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## From the Editor

David Farmer #2277



It has been a long and arduous winter! Hopefully spring is close by and we will not have any serious flooding to deal with; we can just get on with our gardens, fishing, trips to the lake and the other fun stuff we all like to do.

This issue of *Generations* marks the beginning of yet another year of publication. Like the past year, no doubt this year will be filled with challenges over costs, reduced membership, content and the like. But we have struggled through it all together, so I know we can do it again. My thanks to all the folks who help with the publication, plus a big thanks to all those who submit articles, we get some great ones. And it is always wonderful to have someone submit an article for the very first time.

Over the year we will no doubt try some new things, new types of articles, maybe a contest or two, perhaps some special themes or highlights of certain events. In this issue we are trying something new – a product review, to bring more value of *Generations* to you. I hope you find it interesting.

There is a plan to make some changes to the Constitution and Operating Procedures for MGS, so you have an opportunity to provide input into how you think the Society should be organized and run.

And of course we are always in need of volunteers. As you will see in this issue, we need to fill some very important positions in the near future, so if you have some time, please consider them.

Enjoy the spring, plan those family reunion trips and enjoy the issue.



## From the President

Jim Oke #2729



I hope everyone in MGS had a good Christmas and can look forward to the New Year and perhaps even some progress with their personal family history research.

It was a busy January for me with both MGS Executive and Council meetings. As I become more aware of activities in the MGS office, I must say that I am impressed with the efforts of the many, behind the scenes volunteers who keep the mail flowing, the library in order, and the bills paid. To fall back on an old cliché, the machine is indeed well-oiled and functioning well. My thanks to all involved.

Talking about Constitution and By-laws is usually a good way to empty a meeting room, but is sometimes necessary. The MGS governing documents are generally in good shape, but even a small change in our operations can lead into a lengthy By-law amendment process. Perhaps it is time to separate the guiding principles of the Constitution from the mostly administrative detail of the By-Laws, and make the latter more of a living document, that can be adjusted as and when needed.

It is also time to have a look at our accounting year and see if it might be adjusted to better fit reporting requirements and the MGS election cycle. President Kathy Stokes has dealt with these issues over the years and has volunteered to look at updating these documents; she would be glad of any input. Recommended changes will be put to the MGS membership for ratification as per the current rules.

I am glad to report that the MGS data migration project is moving along well with perhaps one and a quarter million records now ready to go on-line. Progress is continuing under the guidance of Gord McBean, with a student team at Red River College helping out as part of their information technology studies. The next step is to look ahead at how this resource might be made available on-line as, first of all, an MGS membership benefit and then as an income source to support MGS activities as a whole.



Many other family history groups are doing this as a way ahead and we would like to learn from others, avoid the pitfalls, and come up with something that best meets MGS' needs in this area. Please watch for developments in this area in the coming months.

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## The Front Cover

### OOOOPS!

As those of you who receive *Generations* as a hardcopy journal, there was a slight, ok large, mix-up with the December issue. Many of you thought you had received the September issue again (we even had one enquiry from England). The contents were new, but due to a problem at the printers, the September issue front cover was used for the December issue as well.

Here is what the December front cover was supposed to look like:

**Happy**  **Holidays**



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- AWARD WINNERS AND AN AGM UPDATE
- MOMENTS IN TIME
- REMOTE RESEARCH, USING THE INTERNET ARCHIVE
- LORD ELPHINSTONE, "AS IF A GHOST FROM THE PAST"

Our apologies to any who mistakenly recycled the December issue; it is available electronically for any who would like a copy. Just request a copy at: [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com).

The electronic copy had the correct front cover.

## The March Front Cover

What could be more spring-like than young lambs cavorting in a meadow? This is an original work by local artist Rosella Farmer, a member of the Manitoba Society of Artists and the Charleswood Art Group. The painting, done in soft pastel, placed second in the English "Artists Online" Spring Lamb contest in 2013. The work is entitled "Early Morning Escape Artists".



## MGS Volunteers

### MGS Award Winners for 2013

*(In the last issue, the photo of Marilyn Muller with her award arrived after Generations had gone to press. We are repeating the item, along with Marilyn's photo.)*



**PHOTO:** Marilyn Muller with her award presented at an award ceremony in 2013.

Marilyn Muller has been a valued member of the Dauphin Branch since 1996, serving as Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents and then as President in 2000. She is our computer expert hosting "Computer Day at the Library", designing and printing our display signs and raffle tickets. She is always on hand to man our displays at the Fort Dauphin Museum, Heritage Days or wherever we have a display. Marilyn has organized Family History Workshops at our local Senior Centre, and is always willing to be

a guest speaker at our meetings. Marilyn was one of the conveners for the Dauphin Family History event held at our local mall, as well as a driver for our Cemetery Stomp. Marilyn is the person that researches and answers all our queries. She a very gentle person, never has a bad word for anyone, greets you with a smile and is always willing to assist in promoting our Branch and Family History.

The Library has commemorated the following book honouring Marilyn's achievement:

*A Dictionary of Pioneer Families of Dauphin Valley.* MANITOBA 971.27 DAUP DIC



## Volunteers Needed

As you know it takes a village to raise a child. Similarly it takes many volunteers to operate and maintain the goals of an organization. If you have any time available to volunteer for MGS, please take a look at the listed opportunities for some current department requirements within MGS.

We realize that many of you are already very active volunteers, for which we thank you, and many of you may not live close to the MGS Resource Centre, but you may still be able to contribute in some way for some departments. At the very least, this notice may encourage you to give some of your time to your local genealogical branch.

For those of you who may be at the time of life where you have more funds than time it's never too late to contribute - as a registered charity, our tax receipt will help to reduce your taxable income!

You can find the various departments on our website at:

<http://www.mbgenealogy.com/contact-us>

Thank you for your support.

Daryl Dumanski – Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator ([ddportfolios@shaw.ca](mailto:ddportfolios@shaw.ca))

## Current Openings within MGS

### *Treasurer*

The present treasurer, Rick McLellan, will assist an individual who is interested in taking on the duties of the MGS Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer include: receipts and disbursements, accounting, and preparing of regular financial statements and reports. Note that Rick remains on the MGS Executive as MGS VP Finance.

For more information, contact Rick McLellan at [rick@mclellans.org](mailto:rick@mclellans.org) or he can be reached at [mclellan.rick@gmail.com](mailto:mclellan.rick@gmail.com)

### *Membership Committee*

The Membership Committee needs two new members to perform the following duties:

- Assist with manually processing membership applications and donations.
- Computer input of membership data, and preparation of mailing labels and reports. Knowledge of the Microsoft Access database would be an asset.

For more information on this opportunity, contact the Membership Chairperson, Janice Butcher, at [jbutchr@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:jbutchr@cc.umanitoba.ca).

### *Member(s) of MGS Financial Planning Committee for E-commerce*

(This committee is focused on developing the strategies to enable members and non-members to purchase MGS services online.)

The recent Capital Campaign netted over \$18,000 with a primary goal of “updating and preserving our unique resources, developing a “master” database to store these resources, and redesigning the MGS web site to enable on-line searching”.

The Campaign funds also allow us to investigate other on-line services to make our administration more efficient and cost effective, such as membership payments, donations and purchases.

Individuals are needed to sit on this committee to make long-term plans for MGS' Internet presence and financial future. MGS wishes to

spend the Campaign money wisely and needs input from interested people.

For more information, contact the Capital Campaign Chairperson, Janice Butcher, at [jbutchr@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:jbutchr@cc.umanitoba.ca).



## Branch News

### Dauphin Branch

The Dauphin Branch of MGS has a new slate of officers for 2014. Our congratulations to all and thank you for serving:

President	Shirle McGimpsey
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2nd Vice-President	Jerry Zihrul
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The Dauphin Branch offers condolences to the family of Margaret Viola Scrase, age 95, who passed away on January 29th, 2014. Margaret was a long-time member of the Dauphin Branch and MGS. She's been in a personal care home for many years. Eight members of the Branch went in a group to say farewell. She will be missed.



Some members of the Dauphin Branch enjoyed a warm fall day last year, with a Cemetery Walk Around the Riverside Cemetery. The Walk was followed by an ice cream Tailgate Party.

## Southeast & Winnipeg Branch

Educational Programming Schedule (*taken from the Branch e-zine*)

### April– June 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Unless otherwise stated, all Branch Programs are held at the MGS Resource Centre, Unit E-1045 St. James Street

**April 14** "A Pictorial Visit to Manitoba Churches and Their Graveyards" presented by Ed Ledohowski

**April 21** 12 Heads – "Six Degrees of Separation" presented by Judy Labossière

**April 28** Tour at 7 PM Legion House Museum (Military History Society of Manitoba), Royal Canadian Legion Norwood / St. Boniface Branch #43, 134 Marion Street. 2nd Floor (\* Not wheelchair accessible.)

**May 12** "Hatfields vs. McCoys – Our Winnipeg Connection" presented by Mel Stocking

**May 26** "Search and Reunions for Adoptions" presented by Jennifer Squirrell, Adoption Options Manitoba

**June 9** "Metis Culture & Heritage Resource Centre – Genealogy" presented by Randy Ranville

### The Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. is a registered charity.

Donations can be made to the Memorial Fund, the Library Fund or the General Fund. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$5.00 and are much appreciated

A call for Notices of Motions to amend the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. constitution is hereby given. All notices must be forwarded to the President of MGS, c/o the MGS Resource Centre by April 30, 2014.

## From the Past

### Rural Ramblings

Kathy Stokes #125

*Manitoba Free Press* August 1, 1914

Alfred John William JOYCE, 13, son of J. Joyce drowned in the Assiniboine River near Portage la Prairie while bathing with friends on July 30. On August 2, the *Free Press* reported that his body had been found by a native man in the river beside a nearby Indian village.

Page 16 of the August 1 *Free Press* was full of reports of a terrible storm which had cut across many rural areas. In Morden during a one hour period there was rain, wind and some hail which heavily damaged the crops of Peter, Jack and Tom Patterson, John Keown, Thomas Gray, Alfred Coulter and Ed Godfrey. In addition, Keown's barn was torn to pieces. Swan Lake was badly hit by the storm which blew in the windows of several commercial establishments, as well as blowing boxcars down the street from the railway siding. The roof of the post office was blown off and phone wires were downed.

Mrs. Ralph WOOD, a pioneer of the Edrans area died on July 31. She was 79 years old.

On July 31, a near-tragic accident occurred on Lake Clementi near Brandon. Four young people were enjoying a canoe ride when the canoe suddenly tipped over. Fortunately, the young people – R. Lessells, W. Mensbergh, and the Misses Mary Brown and Gertie Harris - were wet but safe.

In Winnipeg on July 29 a marriage was performed between Mable Irene LESLIE, daughter of George Leslie of Drayton, Ontario

and William Owen KILKENNY, son of William Kilkenny of Broomhill, Manitoba. The bride was given in marriage by her brother A.F. Leslie. The flower girl was Velma Burnett. The couple will reside in Broomhill.

*Free Press* August 3, 1914

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann MATHESON, wife of Joyce Matheson. died August 2 at Cloverleaf near Hazelridge at the age of 30 years. She was buried in Moose Nose cemetery.

Thomas WILCOX of Souris died in Winnipeg on August 1. He was about 75 years old and had been a very successful farmer in the Souris area. Predeceased by his wife three years previously, he was survived by son Charles of Millbrook and six daughters: Mrs George Maitland and Mrs. Lionel Briadle, both of Souris; Mrs. A. Maitland and Mrs. Robert Bonner, both of Lyleton; Mrs. Thomas Farmer of Vancouver and one other daughter. He was buried in Pasadena, California.

A fire in Emerson yesterday destroyed the Palmerston Hotel. Its owner, Mr. Savoie, had purchased the hotel one month previously. He estimated losses at \$12,000 and insurance coverage at \$6,000. Also destroyed was the implement warehouse of H.T. Davis, who lost not only his warehouse but \$6,000 in stock.

*Free Press* August 5, 1914

From Hartney, it was noted that Alex DUTHIE, a noted farmer and foremost horseman from the Lauder district, had died on July 31. Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland on December 21, 1867, he had been a resident of the area for 27 years and a prominent Presbyterian official. His cousin, William Duthie, is a noted Scottish shorthorn breeder in Collynia, Scotland. Alex is survived by his widow, two young daughters and one son. Also surviving are ten brothers and sisters – James Duthie and Mrs. George Morrison of Hartney, Mrs. Ed Irvine of Lauder, Peter Duthie, Mrs. Starks and Mrs. Sharpe, all of Michigan, George Duthie, Mrs. Rodway and Mrs. Brock all of Vancouver and Mrs. Ellice of Portland, Oregon.



Postal stations opened August 1 at Beaman, Davis Point, Moose Bay and Shergrove, Manitoba.

*Free Press* August 10, 1914

Young farmer, J. POWELL, unmarried, of the Hazelridge area disappeared July 26 and was located by farmer Isaac Cook, lying dead near a Winnipeg power line.

*Winnipeg Free Press* August 12, 1914

James Wilkie TOSHAK, 70 years, a resident of Winnipeg and Kildonan, died August 10. He was born in Ramsay Twp., Lanark Co., Ontario, and came to the Winnipeg area 35 years ago; where he farmed at Middlechurch and Kildonan. He was a member of the Kildonan Oddfellows Lodge. Surviving are son John of Middlechurch and daughter Mrs. Wm. Marshall of St. Catherines, Ontario as well as brothers Andrew of Balmoral and Robert of Kildonan and nephew W.E. Toshak. Burial was in Kildonan Cemetery.

There is a photo on page 16 of this issue of the *Free Press*, showing a number of immigrants from France who settled in the St. Claude and Notre Dame de Lourdes area, who are returning to France, to fight alongside their countrymen. They left Winnipeg on August 11.

*Brandon Mail* April 26, 1894

Last week, the town Council of Minnedosa instructed the clerk to write to the Postmaster in Ottawa, referring to the mail service over the Saskatchewan and Western Railway to Rapid City. It was ridiculous that a letter to the latter town has to go 155 miles before it is delivered, the two towns being only 20 miles apart!

Post Office Inspector H.H. Phinney raided the Wakopa post office recently because the local post master was in the habit of using previously cancelled stamps. Phinney laid information before Justice of the Peace John Williams, who fined the Wakopa postmaster \$10.00 and costs - \$15.00 is very costly for a 3 cent stamp, noted the newspaper.

## **Are These Your Ancestors?**

*Kathy Stokes #125*

*(From reports in the Winnipeg Free Press and the Winnipeg Tribune of the day.)*

These are days of information overload, where news organizations often give us more details on events than we really need to know, and where social media is full of uninformed comment on subjects we have not thought about for years. We think of this as a modern day phenomenon, but in the story below, you can see that things have not changed, except in volume of news, from a century ago.

*Manitoba Free Press*, August 1, 1914

(A bit of background first)

Sir Rodmund Roblin, a Conservative, was re-elected to office by Manitobans as the head of the provincial government on July 10, 1914. His Conservative party machine had delivered the votes across the province. Among groups which gave Roblin his new majority was an organization of Ruthenians.

The Ruthenians and several other newly arrived groups of immigrants had goals, among other things, of being able to manage their own schools in their own language, and not to have education made compulsory. Premier Roblin supported these goals, realizing that as long as he did, the immigrant groups would support him.

At the same time, Roblin was embroiled in ongoing debates about voting rights for women. Nellie Mc Clung was the highly visible leader of this latter cause.

To further the connection between the Roblin government and the Ruthenians, a government newspaper, *CANADA*, had been developed with its first issue on the streets in September, 1913. It was targeted to, and, written by, Ruthenians. Theodore Stefanyk, the first Ruthenian to sit on Winnipeg City Council, owned the company which published the paper. Paul Gigejczuk also worked closely on the newspaper. The editor was, as *The Free Press* noted, "the notorious Karmanski" (no first name noted).

According to *The Free Press*, *CANADA* has been, from its inception, an organ for the carrying out the secret undertaking by Roblin; that nationalist religious propaganda of certain Ruthenian leaders would be allowed “in full swing” to continue if Conservatives won the election.

On August 1, 1914, *The Free Press* published an article with the headline, “Orange Jingoists and Presbyterian Bulldogs”. Authored by Karmanski, it was a vicious attack on the Liberals (the official opposition), and contained language and attacks that we, a century later, are unlikely to hear in current reports.

At the time the editorial was written in *CANADA*, Karmanski was in the employ of the government as a teacher at the Ruthenian Training School in Brandon, which trained students of Ruthenian origin to become teachers.

The Minister of Education for Manitoba, Hon. George R. Coldwell took credit for having appointed Karmanski. Coldwell noted that he regretted Canada’s not having more men of Karmanski’s type. The Training School was closed a couple of years later, in 1916. What effect would a rabid educator like Karmanski have had on impressionable minds of young people, many of them new to the country and looking for leadership from those who had come before?

Karmanski wrote in *CANADA*,

“The Liberals, seeing that they could not secure election by legal and ordinary means, selected other means.... they called together all Protestant churches, all Orangemen (a secret Protestant Jingoist society) and all those societies of women who walk the streets with their dogs and want to get into Parliament.

“To know who these ladies are, it is suffice to recall the delegation which waited upon Premier Roblin to ask for the franchise. Sir Rodmund listened attentively to their speeches and said, “I notice in your speeches that you emphasize the justice of your cause, but you ask me at the same time to commit an injustice. Very well, I

will give you your franchise, but I will give it to your servant girls as well”.

“Thereupon the ladies turned up their noses and left the chambers like wet hens. You see, they wanted only the rich women to have the vote. These are just the women who support the Liberals. One of them, Mrs. McClung, personally undertook to clean out all the dirty corners of Manitoba and told the people all sorts of fantastic stories about Premier Roblin. We are not surprised. It is well known that every woman’s tongue is a detractor of others, especially when it is paid \$25.00 per day”. (McClung was reportedly paid that amount for her work with the Liberal Party). Karmanski noted that whenever the devil cannot succeed, a woman must be employed.

“Some of our people worked very ardently during the campaign for the Liberals to the detriment of our national interests. They are helping the Orangemen in their work of assimilation for the rewards of Judas Iscariot.

“Protestants spend thousands of dollars every year amongst these renegades to carry on their destructive work and to destroy our language and everything that is dear to us. The Protestants pay and the traitors do the dog’s work faithfully as dogs ought to do. If the Orangemen with their traitorous allies made up their minds to cut our throats, as they did with the Irishmen’s in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, then the Presbyterian bulldogs and blood hounds would certainly be to the fore in the work.”

Karmanski had described Canada in a poem as, “Canada, thou sly, base harlot”.

Premier Roblin was forced to go to the polls again just a year later, in August, 1915, because of the Legislative Building construction scandal. This meant the end of the Conservative newspaper, *CANADA*. Karmanski’s vitriolic prose no longer appeared.

Politics today are not always cleanly fought (attack ads come to mind) but the tone, if not the words has improved somewhat. If you watch Question Period in the House of Commons, you

can either be bored to sleep many days or drown in bafflegab.

From the *Winnipeg Tribune* October 3, 1914: some sage thoughts from “Sayings of Mrs. Solomon translated by Helen Rowland”.

– *The only consolation a girl has in not having been born a man is that she can marry one.*

– *Love and marriage have always been confused with one another, just like snow and Christmas, simply because they occasionally happen to be coincident.*

### **MGS Research Services**

Having trouble with your research, or just don't know where to start? MGS offers [Research Services](#) (for a fee). Our talented researchers are available to help you break down those walls. Call the MGS office on Thursday at (204) 783-9139 for further information.

## **Our Library**

Mavis Gray #008



## **Church Histories and Our Family History**

Churches were usually an important part of the lives of our ancestors, and finding more information about the churches they attended can help us to fill in some of the blanks in our family histories.

The MGS Library and Resource Centre has a number of histories of churches, both general and individual. Most are from Manitoba, and a few are from other places. There are also some directories of members.

Some examples:

### **General**

*Ukrainian Catholic Churches of Winnipeg Archeparchy* by Anna Maria Kowcz-Baran. 1991.  
(Manitoba 282 KOW)

*Prairie Spirit – Perspectives on the Heritage of The United Church of Canada in the West* edited by Dennis L. Butcher [and others]. University of Manitoba Press, 1985.  
(Manitoba 287 PRA)

*Presbyterian Pioneer Missionaries in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia* [computer file] by Hugh McKellar. Originally published in 1924. (CD-ROM 285 McK)

### **Histories of Individual Churches and Parishes**

*St. George's Transcona Anglican Church – Celebrating 100 years.* 2011. (Manitoba 283 WINN STG2)

*For a Hundred Years...Grassmere United Church, 1875-1975* by Helen Sissons. 1975.  
(Manitoba 971.27 ROCK FOR)

*St. Charles Catholic Church, 1854-2004.* 2004.  
(Manitoba 282 WINN STC)

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### Book Reviews

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### Unique Items in the MGS

Everybody knows that a library has lots of books, but perhaps you are not aware of some of the more unusual books and other resources at MGS. Try these:

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**Family Tree** (USA) (Dec 2013) Tips for planning a trip to your ancestral homeland.

**SCAN** (Simcoe County, ON) (Nov 2013) Ideas for genealogical gifts.



*“She was engaged to a boyfriend  
with a wooden leg but she broke it  
off.”*

## You Think English is Easy??

Submitted by Joyce Elias #1519

*(Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.)*

*(Taken from the Internet. This took a lot of work to put together, probably by a retired English teacher!)*

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture..

5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.

6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

10) I did not object to the object.

11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.

13) They were too close to the door to close it.

14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.

15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.

16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are animal organs.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the

plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

P.S. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

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## Tummon Tales

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In 1806, Matthew Wilson decided to sell some land. It was a lucky day for me when he did because the paper trail created is the gold for which family historians pan.

## Caveat Emptor

'Let the buyer beware' is a very old proverb. When it comes to land, buyers are particularly careful, demanding proof of ownership. This wariness has provided lots of work for lawyers over the years, and has been the impetus behind the creation of land-title registries. Fortunately for me, Matthew's decision to sell required the services of a lawyer.

## Early Genealogy

Matthew Wilson intended to sell an estate he had inherited. In order to prove ownership, Matthew had his lawyer construct an *Abstract of Title*, summarizing all of the transfers of title from the time the Wilson family became involved, through to the current (1806) date. To create it, original sale documents had to be viewed and abstracted, and other documents relevant to that land (e.g., wills) had to be transcribed and appended. Over 200 years ago the lawyer, George Robinson, performed the work of a genealogist; prepared a summary, witnessed and verified, and left it for me to find. And, someone else paid him to do this work – bonus!

The *Abstract* reports that in March of 1719, Matthew Wilson and Samuel Tumham, both Yeomen of Wrangborough, in the parish of Kirkby, in the county of York, acquired the estate from William Arthur, Gentleman, for £115. This estate or 'message' consisted of 1 cottage, 1 barn, 2 stables, 2 cow-houses, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 10 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 10 acres of pasture, and common of pasture for all cattle, with appurtenances, in Bentley, Yorkshire, England.

There was a further agreement that the land was reserved:

*to the use and behalf of the said Matthew Wilson and Mary, his wife, and the said Samuall Tumham for and during the term of their three natural lives and the life of the longest liver of them, and from and after the death of the longest liver of them then to the use and behalf of John Tumham, son of the said Marye Wilson by John Tumham her former husband,*



*deceased, and to the heirs of his body, and for want of such if such, then to the use and behalf of John Wilson, son of the said Matthew Wilson and Mary his wife...*

So, here we learn that Mary was married twice and had two sons named John – John Tumham Jr. and John Wilson. Her husband, Matthew Wilson, and her former brother-in-law, Samuel Tumham, bought land to secure the future of her eldest child, John Tumham Jr., whose father had died before he was born.

There is a further note in the *Abstract* that Samuel Tumham outlived Matthew and Mary Wilson and his nephew John Tumham “*took the Estate*”. It goes on to say:

*John Tumham sometime afterwards, died intestate, leaving heir 3 sons Richard, John, and Matthew. Richard therefore took the Estate as eldest brother and heir at law.*

Richard was 6 when he inherited. During his short life (23 years), the estate was expanded. In the 32<sup>nd</sup> Year of the reign of George II (1759), an *Enclosures Act* was passed. Richard Tummond, the then owner of Bentley, was granted a parcel of land out of the former Bentley Common that consisted of 3 acres, 3 roods, and 1 perch.

There is a further note that “*the said Richard Tummond died intestate and without heirs, and John, his eldest brother, took the said Estate as his heir at law.*”

### **All in the Family**

In 1766, John Wilson, remember him? – The son of Matthew Wilson and Mary, and half brother of John Tumham Jr. This also made him the half uncle of the John Tumham who inherited from brother Richard. John Wilson wanted to purchase the land at Bentley from his half nephew, John Tumham. This was okay by John Tumham the third, as he had a farm at Burgwallis, York with his wife Elizabeth. So, the farm at Bentley was sold to John Wilson for £60, to be paid in two installments. This gave John Wilson the right to the land “*for his heirs forever.*” There is no evidence that any

Tumham or Wilson ever lived on this land – it was a rental property.

In 1788 the last will and testament of John Wilson was probated. According to the *Abstract*, John left the Estate at Bentley to his ‘*dear wife Sarah for and during her natural life*’, then it would go to his son, Matthew Wilson for him and his heirs forever. John named his son Matthew as the Executor, and required him to pay, out of the Estate and within 12 months of John’s death, £100 to each of his 3 daughters—Sarah, the wife of John Wilton, Ann, otherwise Nancy, the wife of James Dixon, and Susanna, the wife of Thomas Beetham. He also directed Matthew Wilson to pay:

*Unto his son in law John Tumham the sum of £30 and unto his brother Matthew Tumham and his sister Mary the wife of Arthur Hardisty the sum of £5 apiece.*

In 1806, to remove any possibility of liens against the estate, the then owner, Matthew Wilson, had to prove that he had paid the bequests his father had left. Matthew claimed to have made the payments but not to have collected receipts. His lawyer, George Robinson, prepared a quitclaim for the beneficiaries to sign, asserting that they had indeed received the bequests.

### **Proving the Line**

This quitclaim identified the current (1806) addresses of the beneficiaries named in the will of John Wilson, which had been written in 1784 and probated in 1788. Several of the beneficiaries had moved. Of particular interest to me was Matthew Tumham. The quitclaim identified him as “*Matthew Tumham of the County of Cornwall*”.

I had traced my family back from Canada to Cornwall. A Matthew Tummon was the first Tummon to appear in the County records—a marriage on December 8, 1784 in St. Merryn, to Catherine Kent. He was a widower and she a widow. My 4X great-grandfather, Samuel Tummon, an agricultural labourer, was born about 1773, according to marriage and death records in St. Merryn, but there was no indication of birthplace. Samuel Tummon

married Ann (Martha) Morcomb, and a few years later her sister, Elizabeth, married Cotton Tummon. I believed, as did other researchers, Samuel and Cotton were most likely brothers, and Matthew was probably their father.

A baptism of a Samuel Tummond to a Matthew Tummond in Kirksmeaton, Yorkshire on February 27, 1774 seemed to support this belief. But, Cornwall is a long way from Yorkshire, and there was no corresponding baptism for a Cotton Tummon (unusual name) located anywhere, using on-line indexes from various sources. Eventually, using only the given name of Cotton as search criteria, in the IGI for Yorkshire there was an eureka moment—Cotton Tumham, son of Matthew Tumham, was also baptized in Kirksmeaton. Then, the quitclaim that identified Matthew Tumham, originally from Yorkshire, living in Cornwall in 1806, came to light. Here was the proof linking my 5X great-grandfather, Matthew Tummon, with the Tumhams of Yorkshire

Using the records on FamilySearch.org, and the original images of parish registers and Bishop's Transcripts from West Yorkshire on Ancestry.com, I have been able to trace the Tummon/Tumham's back to my 9X great-grandfather, John, father of Cotton, and grandfather of John Tumham who married Mary. And when Mary then married Matthew Wilson, she introduced the Wilson name into the family tree. It was her grandson, Matthew Wilson, who sold the land in 1806.

### **More Twists in the Tale**

This is not quite where the Tummon Tale ends. I discovered that Mary was not the only woman to marry a Tumham, then as a young widow, marry a Wilson. Her daughter-in-law had done the same thing.

Sarah Law had married John Tumham Jr. in 1738. They had 4 children, whom you've already met in this tale—Richard, John 3, Matthew, and Mary (later Hardisty). When her husband, John Tumham Jr. died in 1745, Sarah married ... are you ready? John Wilson, son of Mary and Matthew Wilson and therefore half brother to her first husband. Her son by John

Wilson, Matthew Wilson, sold the land in 1806, the land that her husband, John Wilson, had purchased from her son, John Tumham 3, in 1766. John Wilson would likely have managed the land while his stepson, Richard, was a child.

Sarah's second marriage explains why John Wilson used the term '*son in law*' to describe John Tumham 3 in his will, rather than nephew. It also explains why he left money to Matthew and Mary, as they were also his stepchildren. Matthew Tumham and Matthew Wilson were half-brothers.

Matthew Tumham, as a third son, had no chance to inherit land. And so, for reasons still to be determined, he moved his family across the country to settle in Cornwall. There, his older sons became agricultural labourers. His younger sons, from his second marriage, fared a little better – farmer and innkeeper.

### **Another Bonus**

Attached to the quitclaim was one final piece of information – an abstract of births and deaths of the Tumham and Wilson families of South Kirkby, Yorkshire, prepared and signed by the Vicar in 1806. If not for this and the *Abstract of Title*, I would not have known Mary's name and death date, nor of her marriage to Matthew Wilson, and all of the complex family relationships that resulted, as some of the original parish records have since been lost.

So, thank-you George Robinson, lawyer and unsuspecting genealogist!

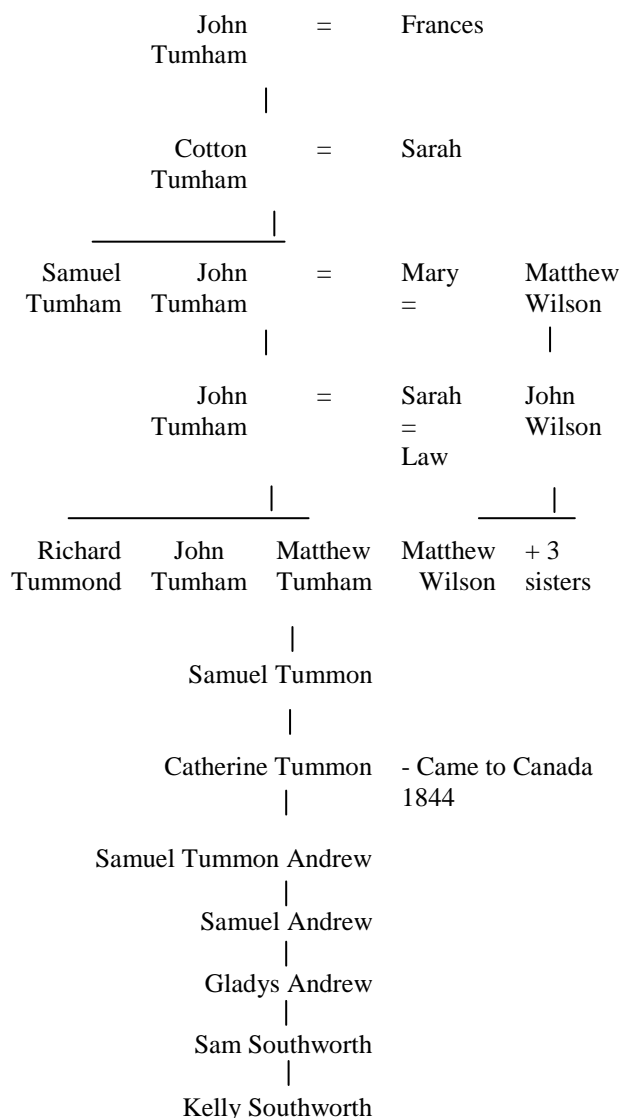
### **What Did We Do Before the Web?**

This story was made possible by the wonders of the Internet. The indexes of parish registers at FamilySearch.org, and the original images of the registers at Ancestry.com, as well as the incredible indexes to the holdings of the Sheffield Archives in Yorkshire, are available to search on the Access to Archives (A2A) site: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/)

The records of the sale survived because the land was sold to Sir George Wheatley, Baronet, whose family papers are in the custody of the Sheffield Archives. Without A2A, how would someone researching a family from Cornwall,

with possible connections to West Yorkshire, ever think to look in archives located in South Yorkshire? The benefit of being able to search the catalogues of hundreds of archives with one simple query is beyond description.

#### Tummon/Tumham Family Tree



#### Canadian Follow-up

My 3X great-grandparents, Catherine Tummon and Thomas Andrew, had ten children born in Cornwall, and buried at least two, the last in February 1844. Records show they emigrated later in 1844, settling in Hastings County, Ontario. Here they joined Catherine's sisters – Martha, wife of Charles Martyn, and Elizabeth, wife of James Hoskins Sr. who had arrived in

1843. The families were still neighbours on the 1851 census. Cotton Tummon, their brother, and his wife Jane Spear joined them in Hastings in 1856. The Canadian Tummon descendants are numerous.

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#### “Lord Elphinstone is, ..., a voice of Authority”

*Muriel Rzepa Koscielny*

*(This is the second of three articles concerning Lord Elphinstone.*

*Muriel is an active octogenarian, with a deep passion for the history of Manitoba. She was born of peasant farmers, the first Slavic-Canadian tenants on land belonging to good friends of Lord Elphinstone. Muriel was born just outside the town of Elphinstone and attended the Elphinstone School, but knew little of the town's namesake. This article is based on a recent presentation Muriel gave to the Fort Garry Historical Society earlier this year. She is a retired teacher and can still give the Elphinstone School cheer, but you have to ask her!)*

There exists today no debate that William Buller Fullerton Elphinstone played a significant role in the development of Manitoba as a province in Canada. There exists also, however, at no place in the official records of our country, where this role becomes documented. The purpose of this

article is therefore to provide a beginning point from which a debate may be begun.

There was in the Red River Valley of Canada, in 1870, a flurry of activity occurring. A resistance had just now been quelled, surveyors were standing the ready, and a people were being driven from their homes. In the meanwhile, in London, England, a lord was sitting poring over some maps of a faraway place, This lord was none other than William Buller Fullerton Elphinstone, a descendant of a long line of aristocrats; and he was pondering on the wisdom of the purchase of lands in faraway places.

Britain had, by the 1850s, taken a foothold in almost every corner of the world; Western Canada being now, perhaps, its last and final challenge. Would the 15<sup>th</sup> Lord Elphinstone be up to the task?

Having studied his maps and taken some carefully measured steps, William Elphinstone was now, eight years later, in possession of some of Manitoba's finest grazing lands. An article in a January, 1975 issue of the *Winnipeg Free Press* informs us that thirteen sections of land had been gifted to Elphinstone by Queen Victoria. Her Lord-in-waiting was to establish here, north of Newdale, a cattle and sheep ranch. An additional four sections in the Virden area were set aside, where a manor house fit for a Lord was to be built.

Constructed of Manitoba fieldstone, the Elphinstone house stood for nearly one hundred years, being allowed over the years to fall into a state of disrepair. This house was demolished in 1975.

In a lecture given following his first journey to Canada, William Elphinstone is illuminating.

The lecture is not only encouraging, it is inspiring. William finds our countryside panoramic, its air refreshing, and his hardships real. Pemmican, for example, does not suit the palate; nor do the ruts of our roads offer comfort. Even so, there exists here in Manitoba, for Elphinstone, much potential. Although there is, in his lecture, considerable space devoted to

the detailing of Canada's *Dominion Lands Act*, there is also at no place an explanation as to how Elphinstone himself was able, without the burden of our *Lands Act*, to acquire the lands which he did. Elphinstone does state however that to have money is helpful.



**PHOTO:** The original Lord Elphinstone Manor modelled after the family home in Britain.

If then, he was a land speculator (which sources confirm he was) and if he was a man of means, (which as a Lord-in-waiting he would have been), then it follows that William Elphinstone was also a carrier of a culture. Enveloped in the mantle of the British aristocracy, Lord Elphinstone set on his estate at the Hidden Valley Ranch at the edge of the town of Virden, the tone of that which would become, in time, the 'style' of the Province of Manitoba. Cloaked in the wraps of but time and history and privilege – and money, the 15<sup>th</sup> Lord Elphinstone could now undertake, since the native peoples had been removed, to lead his own peoples into a position of a political dominance. There is no keener example than his directorship in the building of Canada's transcontinental railway to show the capacity of this lord to lead. Except for the fact, perhaps, that there exists still the matter of a "little red schoolhouse".

And so, let us ask how any child which ever walked through the doors of Elphinstone School District No. 196, and let us then determine, what emotion in the soul of this child does the word "Elphinstone" evoke?

Then, together let us ...

*"Helter skelter, Hobble..."*



(To be continued ...)



## Product Review – Heredis 2104

David Farmer #2277

*(In a attempt to bring new and hopefully valuable information to the readers of Generations, we have included a first for us, in the form of a new product review. Comments are welcome.)*

During the summer of 2013 I was approached by a Genealogical Tool software company and asked if I would like to try their latest genealogical software. Since I really like getting free stuff, I said ‘sure’. And so I had my first introduction to the Heredis Genealogical software package. Currently I am running Heredis 2014 and will be reviewing that release in this article.

Obviously I cannot review the entire product, with all its features, functions and tools in this article (it would be way too long!), but I will try to give the highlights and why I think it is a tool worth taking a look at, if you are in the market for a genealogical program. I will focus on the features I like and why I like them.

### Heredis Background

Heredis is French in origin and was first launched in 1994 with the creation of Heredis for Macintosh. It was started by a software programmer, who along with his family was interested in genealogy, but could not find anything in the marketplace that met their needs. The program was originally written for the MAC operating system.

Over the past twenty years, Heredis has undergone many enhancements culminating in Heredis 2014 for Windows and MAC in Europe

and worldwide, along with Heredis Online, a new service for publishing genealogical data and research on the Internet.

Some of the major milestones have been:

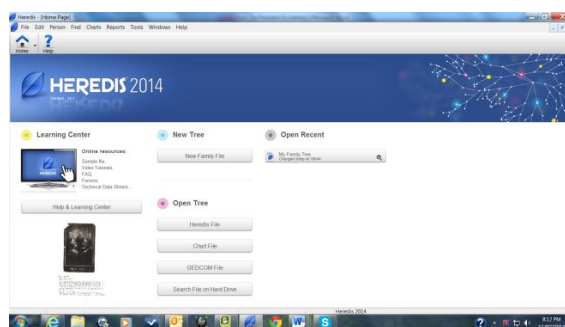
- 1995 – Launch of Heredis for Windows
- 1996 – Heredis voted best non-gaming software at Apple Expo
- 2001 – First version of Heredis for Mac aimed at international markets
- 2006 – Heredis voted favourite genealogy software in France, according to GFK France Research Institute
- 2012 – Launch of Heredis Blue Suite for PC, Mac and iOS in France and internationally

The development team is located in Montpellier, at the Millénaire the Silicon Valley of France.

### Getting Started

I figured it would be good to have some real live data in Heredis 2014, so that I would know if the program was in fact working properly and in the way I wanted it to perform. And I wanted to be able to compare Heredis to my current genealogy tool and see how things matched up.

So I fired up the program to see where it would lead me. The Home page came up and provided all I needed to know.



Screen 1: Heredis 2014 Home Page

I clicked on the New Family File tab, under the New Tree heading, which allowed me to give a name to my tree and to modify the default file

location on my hard drive. My new tree appeared under the Open Recent heading. Interestingly the tab showing the name of my tree, also shows the date it was last changed (or in this case created).

But of course there is no data. I wanted the comparison to be as real as possible, so I figured I needed to load my data into Heredis 2014. I have over 4,000 names, 2,000 families and who knows how many locations, along with media (photos, certificates, etc.), so I was not keen on retyping it all.

On the Home Page there is a GEDCOM tab, under the Open Tree heading. I clicked on this tab, which took me to my hard drive directory where I found my GEDCOM file (I made sure to create one that was up to date.) Once I selected the file, the rest was easy.

When the GEDCOM file is 'opened', Heredis 2104 gives you the option to make changes as to how your data will be displayed and stored (for example, you can hide all the information on those people still living, even if they were not hidden in the source program).

Once the import of the GEDCOM file was completed (took about 10 minutes), the data in Heredis 2014 was identical to that in my original program – now I was ready to compare features.

My test approach was to do something in my original program and then replicate that same function in Heredis 2014.

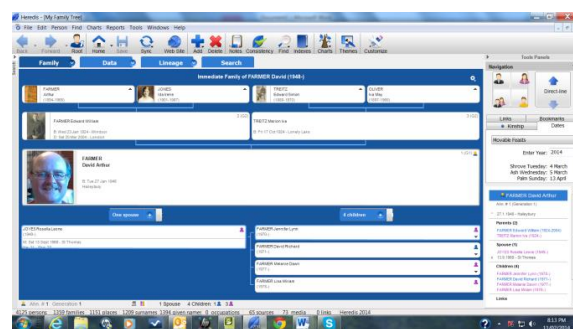
I added individuals, editing existing data, added media, created notes, changed family relationships, etc. In all cases, Heredis 2014 performed well. At first it was faster and easier for me to enter data into my regular tool, but that was due to being unfamiliar with the navigation and layout of screens, however, with the use of the excellent help information (you can download the User Guide, which shows all the functions in a very simple layout). There is always a learning curve with a new product; this the time difference was minutes.

But after a few weeks of working with both programs, I found I was upating Heredis 2014

first and then my original program (not something I expected to happen).

## Program Features

Like any of the genealogical programs out there, Heredis 2014 provides all the basic capabilities to add individuals, families, build relationships, enter personal data of all types and additional information as needed.



**Screen 2:** An individual's data shown in the Personal Data format (can also show in a Family Group Sheet format)

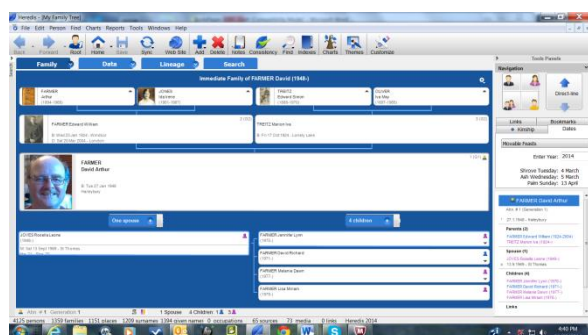
But one of the nice features of the data screen is the amount of data shown, in addition to the individual's personal data. Heredis 2014 makes good use of icons and media, rather than just text as with other programs. (you can even change the Theme and have your screens in a variety of colours to suit your moods; perhaps YOU would prefer Chocolate, Pistachio or Marshmallow?)

Down the right-hand-side of this screen is displayed (from top to bottom): relationships (the four 'people' icons); Direct-Line which allows the user to move up or down the direct lineage of the individual being displayed on the screen; the four tabs provide easy access to other information as per the name on the tab (Kinship, ie. Parents, grandparents, etc. can be locked to prevent others from seeing more than they should); and finally at the bottom is a listing of the individual's parents, spouse(s) and children again providing easy and quick access to other individuals. Colour is well used in the Heredis 2014 product, male names are blue, female are pink. Perhaps seemingly trite, I find it helpful, as for years in my other tool I had always assumed Wrestling Brewster was a male, not so!! So a little colour reminder is helpful.

There is a toolbar across the top of every screen providing access to other functions and features. One that caught my eye that I find very cool is the ‘consistency’ icon. This neat little tool checks the consistency of the data for the individual being displayed. It checks on things such as death dates after birth dates, or children’s birth dates after a reasonable age of the individual, etc. If it finds no inconsistencies, you can check it as being consistent and it will not check again. You can even create a report listing all the inconsistencies, which you could use in your research.

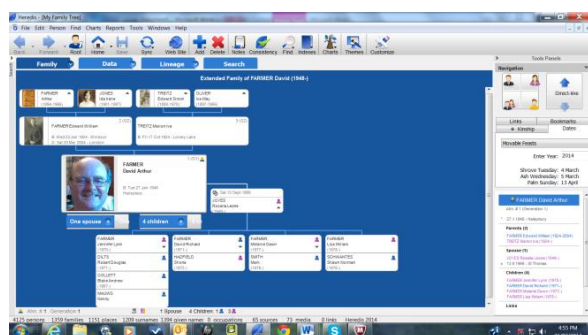
There are four tabs across the top: Family, Data, Lineage, Search, each of which provides you with different views or functions.

Under Family, you can show the Immediate Family of the individual (complete with pictures and other media)

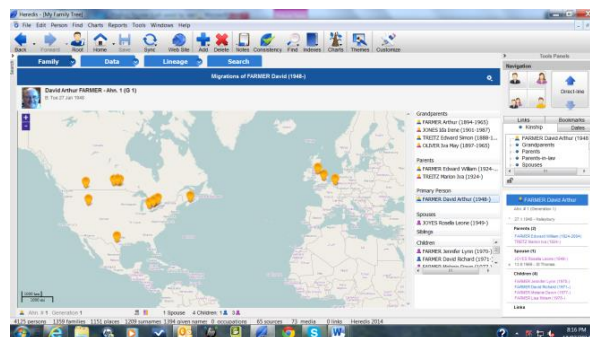


**Screen 3:** Immediate Family information

The Extended Family provides information on more people, but less detail.



**Screen 4:** Extended Family information



**Screen 5:** Map of migration information

And finally under Family is Migrations. This is another very cool feature. Migrations produces a map showing each of the individual’s locales, and when hovering the cursor over a push-pin, will display information about that individual.

It is not possible to go through in detail all of the features and functions, so let me just highlight some of the ones that I found fun, interesting or useful.

Under Lineage, with one click you can produce a Pedigree Chart of ancestors or a listing of descendants. Again all of this is based on the individual currently being displayed.

And in all cases the right-hand-side of the screen described earlier stays the same, continuing to give you access to anyone associated with that individual’s family, in a concise and prompt manner.

You can easily add events associated with an individual or a spouse or family, such as Religious Marriage, Marriage Contracts, etc. These events are then displayed on the same page as the individual’s data. Again a feature I particularly like is the amount of data and navigation available on the page, while keeping the page clean looking. The use of icons and media is clear and concise in what you are looking at or the function that is being provided.

Another useful feature is found on the right-hand-side of the page under the Navigation Tools, and that is the Dates tab. Clicking on this tab provides you with a list of Moveable Feasts (such as Easter, etc.). By entering the year you are interested in, Heredis 2014 will return the date associated with the feasts for that year. This can be very helpful when all you know is

that a couple got married on Easter Sunday in 1873! (April 6 by the way).

A lot of information can be easily added to an individual through tabs and pull-downs. For example, under Spouse, it is possible to select the status (i.e., divorced, engaged, separated, etc.) from the pull-down. The same can be done regarding the status of a child. These tools save typing, reduce errors and ensure consistency in terms throughout your family information.

There are also many new features such as the Extended Family View, Migrations Map plus a Research Wizard, the ability to Search for Relationships and Web Search and Publishing.

Along with functions related to working with personal data, Heredis also has a couple of different functions, which will no doubt be useful to some:

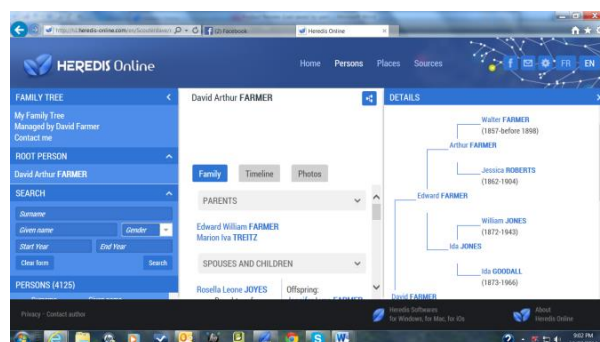
*Sync –*

- My original program also has a *Sync* function, but it is used for keeping a personal file (i.e. on your desktop) in sync with an online version of the family file, within the same program product.
- With Heredis 2014, the *Sync* function allows you to share data between operational platforms, through either a USB port or a hard drive. This is a good feature in my home, where my wife is a Mac user and I am a PC user. I can ‘sync’ changes to my tree onto a USB drive, which she can then plug into her Ipad and get all the changes loaded into the Mac version of Heredis 2014. This feature can greatly add in portability for researchers, etc.

*Web site –*

Also on the ToolBar, is the Website icon. Clicking on this icon will take you to Heredis Online, where you can easily create your own, customized web site, showing your family tree, with others being able to access it. Each time

you go to Heredis Online it will upload any new data it finds.



**Screen 6:** Heredis Online Webpage of my family tree.

## Heredis Online

In this day and age, having information on the Internet and access to data stored on the Internet is a primary requirement. Heredis 2014 provides this capability.

Under the File item on the toolbar, there is Heredis Online pointing to Publish. By selecting this and answering a couple of questions on display criteria (what to display, what not to display), name of page, etc., it is very simple to create a web page of your family tree. You can customize the page with photos and other information.

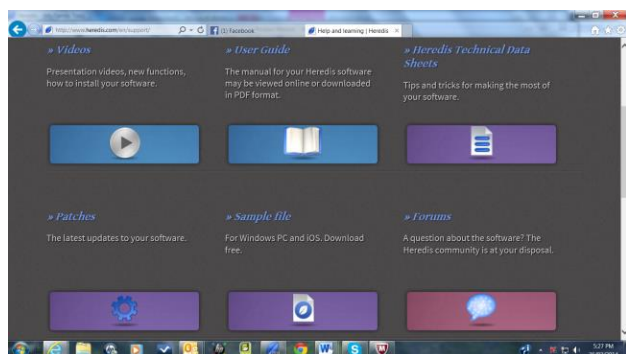
Heredis Online will create the family tree within Heredis, at no charge (there is no need to pay for a service provider). When your page is created, you can save the URL (the Internet address) and provide that to others, so they can visit your page and review your family tree. Family, friends and other genealogists can all have access, you decide!

In addition to simply displaying your information, Heredis Online also creates some interesting statistics to display (most common location, most common name etc.). It is easy to move around in the web page and you have the ability to customize it to a large extent.

Heredis Online will evolve in the weeks and months to come. This service will be constantly evolving, in order to bring you the best for your genealogy.



## Heredis 2014 Online Help and Learning Centre



**Screen 7:** A portion of the Help available on the Learning Centre page.

There is an excellent, easy to use Learning Centre, giving the user access to information on all supported platforms; videos showing getting started information and the ability to download User Guides in pdf format. These User Guides are simple, informative and easy to use.

### Issues and Bugs

To be honest, there have not been very many problems in using Heredis 2014. There is a bit of a learning curve, due to the format in which it presents information, but that is not different than any other new program. Once you are familiar with it, it is quite straight forward.

I have experienced a couple of minor issues, not show stoppers, but:

- On some personal data screens, one or two of the data boxes seem to be under sized, lopping off the tops of words. No data is lost, but it is a bit frustrating. I have not been able to fix the issue.

- Like many users, I forgot my password. The process is quite simple to get a new one; however when the screen came up into which I could type my new password, the text was all in French! Perhaps not a big problem here in Manitoba or even Canada, but a bug nonetheless. As we go to press, I have learned that this bug has been fixed.

Although not really a problem, Heredis has jammed so much good stuff into Heredis 2014, that it is a bit time-consuming navigating around, trying to determine what features and

functions you want to use. However that is part of the fun with a new product.

### Conclusion

As you can probably guess, I quite like Heredis 2014, and at the price point of less than \$50, I can easily recommend it for anyone looking for a fun, functional and effective personal genealogy program.

For more information and an opportunity to experience a Free Trial or to purchase your own copy of Heredis 2014, go to:

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### Help Wanted!

Having trouble finding an ancestor, or don't know where to look for certain types of information? Submit your query to *Generations* and perhaps a reader or two can give you some leads. If you need detailed or long-term help, then please contact our Research Team through the MGS address. We have no requests for help this issue, but be sure to send them in for the June issue.

## Information from Ships' Passenger Lists

*(Reprinted from Generations, Vol. 24, #4)*

Ships' passengers lists including ancestors coming to Canada are available on-line. They contain a great deal of information, particularly the ones from 1925 forward. For example, from 1926, here is a list of what can be found in the various columns completed from information provided by passengers.

- Family name and given name
- Relationship to family head
- Age
- Marital status
- Country and place of birth
- Race or people
- If in Canada before, between what periods and at what address
- Have you ever been refused entry to Canada or been deported from Canada?
- Do you intend to reside permanently in Canada
- Can you read? What language?
- By whom was your passage paid?
- What trade or occupations did you follow in your own country?
- What trade or occupation do you intend to follow in Canada?
- If destined to relative, friend or employer, state which and give address
- If not joining any person in Canada, give address in Canada to which you are going
- Give name, relationship and address of your nearest relative in the country from which you came. If your wife and children are to follow you later to Canada, give names and ages
- Have you or any of your family ever been mentally defective, physically defective, tubercular?
- Passport: number, date and place of issue

- Amount of money in possession belonging to passenger
- Method of travel inland

There are many Internet locations where you can find information on passenger ship lists. Some sites deal with a short period of time, while others provide a listing of all ships and time periods. Some of the more commonly used sites are:

- Ancestry.ca
- The Ships List @ theshipslist.com
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## For Photo Dating & Identification

*(Originally submitted by Kelly Southworth #4534 and updated to reflect the changes in the web sites)*

If you are struggling to identify or date photographs in your family collection, I suggest using the information on the Find My Past web site. There is a Blog, written by a British costume historian, Jayne Shrimpton, with fantastic information. You can access it for free from the main page of the site.

Go to [www.findmypast.co.uk/](http://www.findmypast.co.uk/) Scroll to the bottom, right-hand corner of the home page and click on the "Read Our Blog" line, preceded by an orange square. This will open a new window with several Blog choices. From the listing of the blog topics (you will have to scroll back a few pages possibly), select "Ask the Photo Expert – old family photos". For more than the current article that appears, you can click on the 'tag' at the bottom of the page, "photo dating" to go to more related items. You can print the entire series, but be aware, this will take many pages!

The information in each instalment is illustrated with multiple photographs that you can click on to enlarge and view in detail. There are also several links to other sites for more information, as well as references to printed materials.

## An Old Latin Phrase Used in English Law

There is a phrase used in very old English records which may solve the mysteries of the disappearance of an ancestor. Mrs. A. Malin of the Northamptonshire FHS kindly explained its meaning.

ABJURED THE REALM was explained thus:

"Ecclesiastical sanctuary extended to the cartilage (the area attached to a church as part of its enclosure) of a church from which a criminal could not be removed. Within 40 days, a prisoner was permitted to take an oath by which he confessed his crime and swore to abjure the realm. This meant that the person was banished from the country. He named his port of departure and had to leave the church by the most direct route. Failing to do so meant that he became an outlaw and could be arrested by anyone.

"Amercement" or "In the King's Marcy" meant just that – the criminal was at the mercy of the King. Any chattels were confiscated.

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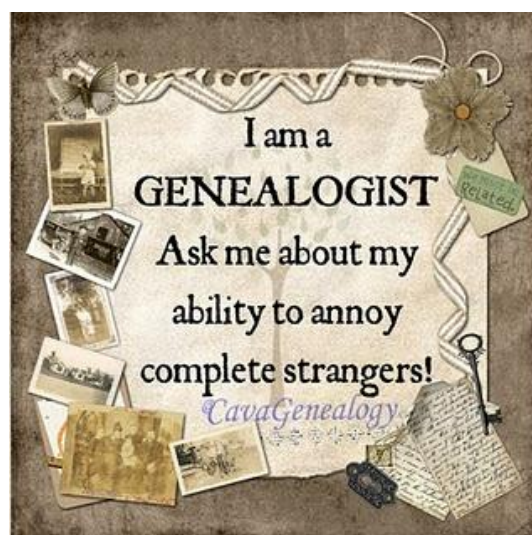
*(These quotes are actual correspondences received by the LDS church.)*

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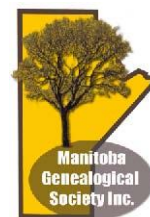
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