected from "London Labour and the London poor"* 1951
- 942.1 May *Mayhew's London: being selections from "London Labour and the London poor"*. 1951
 - 942.2 Lew Lewes: *official guide...* (East Sussex)
 - 942.3 Com *Come to Somerset*
 - 942.3 Ply *Plymouth Hol: The west in Elizabethan times*
 - 942.3 Sal *Salisbury (Wiltshire)* ●
 - 942.4 War Warwick and Leamington (Warwickshire)
 - 942.5 Abo *About and around Oxford*
 - 942.5 Gui *Guide to Stoke Pogers Parish Church (Buckinghamshire)*
 - 942.5 Loo *Look at Oxford*
 - 942.5 Oxf *Oxford: described...*
 - 942.6 Cam *Cambridge: as it was and as it is today* (1945)
 - 942.6 Cam *Cambridge - described*
- EUROPE Orange section**
- REF 971.06 Luc Luciuk. *Ukrainians in the making: their Kingston story*
 - 355.1 Mar Martin. *European military uniforms*
 - 945 Fin *Finding Italian roots*
 - 945 Ita *Italian heritage*
 - 948.9 Fri *Frilandsaaseet, the open-air museum (Denmark)*
- GENERAL Green section**
- REF 974 Sav Savage. *Genealogical dictionary of the first settlers of New England*. 4 vols.
 - 929.1 Col *Collecting dead relatives: an irreverant romp through the world of genealogy*
 - 973 Stu *Student's review manual for John A. Garratt The American Nation: a history of the USA to 1877*
 - 974.7 Boo *Book of names ..early Palatinessettlers of the Mohawk Valley (New York State)*
 - 975.5 Jan *Jamestown: first English Colony*
 - 977.5 Lib *Liber defunctorum: St. Joseph and Holy Family Catholic Church: death registry 1835-1900 (Lake Superior missions)*
- FAMILY HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY Pink section**
- REF 929.2 Cri 1 Criddle. *Criddle-de-diddle-ensis: Criddles of Aweme, Manitoba*
 - 921 All Allison. *This for remembrance. William Talbot Allison.*
 - 921 Hay 1 Hay *Alfred Hay's military service with the CEF*
 - 921 Hay 2 Hay *Andrew Hay's military service with the CEF*
 - 929.2 All *Allen ancestor (newsletter)*
 - 929.2 Bru *Angus Nelson Brunsel & Eliz. Daniel and some descendants (..with roots in the Red River Settlement)*
 - 929.2 DeL *De Laroque family*
 - 929.2 Dur *Durieux. Ordinary heroes:...French pioneer in Alberta*
 - 929.2 Ega *Egan family tree*
 - 929.2 God 2 Goodwin family: *Alexander Goodwin 1767-1856 and his descendants*

- 929.2 *Gus Gussie family*
- 929.2 *Has Haskell family*
- 929.2 *Moo Grandfather's box. An Irish family history.*
Moore family
- 929.2 *Tay Taylor. Family history of William Taylor,*
Meadow Lea (Woodlands, Manitoba)

MAPS

- 912 Eng *Avo Avon, England...Bath and Wells, Somerset*
- 912 Eng *Ham1 Hampshire, Eng...Basingstoke (Newbury)*
- 912 Eng *Ham2 Hampshire, Eng...Winchester, Southampton, Portsmouth*
- 912 Eng *Wil1 Wiltshire, Eng...Salisbury (pt New Forest)*
- 912 Eng *Wil2 Wiltshire, Eng...Devizes (Salisbury Plains)*
- 912 Man *Birtle municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Bou Boulton municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Dau Dauphin municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Ethelbert municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Gil Gilbert Plains municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Hil Hillsburg municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Law Lawrence municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Min Minnitonas municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Mos Mossey River municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Mou Mountain local government district, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Ros Rosburn municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Rus Russell municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *She Shell River municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *She Shellmouth municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Sil Silver Creek municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Swa Swan River municipality, Manitoba*
- 912 Man *Win2 Winnipeg ... in the heart of the continent*
- 912 Man *Win3 Winnipeg city, Manitoba*
- 912 PEI *Irish of Prince Edward Island*
- 912 Sco *Edi Edinburgh street plan (Scotland)*

MICROFICHE/MICROFILM

- 325 Ind *Index of passenger lists*, (not names, just what passenger lists are available)
- 929.5 Sur *Suranne index to Alberta cemetery records and other sources*
- 942.1 Lam 3 *Lambeth registration district 1851 census.*
Lambeth Church second sub dist., vol 9, pt 1. (2 fiche)
- 942.1 Lam 4 *Lambeth registration district 1851 census.*
Kennington first/second sub dists. (2 fiche)
- 942.1 Lam 1 *Lambeth registration district 1891 census.*
Waterloo Road ... sub dists. Vol. 1, pt. 1. (London, Surrey) (3 fiche)
- 942.1 Lam 2 *Lambeth registration district 1891 census.*
Norwood sub-dist, Vol. 1 pt 2. (3 fiche)

And the BAD NEWS

These books are missing as of May 14, 1996.

- 929.2 Bul *Bull family history*
- 929.3 Mac *Diary of Reverend John McDonald*
- 929.2 *Embry family history & partial genealogy*

- 929.2 F *Families are forever: Chapter II: the Hills and McDougalls in Manitoba*
- 921 Rie2 *Life of Louis Riel*
- 921 Rie3 *Louis David Riel*
- 971.024 F *Loyalist Lists*
- 921 B *Major Charles Arkoll Boulton*
- 971.27 *Most respectable place*
- 971.27 Md *Story of Stony Mountain & district*
- 920 Tay *Tay Valley people in North America*



SPECIAL PROJECTS

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

Through the generosity of the Heritage Grants Advisory Council, MGS has received funds for all four of its submitted projects.

Year Five of our large project to transcribe Ukrainian cemeteries throughout the province will see us hopefully finishing this work. We will be transcribing in Bifrost, Armstrong, Fisher, Alonsa, Lawrence, Ethelbert, Gilbert Plains, Grandview, Hillsburg, Boulton, Park, Rosburn and Silver Creek.

A revised edition of *Carved In Stone*, our book on cemetery locations, will be printed after data entry is complete.

We will be producing a book of Births, Marriages and deaths from Manitoba Newspapers for 1885.

The 1973 obituaries index from Winnipeg newspapers will also be produced.

If you are planning to transcribe cemeteries this summer, please check with MGS before beginning, in order to make sure that they are not already transcribed. We now have more than 1050 completed.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

1881 Census: Great Britain

More microfiche has been received.

England: Durham
Kent
Surrey
Yorkshire

Scotland: Lanarkshire/Glasgow

CELEBRATING NORDIC HERITAGE

Linda White, MGS #2129

Editor: The following could not be squeezed into the March issue; however, its information is just as timely in June.

February, is the month during which our government, in its infinite wisdom, has ordained we should celebrate the colourful diversity of our Canadian heritage. In these days when any demonstration of 'Canadian Heritage' can provoke violent reactions (certain Flag Day celebrations being an example), it is especially important to stress the positive aspects of Canadian heritage - the unique contributions of the diverse cultural groups which have contributed to the Canadian mosaic.

This past February 18, Canadian Heritage Day celebrations highlighted the contributions of Canadians of Nordic descent. All the Nordic countries - Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Finland - have provided many immigrants to Canada over the years. Manitoba, has a special connection to the Nordic world as the home of the largest number of people of Icelandic descent outside of Iceland. The University of Manitoba is also home to the only Department of Icelandic Studies outside of Iceland's capital. For those wishing to research their Icelandic background, the resources of that department contain many materials of use to the genealogist. They are available for public use at the Elizabeth Dafoe Library. Manitoba is also the home of several accomplished Icelandic researchers and historians, such as David Arnason and Nelson Gerrard. The Icelandic National League (699 Carter Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3M 2C3) and the folks at the Scandinavian Cultural Centre, (called Nordic House after February 18, 204/774-8047) would be happy to put family historians in touch with the right people. It provides space for cultural groups from all the five Nordic countries and they all maintain resource collections there which can be consulted by appointment.

Another gold mine for those researching Nordic background is the Provincial Archives of Manitoba. Of special interest are the archive's many collections of records and artifacts of early cultural, service and religious organizations. These sorts of records can fill out the details of a relative's early life in this country. Many Icelandic women were involved in the early movements for women's suffrage in Manitoba. Many Nordic immigrants came to this country as labourers (eg. early Manitoba photographer, Ryder Larson, a Norwegian) and the records of early labour-intensive industries, such as logging, can yield fascinating details.

MGS' Resource Centre has a small collection of Scandinavian material, most of which deal with records of genealogical value for Norway and Sweden. LDS' Family History Centre in Fort Garry has material which will assist the researcher of all Nordic backgrounds. The embassies of all Nordic countries are also helpful for steering inquiries towards family history research experts.

GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS



CONFERENCES

The Federation of Genealogical Studies: "A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists"

August 14-17, 1996, Rochester, NY. Society management workshops, plenary sessions, daily sessions using Riverside Convention Center and 3 adjacent hotels for various events. Registration begins at \$95 with single day registration possible. Complete brochure available on MGS' bulletin board.

22nd International Congress of Genealogical & Heraldic Sciences: Families & Emblems Transcending Frontiers

Organizing agency is The Canadian Heraldic Authority, partnered by The Heraldry Society of Canada and OGS, August 18-23, 1996, at the University of Ottawa. Equal weight to be given to heraldry and genealogy; 40 sessions planned, plus receptions and tour of Ottawa/Hull. Registration begins at \$275 (\$125 for accompanying persons). For registration form and accommodation details, write: The XXIIInd International Congress of Genealogy & Heraldic Sciences, c/o The Canadian Heraldic Authority, 1 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A1. Fax: 613/991-1681. Tel: 613/991-2228.



MGS' Seminar '96: "Genealogy Salutes Technology"

October 18-20, 1996. Winnipeg, Manitoba. See Seminar brochure in this issue.

OTHER

Genealogy Home Pages on Internet: WWW

- The Genealogy Home Page
<http://ftp.cac.psu.edu/saw/genealogy.htm>

- Query the Marriage Witness Indexes

<http://midas.ac.uk/genuki/mwi/query.htm>

(How to find a name on the marriage witness indexes for England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, Australia and New Zealand.)

- Critical Dates in Irish Genealogy (** next page, col. 1)

<http://www.bess.tcd.ie/roots/dates.html>

(Example: in 1909, Old Age Pensions were granted to all those who could prove they were at least 70 years of age.)

- Dutch Genealogy Homepage

<http://www.edu.cs.utwente.nl/hoitink/genealogy.html>

- Norwegian Emigrant Museum

<http://www.hamarnett.no/utvhom.htm>

- German/Russian Genealogy Societies

<http://pixel.cs.vt.edu/library/societies.html>

- Acadian Genealogy Home Page
<http://tdg.uoguelph.ca/ycr/genealogy>
- Swiss Genealogy
<http://www.genealogy.com/gene/www/regio/CH/schweiz-en.html>
- National Archives of Ireland - Family History and Genealogy Page
<http://147.252.133.152/nat-arch/>
Seen in Huron Co. Br/OGS Newsletter, Vol. 17 #2, May 1996, who extracted from Ancestry, Nanaimo FHS, Vol. 13, #1, Spring 1996.
- The Ontario Genealogical Society home page. It covers branch and publication information.
http://www.interlog.com/dreed.ogs_home.htm
- The Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid. Users are able to do online searches of the Finding Aid as well as download the files for future reference.
<http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa>
- ** Further to 'Critical Dates in Irish Genealogy, Genealogy in Ireland', p. 20. Has the Irish-Canadian Researchers List available for download. Very slow but worth the wait.
Seen in Huron Co. Br/OGS Newsletter, Vol. 17 #2, May 1996, who extracted from London Leaf, Vol. 23 #1 February 1996.
- Sources of genealogical information in New Jersey. Web site sponsored by Everton's *Genealogical Helper*.
<http://www.everton.com/usa/nj.htm>
- New Jersey State Library. Genealogy and Local History online catalog.
<http://www.lib.stevens-tech.edu/state/>
- Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne, Indiana).
<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/>
- Genealogical Guide to the Internet and National Genealogical Society Guide to Internet Mailing Lists.
<http://genealogy.org/NGS/netguide/ngpart12.html>
- Ken McCrea/McCrea Research Inc. (McCrea@postoffice.ptd.net) 20 Terrace Avenue, Stevens PA 17578 USA. Now part-time Professional Genealogist and keeper of the Palatines to America Homepage and Online Immigrant Ancestor Register. Also links to useful websites for German genealogy.
<http://genealogy.org/palam/>
- Telephone numbers , postal addresses and sometimes e-mail addresses of anyone in US can be found with the these two addresses.
<http://www.switchboard.com/>
<http://www.Four11.com/>
- The Lacy Family Homepage, with links to over 800 genealogy and history-related www sites.
<http://www.polaris.net/legend/bookmark.htm>
- Surname archives. Search for surnames with locality and time frame. Soundex converter; zip code lookup.
<http://www.rand.org/personal/genea/rs/search.html>
Thanks to Mavis Menzies, MGS #718, who saw these addresses in *The Archivist*, Genealogical Society of Bergen Co., New Jersey, Vol. XXIII, #2, May 1996.

Genealogical Tour to England; Frank Hawkins, OGS

September 27-October 11, 1996. Includes return airfare, Toronto to London, 7 nts. accommodation at London's Imperial Hotel, services of Mr. Hawkins & his associates while in London, full Eng. breakfast daily, farewell dinner/cruise, airport transfer upon arrival, all applic. taxes/service chgs., access to Thomas Cook's Worldwide Visitors' Centre. Twin, per pers. \$2084.00, add for single \$300.00. Seniors' (60+) reduction, single \$120.00. Contact Mr. Hawkins 905/895-8438 or Martin Travel (Alex, Ann Marie or Terry) 17600 Yonge St., Upper Canada Mall, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4Z1, 905/853-6224 or 800/265-6865 (10:00am-9:00pm) or collect. Fax: 905/853-5352.

Famous Phrases & Their Origins

UPPER CRUST: The pantler (servant in charge of the bread at a medieval feast) had to horizontally slice the upper crust from a loaf of bread to present to the most distinguished guest. This demonstrated that the guest was the "upper crust".

BRING HOME THE BACON: "derived from a game considered to be old even in the 14th century. From among the guests at a Lammas festival, several sets of two - a man to play the husband and a woman to play the wife - were chosen as participants in a mock trial. Twelve other guests composed the jury, and the banquet master presided as judge. Asking comical, ridiculous questions beginning with 'What if...,' the judge described a domestic catastrophe. The couple's answers, were to turn the adversity into humorous opportunity. The jury decided which two responded most wittily; those two 'brought home the bacon,' each winner's prize being half a pig."

TO EAT HUMBLE PIE: In medieval times, rich and poor served "humble pie" at Christmas - "umble" being tripe. Since this was available to poor as well as noblemen, "humble pie" was associated with the poor.

IN A PICKLE: Came from the Dutch expression 'in de pikel zitten' (most uncomfortable).

KOWTOW: "from the Chinese word *k'o-t'ou*, the kneeling and touching of ground with the forehead before a superior."

From Victoria, BC's *Times Colonist*, March 3, 1996, Sunday Reader page F1.

WANTED:

Info on Dauphin, Manitoba's 300+ Pioneer Families
 Jean Tucker, MGS #64, has undertaken a project to gather information on these families, particularly the lesser-known ones, and to document their stories. She wishes to hear from any descendants who can provide more information and/or photographs. Please see *Generations*, Vol. 18 #1, March 1993, page 13, for Jean's article, "They Went West - and North", and accompanying article, "The Pioneers of Dauphin", page 18 (the latter gives the pioneer names appearing on the cairn erected in their honour on the grounds of the Fort Dauphin Museum). Write Jean Tucker at: 21 - 11 Davidson Ave. E., Dauphin, Manitoba R7N 0C5. Please enclose SASE.

Canada-Wide Health and Medical Archives**Telephone Information Network**

The Centre for Research in Information Studies at the U of Toronto, in association with the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine, has established a new non-profit toll-free reference, advice and communications service specifically designed to help practitioners, researchers, custodians of archival materials, and others, find answers to research problems and get advice on practical issues associated with keeping healthcare and medical services.

The Network uses a menu-based voice-messaging system to route callers to recorded information on specific topics, and also allows callers to record personal messages requesting advice and assistance about specific problems and issues -- to be answered by Network administrators or referred, as appropriate, to various consulting advisors.

Callers may also use the Network to record messages announcing events/programs/activities of interest to the archival/medical history research communities in Canada -- new publications and work-in-progress, upcoming meetings and conferences, professional archival education and training opportunities, and new acquisitions -- which will be made available to other Network users. Also, callers can use the Network to request copies of research resources, such as a bibliography of research tools used by health archivists and medical/healthcare historians.

For information, or to contribute an announcement for Network distribution, contact Barbara Craig, Director, Centre for Research in Information Studies, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, 140 St. George St., Toronto ON, M5S 1A1; 416/978-7093, Fax: 416/971-1399. E-mail: craig@fis.utoronto.ca.

Gravelle Collection at National Archives, Ottawa

Thanks to Cécile Alarie-Skene, MGS #672, who translated/summarized this from *L'Outaouais Généalogique*, Vol. XVIII, #1.

The Gravelle Collection is on CD-ROM Archiva. The collection, available at the National Archives, consists of genealogical notes, papers, and other information collected by various people, c1870-1974.

The information, gleaned from documents, (many of which have now disappeared) deals with families of the Outaouais region, around Hull. Also included in this collection are marriage contracts from the Montreal district.

Parts of the collection accessible to the public are:

1. **Caron Files:** genealogy compiled by Dr. Caron.
 - Vols. 1-12: Tanguay's genealogical dictionary of Canadian families.
 - Vols. 12-14: Marriages in 4 series, alphabetical & indexed, including Montreal 1642-1838.
 - Vols. 14-15: Genealogical notes including Roy & Bisson families. (Vol. 15 : condensed notes of marriages, baptisms for certain Quebec regions 1656-1917.)
2. **Gravelle File:** genealogy & local history compiled by Father Gravelle.
 - Vols. 15-17: Notes in alphabetical order, including families of the Outaouais & Irish immigration in the 19c.
 - Vol. 17: Genealogical notes & local history of Ontario & Quebec.
 - Vol. 18: Parish registers of Ontario, Quebec, Massachusetts (Acadian), B M Ds 1805-1962.
3. **Gravelle Fiche:** This collection is presently being transcribed & is still on cards. A list of accessible information is available from the National Archives in Ottawa.

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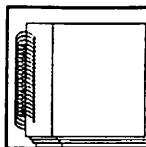
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Québecois in Oregon from 1839 / Census of the aboriginal nation of 1736 / Descendants of Jean Nicolet / Paleography.

L'Outaouais Généalogique, Vol. XVIII #1, Jan/Feb 1996

Genealogy & the Internet / Ancestors of Josiah Rising / The Gravelle Collection (CD ROM) in the National Archives.

Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS, #57

Estate papers / Indian research.

Ancestry, Vol. 14 #2

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Homesteaders in the Railway Belt - B / Vancouver voters 1886.

Chinook, Journal of Alberta FHS, Vol. 16 #3

Canadian myths / Genealogy on the line.

Cleveland FHS, Vol. 6 #5

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Connections, Quebec FHS, Vol. 18 #3

Notman photographic Archives / Pimm family.

Cornwall FHS, #79

Cornish pioneers in S. Australia / Causes of death in Paul Parish Register 1794-1812 / Pearne family.

Derbyshire FHS Issue 76

Village of Kirk Hallam / Josiah Foulk / Bradburn family.

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Hugh Frayne / Devon strays.

East European Genealogist, Vol. 4 #2

Ukrainian immigration to southern Brazil / Bukovina & Bessarabia / 1940 National Registration records.

East Surrey FHS

Vol. 18 #2: Royal Female orphanage.

Vol. 18 #3: Lawrence family / Cottee family / Descendants of Byron.

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Adoption records / Locations of Newcastle District Land Board, K-P.

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Vol. 12 #1: Hiscok and Harnum families / Peters family.

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Numerous Newman name contacts and briefs.

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Vol. 12 #6: Jonas Blackman.

N. Irish Roots, Vol. 6 #2
Families of the Great Houses of Shore Road / Members' interests.

Nor-West News, Vol. 10 #1
Dawson route.

Nova Scotia Genealogist, Vol. 14 #1
Lebanese immigrants / Annapolis Township grantees / Nova Scotians in the US Civil War.

Okanagan Researcher, Vol. 12 #3
Crawford family.

Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol. 10 #1
Conscientious objector ancestor / Quarter Session records / Sources for Oxford.

Profiles, Perth Co. OGS, Vol. 14 #1
Researching adoptions / Village of Munro.

Saskatchewan GS Bulletin, Vol. 27 #1
Settlement & vagrancy laws / Birmingham Police Force reports / British Naval records / Archives & Record Offices/ Saving photos / Land records / Galician cadastre maps.

Scottish Genealogist
Vol. 42 #4: Sir John Ogilvy.
Vol. 43 #1: Battles with Landlords and the records / Coalmining ancestors / Two passenger lists to America 1770 and 1771 / Gelston property.

Seattle GS Bulletin, Vol. 45 #2
IGI update / Washington pioneer Assoc. members before statehood, part 2, L-Z.

Suffolk Roots, Vol. 21 #4
St. John's home - list of deaths 1879-1932 / Mudd family.

Trails, Essex Co., OGS, Vol. 18 #1
Lonnee family.

Wandering Volhynians, Vol. 9 #1
Brazilian connections / Mission in Poland.

Waterloo-Wellington Branch, OGS
Vol. 23 #3: Registry of births.
Vol. 24 #1: Wellington Co. Museum & Archives / Church records.

THOUGHT

The mind is not a vessel to be built but a fire to be lighted.
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GENERATION GAPS

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ALLIN / WATSON

Richard Allin (c1845-1919), s/o William Allin & Grace Wade, m. Mary Watson 1866 in Ont., bur. Riverside Cem., Dauphin. Richard, a widower, moved to Man. 1893. Homesteaded NE 10-25-18W Dauphin. Chn: James Watson Allin & 2 daus. Wish to correspond with descendants. Contact: Judith C. Wilson
20665 39A Avenue
Langley, British Columbia V3A 4Z3

ALLIN / FREEMAN

James Watson Allin (1868-1937), s/o Richard Allin & Mary Watson, m. 1899 to Isabella Freeman (1874-1969), both bur. Riverside Cem. Dauphin. Homesteaded NW 10-25-18W Dauphin. Chn: Amy Viola, Cecil & Mary. Wish to correspond/share research with descendants. Contact: Judith C. Wilson
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BANN

Dau. of John & Bridget, sister of Joanna (Josie). B. St. Paul, Minn. c1890. Understood to have marr. & gone to live near Portage la Prairie, Man. Seek desc. of same. Contact: L. Rod McDonald
273 Maple Grove Dr.
Oakville, Ontario L6J 4V6

CHARLEBOIS / McDONALD

Marion Charlebois, b. Lancaster Twp., Glengarry Co., Ont., c1925, d/o Donald R. McDonald & Catherine McGillis. Husband believed to be a social case worker, presumably with the Catholic Children's Aid or sim. agency. Understood to have d. Brandon, Man., in 1986. Last prior record of her is 1952. Contact: L. Rod McDonald
273 Maple Grove Dr.
Oakville, Ontario L6J 4V6

CHEWTER

William George & Alice Chewter lvd. Morris, Man. area c1930. Wm d. Winnipeg 1930. Alice d. Regina c1951. Chn: George, Minnie, Florence (Flo), Mary, Albert, Alice, & Margaret. Anyone with info, or researchers, please write. Contact: Gloria Savell
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Snohomish, Washington 98290 USA

ENGLISH PUBS of 1950s

Is there a publication that lists English pubs in the 1950s? Interested in London, Eng. - prop. Donald Cummings. Any ideas how to get?

Contact: Lorraine Mathers
1637 McTavish Ave.
Brandon, Manitoba R7A 1C8

EYFORD / SIGURDSON / JOHANNESON

Seek info on Frieda Eyford, d/o John & Minnie Eyford, Wpg. or Lundar, Man. 1922-1925. Adopted? Any info. Contact: Gloria Savell

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FAIRCHILD

Arthur Septimus Fairchild, b.c1880, Australia, emigr. N.A., prob. Canada c1900. Chn: Wilfred Reginald, b. May 17, 1906; Dorothy, b. Oct. 9, 1908 (? m. Cole). Seek info. Contact: Rosemary W. Ambrose

594 Manchester Rd.
Kitchener, Ontario N2B 1B3

E-mail: gambrose@watserv1.uwaterloo.ca

FLETCHER / ASHDOWN

Harry Fletcher, b. July 1896, Windham, Norfolk Co., Ont., m. 1919 Jessie Ashdown (b. Pembroke, Ont.). Both d. Sask. Seek parents & poss. siblings of both.

Contact: Myrtle Grieve
209B - 1419 22nd St.
Brandon, Manitoba R7B 2P3

Editor: Apologies to Aura Biggar whose address was incorrect last issue. The corrected query follows:

GILLESPIE / McDONALD

Settld in Gunton area. McDonald line settld in Man. 1870. Not sure when Gillespies arr'd but GF Archibald Gillespie was in Riel Rebellion 1885; prob. b. around Elgin, Ont., 1860. Believe all his siblings settld Man. also. Any help.

Contact: Aura Biggar
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3P 1J3

HILL / RITCHIE

William Thomas Hill & Mary Macfadyen, Bruce Co., Ont. went to Man. in 1870s - where? Chn: 1.Ida May m. Gordon Laing; 2.Florence m. James Ritchey, once lvd. Lac du Bonnet, Man., chn: Don, Frank?; 3.son, D.J. (name unk.) Contact: Josephine Pitkin

308 Horsham Ave.
Willowdale, Ontario M2R 1G6

Editor: Apologies to Shirley Kitchener, whose query I misread last issue. The corrected query follows:

HOSSACK / TODD / ROSS

Seek anyone who may have any effects of Jessie Chisholm, d/o Wm. Hossack & Johanna (Ross) (both d.Mar. 1913, Winnipeg.) Jessie m. Wm. Todd who d. 1916. She d. Apr. 14, 1962, Wpg., no chn; was an authority on the fam. Wish to est. rel'p to Duncan Ross, b. 1813, Scot., d. July 30, 1896 at 77 Higgins Ave., Wpg., unmarr. She referred to him as uncle but he was not Johanna's sibling! Contact: Shirley (Ross) Kitchener

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Courtenay, British Columbia V9N 5M9

JONES

Sisters Annie & Verna Jones, b.1918-1921 in SW Man. or SE Sask., d/o Jones & Helen Southern/Sothern. Poss. adopted or raised in foster homes. Info requested. Contact: Ruth Phillips

Box 267
Rapid City, Manitoba R0K 1W0

LAING

Isobel & Alex **Laing** had 3 chn: John, Agnes & Alex. Lvd. at 137 Machray Ave., Wpg. Operated LAING Co. Seed & Feed Store, Wpg, 1920/30s. Son Alex had 2 chn: Kenneth & Helen. Any info appreciated.

Contact: Robert McWillie
404 Broadway Ave. E.
Regina, Saskatchewan S4N 0Z9

LENNOX

Search'g for descs. of Stewart **Lennox** & Angelina **Robertson**. 9 bros. b. Dummer Twp., Ont. Fred & Ottist went west & Harold to Calif. Rest stayed in Ont. Clifford **Lennox** was drowned in Man. 1930s. Who was his father? Did he have any siblings?

Contact: Vivian Thompson
7 Legion St., Box 24
Norwood, Ontario K0L 2V0

LINDAL / TORFASON

August (Gus) **Lindal**, b.1879-80, wife Ingibjorg (Inga) **Torfason**, b.1882, Iceland. Some chn: Jake; Skuli; Hannes; Anna; Sigridur; Arni. Gus & Arni d.Ont. Some went to Canada's W. coast. Any info gratefully acknowledged.

Contact: Leo Nordal
Box 535
Moosomin, Saskatchewan S0G 3N0

MITCHELL / STAIT / McCORMICK

Thomas **Mitchell**, b.June 2, 1829, Coleraine, Ire., m. Jane **McQuatty** in Ont. prior to 1852. 3 daus: 1. Mary A., b.April 19, 1853, Dunnville, Ont., m. Wm. **Stait**, May 22, 1870, Oxenden, Ont. & in 1881 resided High Bluff/Oakville, Man. Chn: Mary; William; Phoebe; Thomas; Lucy; Carrie. 2. Margaret Jane, b.Feb. 19, 1854, Dunnville, Ont., m. Andrew **McCormick**, Feb, 12, 1872, Walkerton, Ont., in 1886 resided at Brandon, Man. Chn: William; David M.; Thomas; Andrew; Susan. Prior to March 1900, m. Charles Geo. **Williams**. 3. Isabella, b. c1857, Ont., m. Angus **Cooper**, Oct. 25, 1877, Palmerston, Ont. Chn: Thomas; William; David; Sara. Seek further info. on **Stait & McCormick** families.

Contact: Sandra Williams
1004 - 1200 6th St. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2R 1H3

STABLES

Wish info on all **Stables** who may have come from London. Eng., esp. Fred **Stables**, b.c1858, s/o Thomas **Stables** & Elizabeth Jane Driller. Will send on to contacts any other **Stables** info you may have.

Contact: Elizabeth Stables DuBois
19 Laird Crescent
Regina, Saskatchewan S4R 4N7

THOMPSON

Search'g for relatives or ancestors of John **Thompson** & Angeline **Griffin** who came from Ireland, settled in Asphodel Twp., Ont. in 1848. Had 9 chn. Some went west.

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GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH PROBLEMS IN THE 1921, 1935, and 1945 CENSUSES OF NEWFOUNDLAND

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There are three censuses of Newfoundland and Labrador available on microfilm for genealogists to trace their ancestors and to conduct research. The census of 1921 provides information on name, age, place of birth, year of immigration, year of naturalization, nationality, religion, and occupation. The census of 1935 provides information on name, age, place of birth of father, place of birth of mother, year of immigration, year of naturalization, nationality, religion, and occupation. The 1945 census provides information on name, age, place of birth, place of residence in 1935, racial origin, religion, occupation, and occupation in 1935. All three censuses also provide street addresses for those enumerated in certain locations such as Corner Brook and St. John's.

There are also books of census summary statistics available for each of these censuses. These books may be problematic to the researcher who is searching for individuals of a particular racial origin or religion. The 1921 census has no racial origin question and presents overall island religion totals only for the island's five or so major religions. These include Church of England, Congregational and Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, and Salvation Army. The smaller religions on the island are simply grouped together as other and not stated. Thus for the Jewish or another smaller religion there is no way of determining how many are in each location on the island. The 1935 census also has no racial origin question. The census now presents overall totals by sex for all of the island's religions whether large or small. For example, the census shows that there are 215 Jews on the island. There are still only specific location totals for only the island's major religions. The 1945 census presents overall racial origin and religion totals by sex for all of the island's racial origins and religions whether large or small. For example, the census shows that there are 145 individuals classified as Jewish by racial origin and 205 individuals classified as Jewish by religion, on the island. There are specific location totals for only the island's major racial origins and religions. The major racial origins include English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, and French. The major religions are basically the same as in 1921 and 1935.

There are finding aids available for these censuses. The older finding aid lists only districts and subdistricts, along with the section numbers and microfilm reel numbers where they appear. The cities, towns, and villages within each district and subdistrict are not listed. To locate a specific place, the district in which it appears at the time the census was conducted must be known. Some districts and the locations included in them changed in the periods between the three censuses. The newer finding aid lists all cities, towns, and villages within each district and

subdistrict along with the page numbers, volume numbers, and microfilm reel numbers where they appear. Street names within some cities, towns, and villages and their location within the censuses are also provided.

One of the major problems with the Newfoundland censuses is missing returns. For the 1921 census there are no returns for Bonavista district and Labrador district. Many cities, towns, and villages within the other districts are incomplete. For example, Corner Brook which is located in St. George's district has only a few pages of census returns. There are also missing or incomplete districts and locations for the 1935 and 1945 censuses. Many of these are indicated in the finding aids.

Another problem with the Newfoundland censuses is the quality of the census returns and the microfilming. Light and illegible writing, along with poor quality microfilming, are common throughout the 1921 and 1945 censuses. Some areas of the censuses are extremely hard to read. The 1935 census does not have these problems to the extent the 1921 and 1945 censuses do. The quality of the 1935 census is generally very good.

There is a major problem with the 1945 census that makes genealogical research very difficult. The problem is of mismatched census pages. Each census page consists of two halves. The first half provides information on name, relationship, age, birthplace, place of residence in 1935, and nationality. There is a stamped number on the corner of the page. The second half provides information on racial origin, schooling, religion, occupation, and occupation in 1935. There is a written number in the corner of the page. The information and the numbers on both halves of the pages do not match in many cases. Thus, much of the census information recorded does not appear to make sense in parts of the census. For example, adults may be listed as being students for occupation, children may be listed as having occupations, male adults and both male and female children may be listed as being housewives for occupation, racial origins and religions may not coincide with each other and with other information in the census. When these mismatched census pages appear, the correct matching page is usually found close by. The first half of the page is usually found two pages ahead of the second half of the page. When mismatched census pages occur most information on the page will not make sense. The researcher must then look before and after the page to find the correct matching half. Even after the census information is matched correctly, the numbers on each half of the census page will usually still not match. The stamped number on the first half of the census page is the one that is used to indicate the page number. The written number on the second half of the census can be ignored.

These mismatched pages of census information are found throughout the 1945 census. They are especially

prevalent in St. John's. This can be seen by examining the census recordings for a small religious group. The census shows that there were thirty-five families with individuals recorded as Jewish. The census pages for nineteen of these families were mismatched. Thus, for nineteen of these Jewish families, religion appeared as a Christian denomination along with other information, such as occupation, being recorded incorrectly. These mismatched pages caused information for twenty-five non-Jewish families to be recorded incorrectly. For these twenty-five non-Jewish families the religion of some of their members appeared as being Jewish, along with other information such as occupation, being recorded incorrectly. All other families on the mismatched census pages would also have their census information matched incorrectly. When the proper first half and second half of the census pages are matched, the problem is rectified.

The following is a typical example of mismatched information in the census and how the information then appears when the census pages are correctly matched. The information listed is name, age, place of birth, racial origin, occupation, and religion. In St. John's, city, East, in volume 44, page 105, on microfilm reel M8079, the following family is found:

- Noseworthy, George; 39; Harbour Grace; English; ___; Roman Catholic
- Noseworthy, Angela; 35; Norman Cove; English; ___; Roman Catholic
- Noseworthy, David; 12; St. John's; English; ___; United Church
- Noseworthy, Maxwell; 8; St. John's; Hebrew; Tailor; Hebrew
- Noseworthy, Maria; 7; St. John's; Hebrew; H Wife; Hebrew
- Noseworthy, Valerie; 4; St. John's; Hebrew; Student; Hebrew
- White, Katherine; 63; Norman Cove; Hebrew; M Mechanic; Hebrew
- White, Frederick; 67; Norman Cove; English; Domestic; United Church

On page 107 the following listing occurs:

- Sidel, Maurice; 47; Poland; Irish; Domestic; Roman Catholic
- Sidel, Ida; 43; Poland; English; Technical Engr; United Church
- Sidel, John; 21; Poland; English; H Wife; United Church
- Sidel, Donald; 18; Poland; English; Student; United Church

These examples show questionable census recordings. In the first example, the parents are listed as Roman Catholic, one child is listed as United Church, and three children are listed as Hebrew. The mother and father-in-law are listed as Hebrew and United Church. Occupations are omitted for the parents, while the young children are listed as being a tailor and a housewife. A very young child

is listed as a student. The mother-in-law is listed as a mechanic while the father-in-law is listed as a domestic. In the second example the family is listed as being born in Poland, but of Irish and English racial origin. The husband is listed as a domestic, the wife an engineer, and a son a housewife. The family is of probable Jewish origin but has religion listed as Roman Catholic and United Church.

In order to match these families correctly it is necessary to search the census pages comparing the first and second halves of each page with each other. The first half of page 105 matches with the second half of page 103. The following correct match is then made:

Noseworthy, George; 39; Harbour Grace; English; Truckman; Church of England
 - Noseworthy, Angela; 35; Norman Cove; English; H Wife; Church of England

- Noseworthy, David; 12; St. John's; English; Student; Church of England
- Noseworthy, Maxwell; 8; St. John's; English; Student; Church of England
- Noseworthy, Maria; 7; St. John's; English; Student; Church of England
- Noseworthy, Valerie; 4; St. John's; English; ___; Church of England
- White, Katherine; 63; Norman Cove; English; H Wife; Church of England
- White, Frederick; 67; Norman Cove; English; ___; Church of England

The first half of page 107 matches with the second half of page 105. The following correct match is made:

- Sidel, Maurice; 47; Poland; Hebrew; Tailor; Hebrew
- Sidel, Ida; 43; Poland; Hebrew; H Wife; Hebrew
- Sidel, John; 21; Poland; Hebrew; Student; Hebrew
- Sidel, Donald; 18; Poland; Hebrew; M Mechanic; Hebrew

Thus, in order to obtain correct information in the 1945 census of Newfoundland, it is necessary to match the first half and the second half of the census pages correctly.



OUR SYMPATHY to

Eric O. Burt, MGS #1810, on the death of his wife, Dilys Violetta Mary, March 10, 1996, in Saskatoon.

Beryl Lanphear, MGS #1520, husband Lindsay, and daughters Elizabeth and Leticia, on the death of Beryl's father, Sidney Vesey, April 14, 1996, in Winnipeg.

Alex Tretiak, on the death of his wife, Marjorie, MGS #1538, May 28, 1996, in Gimli, Manitoba.

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I take great exception to an article printed in the March, 1996 issue of the Manitoba Genealogical Society's "Generations." I am referring to "Another Side" written by Peter Warren and printed in 14 Manitoba Community newspaper. It was reprinted by the M.G.S. with the author's permission.

Mr. Warren is entitled to his own opinion, but some of his salacious remarks need to be challenged. Early on he refers to "this new overbearing fad ..." (of searching out a family tree). There is nothing new about it. Ordinary people have been tracing their roots for generations, especially the Australians. Warren makes the assumption that the primary reason for people doing this is to find some Royal Blood in their veins. I do not think this is true of most researchers.

Peter Warren, born somewhere in the British Isles, is well-known for his anti-Monarchist views. He uses the media - CJOB Radio and a column in the Winnipeg Sun - to advance his views; he does not miss an opportunity to attack the Monarchy. May I point out that his views are also very anti-British.

What he says in this article is written in very poor taste. He refers to Prince Charles as "Prince Big Ears." Perhaps he should take a look at himself in the mirror. If he were to dare to malign the character of, or lampoon the physical attributes of members of any other group of people ... the Aboriginals, the Blacks, the Jews, the French, the disabled, the financially disadvantaged, etc., his critics would come down on him like a ton of bricks.

In my books, Warren's lame attempt at humour falls rather flat.

Yours truly,

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