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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thelma Findlay, MGS # 820

Heritage in the 1990's - a conference was held in Edmonton on October 25-27, by joint direction of the Honourable Marcel Masse (Department of Communications) and the Honourable Robert de Cotret (Department of the Environment). Various 'heritage' representatives from across Canada attended this conference with the goal of defining heritage and its role in the 1990's in Canada. Detailed, regardless of significance, aspects/directions for heritage need to be identified/addressed for Canada. In comparing key speakers' presentations and informal discussions groups' concerns, it was quite obvious that all factors of 'heritage' had mutual concerns. Disciplines included genealogy, museums, archaeology, archivists, natural history, arts, etc. (to mention a few). It was quickly discovered that the 'definition' for heritage itself became a concern in that defining heritage could restrict boundaries of the definition, and re-evaluation would have to continue as the term, heritage, changed in the future.

Jim Edwards, representing the Minister of Communications, described heritage as "an interest whose time appears finally to have come ... Canadians must have a sense of their history if they are to meet the challenges of the 21st century. This is something that obviously cannot be accomplished in a couple of days. A more modest mission would be to acquire a better understanding of what these challenges will be, and to explore avenues that will make it possible for us to meet them." Mr. Edwards suggested a number of heritage challenges Canadians will face in the years ahead. Current heritage systems will have too few sites to preserve our maritime heritage, whose old port infrastructures, shipyards and vessels are no more protected or developed than is our industrial heritage. The richness of our religious heritage is seldom appreciated, and greater support is warranted for the archives and libraries "that struggle every day to protect our papers, books, photos, films and tapes from destruction". Northern and aboriginal heritage must not be forgotten, for certainly they must be considered the first human component of Canada's heritage.

Other key issues include the need to document rural heritage, protect natural heritage, and encourage local residents to take part in integrating heritage issues into

the town planning and development process. Several speakers followed Mr. Edwards, and in the same vein, noted heritage-oriented concerns and gave insight into various options for addressing those concerns. Like most things, time and finances were key issues associated in accomplishing heritage concerns.

Many suggestions came forth from this conference; some which could be of particular impact, include: a 1-800 number for heritage; a heritage council dealing with all aspects of heritage; needed cooperation with non-governmental organizations; redirection of resources to address heritage needs; recognition of community-based needs - a grassroots approach would be more suitable than a political list of instructions downwards to the grassroots; a consistency in heritage across all facets of heritage across the nation; financial assistance according to the needs of heritage vs. an allotment from government to be dispersed by year-end. An overwhelming consideration generated was that the government should be listening to the people at the grassroots level (their concerns, financial needs, etc.) and not continue to politically assume that this is what the people want and need. A mutual cooperative recipe of all levels of government and the Canadian people is essential for Heritage into the 1990's. Papers in regard to this conference are available for reading at the M.G.S. office.

Your comments and concerns may be addressed to my attention and will be incorporated into further discussions respecting Heritage into the 1990's. Efforts are currently in progress on a provincial level between heritage groups in Manitoba and the government to address local needs.

When addressing the annual grant application to the Manitoba Department of Culture, Heritage and Recreation, I noted with great admiration, the goals that the Society has achieved and the 'dreams' of what can yet be done. The term 'dreams' is used loosely here, in that most goals and objectives have resource implications (people and monetary) and the success of any of these goals depends upon those resources. To ALL the volunteers who have contributed in one way or another to the Society, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Without your continued contribution, unique research collections would not have evolved and existing collections would not have grown. Goals, regardless of size and accomplishment, would not have become a reality.

Particular emphasis should be directed to Education. In 1990, through the ongoing dedication of volunteers, presentations and displays have given Manitobans an opportunity to become aware of the Society and the services it provides. From Creative Retirement course to displays to radio talk shows, the Society's visibility has increased. And with this comes the awareness amongst

interested individuals, to discover mutually interested individuals doing family history.

In 1990, the Society has published some new items of interest. "Carved In Stone", Manitoba Cemeteries and Burial Sites, has blossomed under the able lead of Kathleen Stokes. This 93 page (8½x11) book concentrates on those cemeteries within the boundaries of organized governmental districts of the province. It lists the locations of all known cemeteries/burial sites within rural municipalities and is complemented with some notable pictures. "Library Holdings of the Manitoba Genealogical Society, Inc." is a complete up-to-date guide to the library holdings of the Society. Louisa Shermerhorn, Librarian, and associates are to be commended for this compilation which, no doubt benefits the members and users at large.

These are only some of the efforts of volunteers in the organization, but it is **IMPORTANT** that **YOU BECOME INVOLVED** - many small tasks can be accomplished, from typing and card indexing at home, to filing at the office. Contact any one of the individuals on the Executive (refer to inside front cover of the journal) to discuss your interest in sharing your time in some way.

Communication continues with Vital Statistics in Manitoba regarding access, etc.; however, due to the government's decentralization thrust and the position of the Vital Statistics Branch on this issue, turnover is in progress. Once further communication evolves, you will be informed.

In closing, I hope that 1990 has given many of you the opportunity to discover family history or present relatives to enrich your genealogical research and may 1991 be a year of great discoveries. **SEASONS' GREETINGS** to each of you!

Genealogically,



EAST EUROPEAN BRANCH NEWS

Brian J. Lenius, MGS #1303.

PAST MEETINGS - The first monthly branch meeting this fall was held on September 18, 1990 at the Norquay Building. Les Recksiedler was elected Vice President of the branch by acclamation. He replaced Thelma Findlay who resigned in order to become President of M.G.S. The membership approved of changing our fiscal year to coincide with M.G.S.'s year ending July 31. It was

decided that the current executive would be held over until June 1991 at which time an election of officers would take place to coincide with the new fiscal year beginning August 1.

The featured speaker for the evening was Hilda Matsuo, one of our own members. Hilda gave a very interesting talk and slide show on her trip to the U.S.S.R., Poland, and Austria this past summer. While in Europe she accumulated a large number of items, including archival material and artifacts, which were colourfully displayed at the meeting. She had visited relatives in Alma Ata, Kazakh S.S.R., Duschanbe, Tadzhik S.S.R. and Toniec, Poland (near Poznan). Some of her explorations included visits to the German Lutheran church in Toniec, Poland and the archives in Vienna. Hilda had taken requests from members before her trip and reported back with information, maps, and documents which was of great help and interest to the members.

On October 16, 1990, the branch's regular monthly meeting took place at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College. The meeting featured a presentation by William Schroeder. He is the author of "The Bergthal Colony" and more recently "The Mennonite Historical Atlas". Mr. Schroeder covered many different topics from sources of maps of east Europe to the making of maps including hints about what makes a map complete and also usable. Mr. Schroeder said that he had contacted most of the larger libraries in the world before finally coming upon the collection at the American Library of Congress. These maps, some of which are as detailed as 1:25,000, cover areas far into the U.S.S.R. He revealed an interesting story of how these maps got to the Library of Congress. Anyone interested in pursuing this source should know the exact location (latitude and longitude) and expect to have a lengthy waiting period (typically 3 months).

On November 20, 1990, our regular monthly meeting was again held at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College which featured a talk and tour by Lawrence Klippenstein, archivist of the Mennonite Heritage Centre at the College. Dr. Klippenstein outlined in detail the archival material at the centre including church records from some of the Mennonite colonies of southern Russia and from the northern part of Poland (Prussia). He told many interesting stories of how the centre had acquired some parts of its collections. Dr. Klippenstein also provided coffee for the both the October and November meeting nights. The branch would like to publicly thank him for his generous hospitality.

UPCOMING MEETINGS - On December 4, 1990 an executive meeting will be held at the M.G.S. Resource Centre. On December 12, 1990 an informal social get-together will be held at the home of Sandra Zuk. Members are encouraged to bring a few dainties or snacks and also

their latest research finds. There will be no business portion to the meeting and people can mingle on a one-to-one basis. All are encouraged to attend this fun event in order to meet the challenge of filling up Sandra's house.

The Norquay Building meeting room is not available any longer so meetings will revert back to Room 444, 167 Lombard Avenue (down the hall from the M.G.S. Resource Centre) unless otherwise notified. The January meeting will be held on January 15, 1991 and will focus on discussing various branch projects and attempt to determine the direction that the membership would like the branch to go.

The February meeting will be held on February 19, 1991 and will feature two "mini" presentations by Dave Olinyk and Rudolph Schlick dealing with Ukrainian and old German script. Dave will give a presentation on transliteration of the cyrillic alphabet (Ukrainian), confusion with different language spellings of place names, and his booklet which indexes all villages on maps, and the village writeups in the book 'The Tchortkiv District' (see THE TCHORTKIV DISTRICT in this column). Rudolph Schlick will give a presentation on interpreting the old German written and printed script. Rudolph has just recently completed the transcription from the old script, of thousands of names from the book "My Thirty two Ancestors and their Circle of Relatives". This book covers many families of German, Czech, and Polish ancestry primarily in the old Austrian province of Bohemia.

The March meeting will be held on March 19, 1991 in the orientation room (near the map section) at the Dafoe Library, University of Manitoba. It will involve a tour of the Map and Atlas section, with a possible visit to the Slavic Collection.

MAPS & GAZETTEERS - The branch has completed and submitted a grant application to the Manitoba Heritage Federation to obtain topographical maps from two series (1:200,000 and 1:100,000) which would cover all of east Europe, plus an appropriate storage unit for them. We should know by March whether or not we will receive the grant.

LOST AND FOUND - One item mentioned in the last issue of Generations was a photocopy of a "Petition for Naturalization" for the name STRZELEC found in an M.G.S. library book. Our announcement led to a reply by Ted Sholdra of Washington state. Along with his branch membership fee he sent an identical photocopy to the one which was found in the M.G.S. Resource Centre. This shows that no matter how much the odds seem against success, it often surprises us.

THE TCHORTKIV DISTRICT - In the last issue of Generations, the M.G.S. Resource Centre made a request for someone to translate the lists of names at the back of the book 'The Tchortkiv District'. The book is written in Ukrainian (cyrillic) and contains writeups on virtually all villages in four counties in the south east corner of the area known as Galicia. The Tchortkiv ("Czortkow" in Polish) District represents one of the heaviest source areas of immigration for Ukrainians who came to Canada.

A number of years ago Dave Olinyk created a research aid based on this book. All village names were translated to their Polish equivalents, indexed and referenced to the county maps which are included in the book. The Polish name equivalents of the Ukrainian names are important in Galician research, as most church records and other documents from Galicia prior to W.W. II were written in Polish, rather than Ukrainian. Upon seeing that the M.G.S. Resource Centre now had this book, a number of us encouraged Dave to update his booklet by translating the place name list at the back of the book which included the page numbers in the book where each village writeup can be found. Dave has now included this information in his booklet. He also discovered and corrected a number of omissions from the list of place names in the back of the book.

A beautiful map of the same four counties which is suitable for framing is available from Dr. Stella Hryniuk of the Slavic Studies department at the University of Manitoba. The place names on this map are the trans-literated Ukrainian names.

SUCCESS IN EAST EUROPE - A newcomer to our group, Chris Radons, met with success on his very first visit to a branch meeting. Chris discovered others in the group who were researching the same names in the same towns in Volhynia. It seems that the members doing Volhynian research are having considerable success with finding information on their Lutheran ancestors. While sources are scattered, as is the case for much of east Europe, the puzzles are being slowly pieced together by writing to churches and archives in Poland and finding the correct microfilms to order through the Family History Centre. Often each generation of a family is found in a different town as they moved from Germany through Poland to Russia and back and forth over the decades.

Hilda Matsuo sent a request to the archive at Poznan, Poland to obtain lists of the "burghers" for the village of Toniec, Poland from 1574 to the 1800's. Her request was forwarded to Warsaw. She received a reply stating that they would provide the full 174 pages on microfilm for a fee of \$20.00 initial fee and \$10.00

per hour in addition to fifteen cents per page. This is a very reasonable cost if one considers the trouble involved in writing to archives for records one at a time.

WINNIPEG BRANCH NEWS

Daryl Dumanski, President, MGS # 1031

Welcome to Winter! I seem to enjoy them more every year because it means I have more time to work on my genealogy.

Our fall meetings were very informative and were full of new ideas and techniques relating to costume research and photographing existing photographs.

For the January and February meetings, please refer to the last issue of Generations. I'm still looking for suggestions for the other spring meetings. Also, if someone would like a field trip or tour of a specific place, we could try and arrange it for June.

A newsletter and meeting handouts were sent to Winnipeg Branch members who live out of Winnipeg. For those members within Winnipeg who would like any of the handouts, we will have a file at the Resource Centre. Ask Mavis for it and you can copy whatever you wish. This will save our branch considerable postage and copying expense which can be put to better use.

As expected, prices have increased for the rental of the classroom at the Museum of Man and Nature. If anyone has access to a small space we can use, either through work or association with other groups, we would be interested in learning about it. It should be relatively accessible to central Winnipeg so no one has to travel from one end of the city to the other. Also, some parking spaces would be needed.

Business at our meetings lately has included:

- amending our Winnipeg Branch Bylaws
- compiling and submitting an application to the Manitoba Heritage Federation for an equipment grant
- drafting a Winnipeg Branch Research Policy
- organizing and increasing our holdings

I look forward to meeting all Winnipeg Branch members some time in the New Year, and welcome new members.

Have a Happy Holiday Season and remember to record the memories!

BUT I'M NOT A SKINNER!

Mabel Kamfoly-St.Angelo, MGS #188

"Hello, Mabel? This is Gord WAHL, Doris' husband. Did you know that Doris had passed away? Are you interested in her work; if not I'm going to take it to the dump!" That's a chill to any genealogist's bones -- a valuable collection representing years of work, going to the dump!!

"No," I advised Gord, "I wasn't aware that Doris had passed away." I knew that her health was bad, but I had assumed that she was still busy with her collection and hadn't had time to write. Now, here was her husband, asking me if I was interested in taking up where Doris had left off, "But I'm not a SKINNER," I advised him.

Gord told me that he had tried all the avenues open to him for forwarding the collection to various libraries and societies that Doris had indicated previously may have been interested in her work -- all had refused such a large collection. Up to this point, I had never viewed Doris' work and had no idea just how large it was. But as a genealogist, there was no way someone's work of thirty years was going to end up in a dump site.

I contacted my friend and partner,[1] Sylvia Bagley of St. Catharines, telling her that we were going to make a little trip to Niagara Falls, New York to pick up the collection. Sylvia is a SKINNER descendant [2] and was more than willing to make the trip.

When we arrived, we were not prepared for what lay ahead of us. A little collection? Hardly; it was an office full of filing cabinets, index card files, duo-tangs and binders, binders, and binders! We made that trip, car packed to the hilt, hoping that we would have no trouble crossing the border. "What do you have to declare?" asked the Customs Officer. "Just some old papers," said Sylvia. They may have appeared to be old papers to the Customs man who waved us through, but to us, they were a treasure.

We made many more trips to Gord's before the entire collection was transferred from Niagara Falls, New York to Niagara Falls, Ontario.[3] Now we had to figure out what we would do with this collection.

This task took a year to accomplish. That which was previously kept loose in the filing cabinet was placed in duo-tangs and labelled. Doris used to make three or four carbon copies (prior to having a copier available) of everything she used to type. The carbons were sorted and kept for: 1. Niagara County Genealogical Society, New York, and 2. Niagara Peninsula Branch, Ontario

Genealogical Society, libraries. Fortunately Gord not only donated the index card files, but the filing cabinets in which they were stored. From time to time, Gord would continue to call, advising me that he had found additional binders and cards and thankfully, he kept these for me until our next trip.

Sylvia and I decided that once the collection was workable and I became a little more familiar with it, we should produce a newsletter so that genealogists would know we had the collection. In January, 1988, The Skinner Kinsmen III commenced.^[4]

Over the years, I've come to appreciate the fine genealogist that Doris WAHL was. She was a stickler for facts; oral family histories had to be backed up with documentation. If she could not find the documentation, she clearly indicated such on her family group sheets and pedigree charts. As Doris gathered enough information on a line, she compiled a booklet (sometimes a book) on that particular family. Some of these were published; others distributed to various libraries.

It wasn't until several years later that, when browsing through a binder, I came across a letter to a correspondent that Doris indicated that she had purchased the collection of the late Mrs. Natalie R. FERNALD,^[5] from a dealer. Natalie's collection went to Doris and Doris continued to work, adding information.

Together with Cynthia RUMMEL,^[6] Doris increased her information and they helped countless people with their libraries. Both women worked together on producing more books and forwarding on their work. This collection, I refer to as **SKINNER KINSMEN II**.

Sylvia BAGLEY continues to add information to her files.^[7] However, I continue to own the collection. It has grown considerably since I inherited it. The newsletter got the results we wished to accomplish and queries continue to arrive, asking for help with a particular **SKINNER**.

As the index cards are estimated to be only 10% of the names in the collection, most of my time is spent searching through many binders and folders. But, thanks to Doris' system of heading every family group sheet with the lineage (if it is known), the work is a little easier.

I'm getting better at finding Jeptha (6) of Benjamin (5) Joseph (4) Ebenezer (3) Thomas (2) (1). I still spend a lot of late nights talking to Doris, "Which folder is that group sheet in? -- I don't know to which line this query belongs." Sometimes I just want to throw up my hands and scream "But, I'm not a **SKINNER**. Why did I get stuck with this?"

Somehow, I settle down and when the next query comes, I start all over again. I'm learning that I may not be a **SKINNER** and my roots will likely never connect to a **SKINNER**, [8]but for one reason or another, it was meant that I should be the caretaker of the **SKINNER** collection for the time being and it is my duty to do proud the work that Natalie, Cynthia and Doris had started. I may not be a **SKINNER** but I have enough **SKINNER** blood floating in my veins now, that I have become an "adopted" one!

1. Sylvia Bagley and Mabel St. Angelo formed **NIAGARA RESEARCH** in 1983 as professional researchers. In 1990, the contents of their holdings from this company were transferred to the personal genealogical library of Mrs. Velma Rivard, 5102 Roberts Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 1A3. This library is open to the public at no charge; appointments are required.

2. Sylvia (12) Christian Hicks (11) Loretta Woodruff (10) Destemona [Editor: ? Desdemona] Cornell (9) Calvin Cornell (8) Amy Terry (7) Rhoda Skinner (6) Timothy (5) Joseph (4) Ebeneezer (3) Thomas (2) Thomas (1).

3. The transfer of Doris' collection did not include a large file on her Walsh line. To my knowledge, no descendants have contacted Gord Wahl to claim this. You may wish to contact: Mr. Gordon Wahl, 2475 Linwood Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14305, USA.

4. Mabel Kamfoly-St. Angelo, editor, The Skinner Kinsmen III, ISSN-0833-126X. I have now ceased publication of the newsletter (Vol.3, #3, Oct. 1990). You can write to me directly: 8452 Willoughby Drive, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 6X5.

5. Natalie R. Fernald, The Skinner Kinsmen: The Descendants of Thomas Skinner of Malden, Massachusetts. (Washington, D.C. [1915?]: The Pioneer Press.)

6. Cynthia Rummel (7) Romala Walker (6) John W. Drake (5) Eliza L. Skinner (4) Rev. Theophilus Skinner (3) Samuel (2) William (1). Cynthia had covered the southern state Skinners while Doris worked on the northern states. Gord advised me that it was years since they had heard from Cynthia and it is presumed that she is deceased.

7. Sylvia Bagley, 539 Carlton Street, St. Catharine's, Ontario L2M 4X6. She has written several articles for The Skinner Kinsmen III concerning her lines. The newsletter is available at the MGS library.

8. The lineage of myself has been traced from Ontario to Manitoba to the Ukraine. My husband's lines are Ukrainian and Italian. Unless there are some strays from the Ukraine to England, it is doubtful that I will find a Skinner in my pedigree.

RESEARCH IN ENGLAND

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, HUNTINGDONSHIRE & NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

ALL parishes researched - for example:

CAMBRIDGESHIRE - Abington, Bassingbourn, Benwick, Cambridge City, Chatteris, Ely City, Fen Drayton, Gamlingay, Histon, Linton, Longstanton, March, Shepreth, Swaffham, Swavesey, Wisbech.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE - Abbots Ripton, Barham Buckden, Colne, Eynesbury, Fenstanton, Godmanchester, Huntingdon Town, Kimbolton, Ramsey, St Ives, Warboys, Yaxley, etc.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - Burton Latimer, Corby Daventry, Irchester, Kettering, Northampton City, Peterborough City, Raunds, Wellingborough, etc.

Searches include Parish Registers, Census, Old Wills and Manorial Records. Reasonable Rates - for details write:

Liz Carter, BACKTRACKS
11 Church Lane
Upwood, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire,
PE17 1QF United Kingdom

Winnipeg Branch, MGS, Newsletter: To rid old books of "that lovely attic or musty smell, place it in a paper bag filled with cat box litter. Close the bag and leave it for about a week. When you take the book out, no odour will remain!"

"**Salute to the Pioneers**" of the Gaspé area of Quebec. July 16, 17, 28, 1991. Celebrating 225th anniversary of the arrival of the first English speaking settlers to the area. More info from bulletin board at the Resource Centre or: Mr. C. Patterson, "Salute to the Pioneers". USA address is P.O. Box 68, Norton, Vermont 05907. Canadian address is 54 Cutting St., Coaticook, Quebec J1A 2G3. Please mention the name(s) of the Gaspé family in which you are interested.

Immigration Research: Coming to America. March 1 and 2, 1991. Brigham Young University Conference Center, Provo, Utah. See bulletin board at the Resource Centre for details or write: Immigration Research, Conferences & Workshops, Brigham Young University, 136 Harman Building, Provo, Utah 84602.

Society of Genealogists Library in London, England. The Library will be closed for Christmas from

6 p.m., Friday, December 21, 1990 to 10 a.m. Thursday, December 27 and for the New Year from 6 p.m., Saturday, December 29 to 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 2, 1991. It will also be closed for stocktaking from 6 p.m., Monday, February 2 until 10 a.m., February 12, and for Easter from 1 p.m., Thursday, March 28 until 10 a.m., Tuesday April 2, 1991. From the Society's **Family History News & Digest**.

Newsleaf, OGS, Vol. XX, No. 4, Pg. 19: As of July 3, 1990, the Office of the Registrar General of Ontario has increased genealogy search fees (for certificates) to \$21.00.

Newsleaf, OGS, Vol. XIX, #4, page 12: You now need a reader's ticket before you can use a number of county record offices (England). This was begun for preservation and safety of records. They are issued at participating offices, by filling out a form and showing 2 pieces of ID, with your home address. It is then good at other county record offices, requiring a reader's ticket. -from Wiltshire Family Hist. Soc. April 1988.

Foothills Pioneer Index, c/o Box 1600, High River, Alberta T0L 1B0, Canada. Begun in January this year, this INDEX is now open to consultation. A leaflet outlining the records used and services offered (fee) is posted on the Resource Centre's bulletin board. Same can be obtained by mail from the address above.; enclose SASE.

The Anglican Diocese of Toronto, 135 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, Ontario M5C 1L8 announces the new **Guide to the Holdings of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario**. Spiral bound, 6" x 9", \$25.00 plus \$1.50 shipping. Available from the Diocese or Generation Press Inc. 172 King Henrys Boulevard, Agincourt, Ontario M1T 2V6. "The guide outlines accessible records, parish-by-parish; has maps illustrating diocesan boundaries; indexes place names, clerical and church staff; has two glossaries; and includes short biographies of individuals prominent in diocesan history for which significant collections of papers exist at each archives. Covers the seven Anglican dioceses in Ontario and details several special collections held in the General Synod Archives of the Church, as well as in Trinity and Wycliffe Colleges in Toronto."

Free Surname Search: Is someone searching your family name? The Guild of One-Name Studies of London, England offers you a FREE search of the 4160 surnames and variants listed in the "1990 Register of One Name Studies". For a free search, list the surnames of interest (limit of 5 per request) on 8 1/2 x 11" paper and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. Write to: Dan E. Barrett, 24 Old Mill Road, St. Catharines, Ontario L2N 6X2, Canada. The "1990 Register of One Name Studies, Seventh Edition" is available for purchase: \$8.00 Canadian funds, postpaid in Canada. Order from and make cheque payable to: Dan E. Barrett, address above.

Petworth Emigration Committee: Two genealogists from Toronto are preparing a history of this emigration (1832-1837, Sussex, England to Upper Canada). They "would be most interested in hearing from anyone who might be descended from the Petworth emigrants" and are "particularly keen on finding about any records of these people still in private hands." Contact: Wendy Cameron, 305 Heath St. E., Toronto, Ontario M4T 1T3 (416-489-5566) or Mary McDougall Maude, 44 Beverley St., Toronto, Ontario M5T 1X9 (416-977-3526).

Irish Genealogical Congress, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, September 19 - 25, 1991. Contact: IGC, c/o Genealogical Office, 2 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. Also, list of Clan Rallies posted on bulletin board at the Resource Centre.

Offer of help in England

Harry J. C. Holyer, 10, Masonsfield, Mannings Heath, HORSHAM, West Sussex, RH13 6JP, Telephone 0403/60059 writes: "I have connections in the whole of the UK. Advice is free although I would like postage. I am particularly interested in military, naval & convict history & research." £5/hour. Certificates, copies & postage charges are passed on at cost. Other details and information needed from you are posted on the bulletin board at the Resource Centre.

Book list to aid in dating photographs from costumes. Professor Cecile Clayton-Gouthro, Faculty of Human Ecology, University of Manitoba recommends these:

- "The Mode in Costume" by R. Wilcox
- "20,000 Years of Fashion" by F. Boucher
- "A Survey of Historic Costume" by P. Tortora & K. Eubank
- "History of Costume" by M. Davenport
- "A Concise History of Costume" by J. Lover

CANFED's **Directory of Names** from the Ancestral Files should be ready for the May meeting in Kingston. Subscribing members are encouraged to submit their Ancestral Files for this directory. (The organization supplies the form.) CANFED's Board members have just agreed that "Subscribing Members could send in Ancestral Files for their spouses as well as their own. The names on the spouse's file will be indexed under the member's number."

Printing your family history? (from The Leaf of the Branch Vol. II No. 3, Southwest Branch of MGS) A suggestion for reducing the cost of printing your family history: the printing is exempt from both federal and provincial sales taxes but you need to obtain a ruling from Revenue Canada Customs and Excise and your local Retail Sales Tax offices. It is possible to qualify for a Book Rate Permit from Canada Post which will enable

you to mail your books at a greatly reduced rate. Apply in person at your local Post Office. Also apply for an ISBN from the Canadian ISBN Agency, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N4.

Canadian Parks Board is preparing a management plan to protect the resources and improve the services it provides to visitors at Lower Fort Garry (LFG) National Historic Site. They are compiling a list of individuals and organizations who would like to become involved in this planning process, be kept informed of its progress, and be sent notices of public meetings. Write or call: Canadian Park Service, LFG Public Participation, 457 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 3E8.

GAZETTEERS OF ENGLAND

Dorothy K. Marshall, MGS #751

In the Architecture and Fine Arts Library at the University of Manitoba is a series of gazetteers which would be of interest to genealogists. Each of the volumes covers a different county (or part of a county) of England. The Church in each town, village or hamlet is described and some of its history explained. Any other historic buildings are listed and their salient architectural details described. Scottish and Welsh counties are not included in the series. Unfortunately these books are in the storage area which is only open from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Members of the public may acquire a borrowers card for the University of Manitoba libraries by producing I.D. and the names of two referees.

Nikolaus PEVSNER is the author of the series which have call numbers such as ARCH NA 696 N64 P4 PEVSNER or ARCH NA 971..

This is an example from the Cumberland and Westmorland volume:

- "Raughton Head. Church 1761. Very broad W. tower the upper part of it 1881. As the tower and the nave as well have Georgian, keyed-in, round-headed windows, the style chosen for the top part of the tower was Norman. The semi-circular stair-turret goes well with the general massiveness of the tower.
- The Venetian E. window was altered in 1881.
- Plate:- Cup 1633, Flagon 1682. Paten 1819.
- Monument:- The Rev. Robert Monkhouse + 1822, aged thirty.
- Signed:- L. Watson. He had been Watson's first schoolmaster and mentor. Watson was the most

talented Cumbrian sculptor of these years. (c.f. Sebergham) This is his first work in marble and he seems to have done it in 1828. At the top of the tablet is the small pensive figure of the deceased."

A shorter example:

- "Knaresdale: Church 1838 with additions of 1891
- Plate: - Chalice 1731
- Knaresdale Hall C17 with some mullioned windows."

There is a very clear map at the front of each gazetteer showing the geographic location of every Church, castle and hall mentioned in the text.

So fellow members, if it is your ambition to know more about a Church than did your ancestors who were baptized there, hie thee to the hallowed halls of the Architecture Department of the University of Manitoba.



ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

There is a delightful little book in the MGS library, donated by Mrs. T.W.Birt, entitled Ten Years in Winnipeg 1870-1879, by Alexander Begg and Walter R. Nursey. It is a chatty account of Winnipeg's first years. Here are a number of Winnipeg "firsts".

- Samuel FOWLER had the honour of being the first *customs broker* in Winnipeg.
- A.R.GERALD and Henry COTU were the first *butchers* in Winnipeg.
- Henry MC DERMOTT and Alex LOGAN were the first to bring a *drove of cattle* to this country.
- The first *livery stable* in the city was established in May 1871 by William HARVEY, who also had the first *hearse*.
- John HACKETT was the first *baker* in Winnipeg.
- The first *saddler and harness maker* in Winnipeg was Robert STALKER.
- In September 1871, W.F.ALLOWAY set up business as a *veterinary surgeon*, followed soon by Archibald MC NEE.

- Alexander BEGG was the first *stage and express agent* in Winnipeg and the first to introduce the *sewing machine*.
- James HENDERSON first manufactured *furs*.
- R.P.MEADE had the first regular *painting business*.
- H.MC DOUGALL was in charge of the first *telegraph office*.
- The first to *deliver water by cart* was James IRWIN.
- Alexander MC MICKEN was the first *banker* in Winnipeg.
- Andrew STRANG was the first *piano agent* in Wpg.
- W. WOOD FAIRBANKS, the distinguished tonsorial agent from New York, was the first *real barber*.
- The first *photographer* in Wpg. was Ryder LARSEN.
- The first fine orthodox sausages made in Winnipeg were manufactured by MOURNEAU and ROCAN.
- The first *dentist* was Dr. BROWN, followed by J.W. BASTOW.
- The first *milkmen* in Winnipeg were D.L. CLINK and BOYD and GOWLER.
- The first street in Winnipeg was *built* by W.V.EL-WOOD, whose funeral took place Dec. 22, 1874.
- First *bookbinder* in Winnipeg was P.G. LAURIE, who later wrote for the Saskatchewan Herald at Battleford, NWT.
- I.M. MC GREGOR was the first licensed *auctioneer* in Winnipeg.
- R. GERRIE started the *furniture business* in Wpg.
- In 1878, a "Ladies Temperance Union Society" was organized, with Mrs. G.F.NEWCOMB as president.
- The first *curling club* was organized in November 1876 and its president was John BALSILLIE. The first game of curling ever played in Manitoba took place on December 11, 1876, with the rink of Hon. A.G.B.BANNATYNE, Geo. D. NORTHGRAVES, A.P.DENHOLM and Jas. BARCLAY (Skip) challenging A.MC MICKEN, W.D.TAYLOR, Hon. T.HOWARD and Alex BROWN (Skip). The Barclay rink won the prize, a barrel of oatmeal, which they sent to the hospital.

MGS RESOURCE CENTRE HOLIDAY HOURS

The MGS Resource Centre will be closed from Sunday, December 23 to Wednesday, December 26, re-opening Thursday, December 27, 12:15 p.m.

The Centre will also be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1991.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH GENEALOGICAL JOY AND HAPPINESS.
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EARLY MORRIS HISTORY

Written as a speech for a local group, by T. J. H. Lewis, Morris, Manitoba, 1961, and reprinted with permission of his grandson, Tim Lewis, MGS #1316, also of Morris.



T. (Tom) J. H. LEWIS (1882 - 1971) was himself an early resident of the Morris area. He married, had four sons, and was very active in the community. He "served as Reeve of the municipality, helped organize, and was the first President of the local Pool Elevator Association. He also acted as trustee on the school board, and was very active in the Agricultural Society, the Game and Fish Association, in local and provincial politics and was well known provincially for his race horses." (from Furrows in the Valley, a history of the [Morris] municipality and its people).

In the early 1870's many of the pioneer families came to Manitoba by way of the famous Dawson Route, an arduous journey indeed. Today the last few miles of Highway #59, until it crosses Marion Street in Greater Winnipeg, traverses this route, the route continuing right on in a north-westerly direction until it comes to a dead end. Over this route in the summer of 1874 came my mother's family to Winnipeg - the father, Thomas MOODY, his wife, three sons, George, Thomas Jr. and Joseph and two daughters, Katherine and Emily - the

five youngest of a family of twelve, all adults. Emily, the youngest of the family, years later became president of the first Women's Institute in Manitoba. My father, James LEWIS, the only member of his immediate family to come to Manitoba, came to Winnipeg also in 1874 but by a different way - by steamboat, the "Chicora", the fastest boat on the Great Lakes at that time, to Duluth then by train to Moorhead, Minn., the end of steel and then down the Red River to Winnipeg. He later found that he had left Ontario some time after the MOODY family and arrived in Winnipeg a considerable time before them. He often teased mother by saying that he knew better than to come by the Dawson route. The MOODY father and mother and two daughters ran the McAULEY boarding house in Winnipeg for some years before coming to Morris in 1878 where my father and mother were married in 1878, the first white couple married in this community. My apologies for referring so much to my own family but it is from this that stems almost all of one's memories of their early life.

To this boarding house in Winnipeg came one John WILTON, who for many years farmed south-east of St. Jean, was councillor and Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Morris, councillor and Mayor of the Town of Morris and for a number of years, Postmaster at Morris, being succeeded by his son Sterling who is well known to many of you here today.

William CODE, a young Irishman, also boarded here. He was a reporter on the Free Press of that day, married Katherine MOODY, was a member of the first Winnipeg volunteer fire dept., years later became chief of that body and known to Winnipeggers as "Fighting Billy Code". Four of his sons and two of his daughters still live in Winnipeg. Sam WOOLAND, a young Englishman, also came over the Dawson Route that 1874 and lived at the MOODY boarding house. On arrival at the North-West Angle of the Lake of the Woods, he found that all the riding accommodation was taken up by the less able or the more fortunate and was told that he could either walk or wait until the next time, that there was an eating place every eight miles. He decided to walk but found that all the food at the first stopping place had been eaten by the party ahead. The same thing at the next and the next and so on for three days when they finally got something to eat and were able to reach Winnipeg. The story will be vouched for by his son, George S. WOOLAND, of Emerson. Mr. WOOLAND located on a Red River lot farm four miles north of Letellier which he named "Two Little Points Farm" from the bends in the river. Those evergreen trees which you still see there were planted by him. His daughter, Mrs. Arthur CROOK, and family still have that farm. While on the subject of trees, if you look south-east to the Red River to the home of Andrew VERMETTE you will see some more evergreen trees. These were planted in the very early years by S.J.COLLUM. Years later this farm was taken

over by Stephen J. HOLLAND, one of our very public-spirited citizens, a pillar of the church and for years, the secretary of the Morris Agricultural Society. Now if you care to look north-west out Main Street, or Highway #75, you will see those tall cottonwood trees at the home of the Ben SCHINDEL family. They were planted more than eighty years ago by a woman, Mrs. Thomas MULVEY. Here the first white child of this community was born, by name, Maurice Matthew MULVEY. A few years later this family moved to a farm three miles north-west on the bank of the Morris River where they lived for many years. The farm which they left, lay idle for many years thereafter. Thomas MULVEY was a brother of Stewart MULVEY who for some years represented Morris constituency in the legislature.

Immediately south of the S.J. COLLUM farm is the George MOODY Sr. farm taken up about 1876, now the estate of the second son, the late Frederick L. MOODY and now carried on by his eldest daughter and husband Don Nelson.

I remember the horse-drawn street cars in Winnipeg, the return of our two teams of horses from freighting in the Riel Rebellion of 1885, the treadmill which supplied the power for my father's threshing and the steamboats "Cheyenne" and "Marquette" on the Red River. Shortly thereafter the C.P. railroad came through and that was the end of the steamboats. The original intention of the builders of the railroad was to bypass the town of Morris by going in a line from Osborne to Morden and passing about six miles west of town. Some real estate men who had acquired sub-divisions of property around town, notably GLINES, (who built the Commercial Hotel, now Morris Hotel), and KENNEDY, got the idea of giving a bonus to the C.P.R. to change the route and come through Morris. They got this passed by bringing boat loads of people from Winnipeg and giving them a town lot to vote for the bonus. In this way, a heavy debt was placed on the town. The promoters soon saw their mistake and left for Winnipeg - their holdings years afterwards reverted to the town in lieu of unpaid taxes. The town went virtually bankrupt, no taxes were collected for years and there was no school for the children to attend. Some of the boys, Charles KASTNER, Wesley MOODY, Roy SIMPSON, and John RITCHIE attended Armour School in the winter time. One group of youngsters grew up in Morris with little benefit of schooling. After some years a council was elected, a settlement with a reduction of the debt was reached and the town got back onto a business basis. In those depression years the Post Office, the General Store, Queen's Hotel, livery barn and PALLISER's blacksmith shop were up between the railway tracks. All gradually fell into disuse.

The first doctor of whom I know, and I believe the first in Morris, was a Dr. BUTLER, a bachelor who had been in the Crimean War. He came from southern Ireland and

had a sister, Mrs. JOHNSON, who, with her husband and family, lived in a log house on the bank of the Red River about three-quarters of a mile from the present Red River bridge. Just across the Red River in a little log house not far from the present PECK residence, lived Francis JULIAN and family and just north of them in another log house Charles DONALD and his son, Fred DONALD.

James H. ASHDOWN, founder of the J.H. ASHDOWN Hardware Co., first started business in the town of Emerson. When it became evident that Winnipeg was the coming metropolis, he loaded all his stock in trade onto a barge and headed north. Somewhere near the south side of the MOODY farm, by some mischance, the barge capsized and the entire contents went to the bottom of the river. The owner made no attempt at salvage but the settlers did, getting stoves, axes, hammers, etc. for free. One old-timer told me "One time we had twenty hammers and two years later we had none at all."

The next doctor in Morris was Dr. Robert F. McTAVISH, also a bachelor. I can still see his genial face and long, thick, crinkly beard. It would make anyone feel better just to see him come into a room. He owned what we know today as the PATERSON house on the north-east corner of Main St. and Railroad Ave. Robert PATERSON was one of the earliest settlers in the Morris district. He settled on the farm now operated by Randolph MULDNER, had a log house and buildings but did not remain there long as he was afflicted with sciatica and was not active enough for farming. This farm lay idle for many years and was not brought under cultivation till Joseph HAWKSWORTH broke the prairie sod. The PATERSON family went to live with Dr. McTAVISH. This was a most happy arrangement and continued to the end. Robert PATERSON was the father of Robert Stephen (Steve) PATERSON, who for years was the oldest living native son of this community and who, in spite of great physical handicap, put up such a valiant battle of life. He was, for many years, the Secretary-Treasurer of the town of Morris and of Morris School Board, and Police Magistrate. He richly deserved the Orchid Order of Merit. Since his recent passing, the place of oldest living native son goes to the writer of these words.

Passing down the Red River on the east side and naming only the earliest settlers, after we pass the aforementioned JOHNSON family, we come to the DOBBIN family; next the Charles TURNER family, on the farm now the home of the COVERNTON's. Chas. TURNER's second daughter became the wife of the late Robert John COATES. The Charles TURNER family left the district in the early years, returning later. The John MOORES moved in here from their homestead where the STEVENSON Evergreen Nursery now is. The oldest daughter, Minnie, married Thomas K. BESTWICK and was well known in this district all her lifetime. Just a short distance

north of the MOORE home lived Robert TURNER and his wife and son, William TURNER. Robert TURNER was one of the earliest settlers and had lived in the town of Morris before moving to this location. He used to drive the stagecoach between Winnipeg and Emerson.

A long step north to the home of Stephen BURWASH, opposite the Edward PORTER farm. Next Al EARL, (a bachelor brother of John EARL), who passed away in the early years, then Dan CLEMIS, a brother-in-law of John EARL. Mr. CLEMIS brought the first traction threshing engine to the Morris district. The first steam threshing engine was brought to the Morris district by Thomas and Joseph MOODY many years before. It was an upright boiler machine like a huge iron milk bottle on four heavy wooden wheels and moved from place to place by horses or oxen. Opposite the PROCTOR farm, which in later years was the home of the late Wm. STEVENSON and family, lived Sylvester SHEWMAN and family. They moved to Winnipeg where they lived for many years. Then the son, Wm. SHEWMAN, returned to Morris with his family.

West of the Red River and north of the Robert PAT-ERSON farm, a Mr. ADAMSON built a house and barn where until recently Harvey STEVENSON lived. The ADAMSONS stayed only a short time and Daniel M. URE lived here for a few years, then moved to Morris and started a harness shop and the DROUGHT family from south of Morris moved in. They were landed gentry from Ireland. They were our neighbors for many years, then moved away to the Okanagan valley in B.C. The first settler on what is now the Bruce MACKENZIE home farm was Mr. MALEY. They built the house which is still there today, and moved away in 1886. This house has changed very little in external appearance in all these years. A quarter of a mile north is the James LEWIS family home where the writer was born in 1882 and where, that summer, the present house was built. It has been remodelled by the present owner, Ernest HOFFMAN, but the main body is the same. These last two mentioned houses are the only original farm homes of pioneers still standing in the Morris district. James LEWIS moved to this farm in 1882 from his homestead, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy STEVENSON.

One mile north of the LEWIS home was the home of Henry SNARR and family - too well known to need any introduction. One river lot north was the William HAYWARD and James SWAIN family home. Wm. HAYWARD was bachelor brother of Mrs. SWAIN who lived with the SWAIN family until the passing of Mr. and Mrs. SWAIN at a ripe old age; he then returned to England. Edward PORTER was the first settler on the farm where James STEVENSON now lives. He married Jennie REID, a sister of the late Mrs. Wm. STEVENSON. Their son, Albert and daughter, Jean, many of you will remember. John EARL was the original resident on the farm

now owned by Herman SCHMIDT. He called his farm "Silver Plains" and that is how the district got its name.

John A. EARL, a son, lives in town and Harold EARL and family in Silver Plains, still represent the family farm. Harry EARL, a brother of John EARL, lived with their mother on the north part of this farm. The Fred SIMPSON family lived on the PROCTOR farm in that beautiful grove of trees. They were tenants and later moved to the afore-mentioned Queen's Hotel in town. He was the owner of the beautiful little race mare, Pond Lily, which he raised on this farm. She was good enough to win at the Winnipeg Exhibition. North again was the John McMURRAY family and north again was the Robert COATES family. The late Robert John COATES and the late Mrs. Alex. DODDS were sister and brother. Arnold COATES, youngest son of Robert COATES, still lives on the home farm. William STEVENSON, (? STEPHEN-SON/Editor) a cousin of Robert COATES, (no relation to the Silver Plains Stevensons), a pioneer of the Lowe Farm district, invented the double disc seed drill attachment which has been a boon to grain-growing farmers ever since.

With the exception of the Mennonite communities of Rosenort and Rosenhoff, Silver Plains was the first district in the Morris area to be taken up by permanent settlers. The Silver Plains School was the first school in the district, Carleton the second.

William ELLIOT located nearby where later the Red River Valley railroad (later the C.N.R.) was built. His daughter and her husband, Matthew J. STEVENSON, now live on this farm. To the west, Thomas ELLIOT, a brother of William, lived. His sons, Tom, John, and Percy still live on farms here. The Sidney PITTMAN family who came west with the SWAIN family in 1877 lived nearby - represented in town today by Mrs. Arthur GIESE. Near neighbors were the Jock WHITEHEAD family. The youngest son, Frank WHITEHEAD, still farms the home farm. The REID family lived west of the C.P.R. - a son, William REID, the father of E. Keith REID who lives on the John S. CAMPBELL farm. The late Mrs. Frank WHITEHEAD was a sister of Keith REID. Mr. CAMPBELL built a large brick house which was demolished to make way for the present home of the Keith REID family. The Mathew STEVENSON family came west from the Ottawa valley in 1883. The oldest of four sons, James STEVENSON, made the first plantings of what is now the STEVENSON Evergreen Nursery. Near neighbors to the south were the R.K. TAYLOR family. A son, Robert TAYLOR, lived on the farm now operated by his son, Laurence TAYLOR. Mrs. Ralph LEWIS of Pleasant Valley is a granddaughter of R.K. TAYLOR.

Chichester and Charles SKEFFINGTON lived on the south half-section of the present Roy STEVENSON farm. At one time there was just one life between the elder,

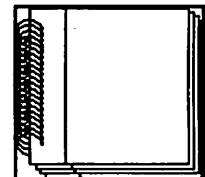
Chichester, and a title. Their sister married Lord MUS-KERRY, an Irish nobleman. William MEIKLEJOHN and family were on the east side of the Morris River on the two-mile road north of town. His brother was a blacksmith who moved away very early to Langdon, N.D. Three miles due west of Wm. MEIKLEJOHN was the home of Robert BELL, grandfather of our town supervisor of the same name. North of here, opposite the present-day home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph LEWIS (no relation of the James LEWIS family), the Edward KNIGHT family lived, far away from everybody. This country was vacant then. Their daughter later married Alexander TODD. They were the parents of the late James TODD whose widow and daughters, Mrs. KRASTEL and Mrs. HERRING, are well known to all. Edward, John, James McTAVISH, brothers of Dr. McTAVISH, lived in the McTavish-Rosenort district. The LAWRIE brothers, John, James and Robert farmed the section of land where George PASCHKE now lives. They divided into three equal strips running east and west and each built a comfortable home, none of which stand today. A brother Marshall, (Matt) LAWRIE was one of the earliest storekeepers in Morris. In 1898 he built a new store, now occupied by H.J. MURRAY & SON. John W. KASTNER ran the Commercial (now the Morris) Hotel, assisted by his brother, Louis KASTNER. Louis' son, Charles was well known to many. Mr. and Mrs. William WAITE were very early arrivals in Morris. Their granddaughter, Mrs. Robert BELL, is very well known. James RODMAN was a blacksmith in town for many years. His daughter, the late Mrs. John C. BADGER, was the mother of Mrs. Russ FERGUSON, who, until recently, lived here.

Strange as it may seem, what is now known as the Broadview district, was almost without settlers for many years. George CLUBB, who, for a few years, had a blacksmith shop in town in the same building where DUPAS' butcher shop is, was the first settler in this district. A few years later, his brother, James CLUBB, moved here from Union Point. Not until the late 1890's when the DREGER, KUNTZ and GLUCK families came and in 1902 when John and George CHURCHILL did so, did this district become settled. About this time John FRASER and Thomas IRVINE came here.

In the earliest years, we always celebrated the 24th of May, Queen Victoria's birthday. We had sports and running horse races on the "Stage Road" north of Morris River bridge. There were no ditches in those days. In the mid-summer there would be a picnic in SNARR's and SWAIN's grove and people came from all around in their lumber wagons. There were no buggies in the earliest years. Some years we went to the PROCTOR grove where the SIMPSONS lived. Later, a picnic ground on what is now the RENTZ farm was cleared in the oak trees by the Red River. This soon faded

away and our Agricultural Fair became our sports day also and this has lasted up to the present.

This has been a very rambling account and hardly begins to tell the whole story. It would take a good-sized book so I'll just have to stop writing.



PERIODICAL POTPOURRI

Lori Walker, MGS #1145

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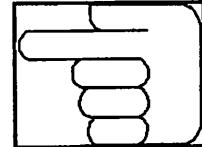
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Deadlines for submissions for Generations have been changed. They are now March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

RESOURCE CENTRE CLOSINGS - 1990-91 HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 23	Monday, December 24
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PIONEER PROFILE

THOMAS HENRY PEACOCK LAMB

(1870-1943) McCarthy, Martha, Historian, Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Recreation. Historic Resources Branch. Unpublished Report. 1988.

Thomas Henry Peacock LAMB was born 27 May 1870 in Leeds, England. He spent a short time in the Coldstream Guards and then immigrated to Canada in 1891, where he worked for railroad construction gangs in Saskatchewan for a time.

Teaching

At Prince Albert, **LAMB** met Bishop NEWNHAM, who convinced him to become a teacher in the Indian School at Cedar Lake in 1892. In 1896 Lamb transferred to Grand Rapids, where he was married to Caroline MARKS, from Portsmouth, England, who was mother's helper and governess for the family of Rev. Mr. C.W. PRITCHARD. THP **LAMB** continued to teach at Grand Rapids until 1900. During this time two sons were born, Eric in 1897 and Tom in 1898. In 1900 **LAMB** moved to teach at Devon Mission, The Pas.

Fur Trading

The salaries of Indian school teachers were notoriously low. THP earned \$40 per month, paid partly by the Anglican Church and partly by the Federal Government.^[1] As a sideline and addition to his income, **LAMB** opened a trading post in a shed at the back of his lot in The Pas. He had learned to speak some Cree, and his teaching career had made him known to many of the Cree along the Saskatchewan River. These aspects attracted some trade to his little post but, when this trade began to increase, it drew the attention of the HBC. Mr. CRUMB, in charge at Cumberland, protested to the Indian Department about one of their teachers conducting trade on the side. The HBC demanded that **LAMB** stick to teaching and abandon any trading.

LAMB consulted Senator T.O. LEWIS, who loaned him money to buy a trading outfit in 1901. His family still growing in size (eventually to reach 11 children), **LAMB** decided to abandon school teaching and set up a trading post of his own at Moose Lake. He and some Cree assistants went to Prince Albert in a canoe. There he bought lumber and constructed a barge. The lumber he chose was good wood, and was later reused to provide the floors and roof of his new trading post. He also selected his stock of trading goods, loaded the barge, and took it to The Pas to pick up his family. Then, with his three small sons and pregnant wife, he set out for his new post.

The HBC had a post on Moose Lake at Moose Creek, so **LAMB** established at Trader's Lake on the Summerberry River, just a two-mile portage away from the Indian Reserve and the HBC - on a site held to be that of an 18th century North West Company post.^[2] **LAMB** traded furs at his post, and brought in his trading goods by boat from Prince Albert. He did not rely only on furs, but soon expanded into the fish business. He also had his own blacksmith shop. **LAMB** was constantly on the move, for he went to the Indian camps to pick up furs, instead of remaining in his post to await them. He also bought seneca root from the Indians.^[3]

As a rival of the HBC, **LAMB** could not hope to use the Company's transport facilities, and had to supply his own. **LAMB** continued to make his trips to Prince Albert by canoe and boat until about 1906, when he acquired his first steamboat, **The Dispatch**. **LAMB** also kept some cattle to supply his family with beef, and occasionally traded some meat to the Indians.

In 1912, **LAMB** moved his post to Moose Creek, near the old HBC post. This site provided better docking facilities for his large boats. Although competing in business with HBC, his relationship with those in charge at Moose Lake was a friendly one. On occasions, the HBC bought his furs from him. In 1910 H.S. JOHNSON at Cedar Lake purchased 3020 muskrats from THP **LAMB**, for the sum of \$1057.00, to be credited to his account in the bank in Winnipeg.^[4] For the most part, **LAMB** took his furs to Prince Albert or The Pas for sale. Marten, fisher and fox were the most prized furs, though some beaver and many muskrats were also purchased. A silver fox sold for \$250 - the same amount of money required to purchase **LAMB**'s first horse.

LAMB also bought the Armstrong Trading Co. store on Fischer Ave. in The Pas, which he converted into a combination office and store house. This served as the family headquarters in The Pas.^[5]

Fishing

In winter, THP sent teams of horses to pick up fish all around the lake and bring them to Mafeking (the end of the rail). **LAMB**'s two teams of horses with wagons hauled the fish over High Portage, between Cedar Lake and the upper end of Lake Winnipegosis. When the railway reached The Pas, **LAMB** sent his fish there. He invested heavily in horses, using up to 52 teams (some hired) for the winter fish-hauling.^[6]

The first summer fishing on Moose Lake began in 1908. Quick transport of fish in summer was an essential, and steamboats were the backbone of this system. **The Dispatch** made two trips per week around Cedar Lake to gather sturgeon from the Indian camps, getting about 300 per trip, all she could hold. **The Dispatch** also called at

two sturgeon camps up the Summerberry River - one above Frog Point at the mouth of the Old Channel, where George ASMUS made caviar, and another at the Forks on the Head River. Some of the natives used sturgeon as bait for their own purposes.

A Captain COFFEE built an ice house at Moose Creek, and several sailboats fished the lake. Captain COFFEE paid the same price for caviar as for sturgeon (10 cents per pound). [7] The men took advantage of the low price to eat the caviar themselves, using 7lb. wooden pails in which raspberry jam came to hold the caviar for their grub boxes.

Freighting

THP LAMB depended on steamboats for his summer transport, and this may have earned him the nickname Ten Horse Power LAMB - or perhaps, as his son Tom said, it was because he could do the work of ten horses. THP brought his first screw-driven steamboat, The Dispatch, up over the Grand Rapids in 1906. This boat had a very brief career, however, for she sank on Moose Lake in the fall of 1906. (The propeller was reclaimed and presented to The Pas Museum by Tom LAMB, many years later). THP LAMB bought other steamboats - the Lafleur, the Lenore L., the King Fisher, Shamrock, Airs, Port Nelson, and Isobell. [8]

Conclusion

The career of THP LAMB, although unique in many ways, was one component of the new era of multi-faceted competition with the HBC in the early 20th century. The North American market then effectively challenged the old London-HBC axis of the fur trade, [9] and provided an outlet for the new competitors of the HBC.

Almost every change in resource development or transportation in the north resulted in fur-trading competition. The first commercial fisheries operated their own stores, supplied goods and merchandise, often at lower prices than the HBC, and traded some furs as well. As a result, the HBC also had to get into the fish business to some extent, in order to safeguard its fur trade. Lumbering enterprises followed the same sequence of offering trade goods and cash in return for furs or labour. The presence of Indians with both cash and furs attracted merchants from Selkirk and Prince Albert into northern Manitoba. Other large companies such as Revillon Frères, Lamson and Hubbard, or Hyer, with his string of small trading posts, gave a more long lasting competition. The construction of the Hudson Bay Railway also brought free traders flocking in, because the railway provided the necessary transportation network, independent of the HBC. "Thus in the post-1870 period, the Hudson's Bay Company was faced with the diffusion of both new economic organizations which engaged in a petty trade and new fur trading companies." [10]

After 1900 the demand for fine furs represented a marked shift in the trade. Accompanying this was an expansion in the number of fur auction centres. With the entrenchment of competition, the decline of the HBC monopoly and its London market, and the corresponding growth of a North American market, a general increase in the price paid for furs occurred. But this general increase was also a volatile market - and could swing wildly from year to year. [11] These swings affected even well-established companies like Revillon Frères. In 1916 the Saskatchewan District reported that Revillon was established at 12 of the 16 posts: "Where they are not, there is someone else, and at some points both they and others" [12] Despite this proliferation of posts, Revillon Frères had apparently run into difficulties, for they were discharging and changing managers.

THP LAMB, although he took advantage of the new opportunities in the fur trade, diversified his operations sufficiently to protect his business, and to hand it on to his son. His trading post at Moose Lake was representative of the wider theme of economic development of northern Manitoba in the early 20th century. Yet it was essentially a unique operation, a family concern which engaged in many different facets of this economic development in order to become profitable. Only in this way could the LAMB family stabilize its headquarters at Moose Lake, and become one of the very few, if any, survivors of this freetrading era in northern Manitoba.

1. The biographical details are primarily taken from "The Lamb Story" in *The Northern Mail*, 29 January 1964 and 5 February 1964.
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REUNIONS

Lumby High School, Vernon, British Columbia will hold a reunion August 3-5, 1991 for people who graduated between 1950 and 1961.

Contact: Sharon Derry,

1203 - 29th Avenue,
Vernon, B.C. V1T 1Y4

Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador will be hosting Reunion '91 from July 19-August 5, 1991. (Golden anniversary of "the Goose".) Activities include North West River Beach Festival + Canadian Armed Forces Airshow.

Write: Reunion '91, Station A,
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
Labrador A0P 1S0, Canada

THE EUROPEAN CONNECTION

Debra Yerex, MGS #1349

More extractions from Sandy Lake Centennial District Book, MGS library # 971.27 His, pages as noted:

SOKAL, Steve, p. 430-1

Steve was b. Nov 21, 1890, in W. Ukraine, CeloDohy, Povit, Tremblia. He came to Canada in 1912 & first worked in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan. He later settled in the Sandy Lake area & took up a farm in partnership with John Balyk. Steve m. Tekla Dolyna May 12, 1925 in Winnipeg. Tekla was from the same village in the Ukraine, as Steve. Tekla was b. June 12, 1900 & came to Canada on April 18, 1923. She was sponsored by her cousin, Peter Wolchuk in Winnipeg. Steve and Tekla's children were Anne, Peter, Frances, Stella, Fred, Paul & Jean. Steve d. Dec. 30, 1970, in Winnipeg.

SLASHINSKY, Onufry, p. 428

Onufry was b. July 20, 1891 in the district of Zawala, Ukraine. He arrived in Canada in 1911. In 1912, Onufry m. Frosyna Paley in Polonia, Manitoba. Frosyna was b. at Kudrynce, Ukraine in 1888. They settled on SE 12-18-20. Their children were Metro, Steve, Philip, Alex, Bill, Mike, Mary, Teenie and Ann. Onufry d. Feb. 28, 1982.

ROMAN, Annie, p. 406

Annie m. Harry Shewchuk, May 1901, in the village of Bechkiwci, Chortkiw, Ukraine. They immigrated to Canada in 1902.

New extractions from Hadashville Woman's Institution, MGS library # 971.27 Pac, pages as noted:

SAMEC, Jacob, p. 38

Jacob was one of the first settlers at Hadashville, Manitoba. His wife was Agnes.

TEPLUCH, Tymko, p. 68

Tymko homesteaded on 64-8-13E at Prawda, Manitoba.

New extraction from R.M. of Clanwilliam, MGS library #971.27 For:

YAKIWCHUK, Onfrey, p. 719

Onfrey & Jessie of Mountain Rd. adopted Gabriel Taras Hryneu, who was b. in Ituna, Saskatchewan on Sept. 16, 1917. His parents, Daniel & Dora Hryneu died of influenza.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

Joyce Elias, MGS #1519. Quotes are from information provided by Wendy Oler of the Family History Centre, 45 Dalhousie Drive, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Family History Centres (operated by the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) have a new computer program called FamilySearch.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG

The Family History Library Catalog contents are now on a single compact disc and are accessible at the Centre. The "catalog describes the contents of the library's 1.6 million microfilms and 200,000 books. It is not an index of the names in the records, but a description of each source. The catalog does not contain the actual sources, but gives call numbers that you can use to find materials in the library, or to order them through one of the library's local family history centres." Previously, this catalog was available only on microfiche. "The (new) disc may be read only by computers equipped with a special compact disc drive and associated retrieval software" (which the Family History Centre has).

Here are the features of this program:

- A Help key gives further instructions at any time.
- One key return to the main menu during a search.
- "The computer automatically provides cross-references from the subjects you type into the computer to the subjects used in the catalog (eg. wills are listed under the heading 'probate records')."
- "The catalog automatically provides the names of counties and states if you know only the name of a town."
- "The Key Word search helps reduce the number of records" needed, eg. the name "Roberts" combined with "Clark" and "Ohio" will "narrow your search to 3 family histories" from 372 for "Roberts" alone.
- Possible to search for a word, phrase or dates within a record description.
- The "catalog automatically supplies phonetic equivalents of the surname" (in surnsame search).
- A place name or family name can be abbreviated by typing an asterisk after the first four letters, eg. Mass* for Massachusetts."
- Possible to print information shown on screen.

At the moment, searches are made only by locality or surname. Subjects, authors, and titles are NOT possible yet.

Locality Search

- Choose a locality.
- Select a topic.
- Choose the records to search.

"Records of genealogical value are described under different locality levels." Sources may be under:

- Country, U.S. state or Canadian province.
- County or non-Canadian province.

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX (Compact Disc Edition)

"The International Genealogical Index (commonly known as the IGI) includes the names of 147 million deceased persons. The index can save you many hours of research by helping you find birth, christening, or marriage information from the early 1500s to about 1895.

The names on the index come primarily from projects using volunteers who copy pertinent genealogical information from civil and church vital records. The names are not limited to LDS Church members or their ancestors. The International Genealogical Index does not include the name of every person in any given country, every person in the records indexed, or records of living persons.

The current microfiche edition of the index is published on 9,200 microfiche and is available at family history centres and other libraries worldwide. It is now also available in a compact disc edition, which will comprise 56 discs. The names listed in this compact disc edition of the International Genealogical Index are the same as those in the 1988 microfiche edition.

The powerful compact disc edition provides many features not available on microfiche. For example, it lists all names alphabetically within an entire country or region. You don't have to know the county, state, or province your ancestor came from to see if his name is in the disc file. Twenty million names are arranged in one alphabetical list for all U.S. states and Canadian provinces. Sixty million names are available in a combined index for England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales."

Here are the features of this program:

- A Help key explains each screen.
- Searches can be made using the exact or similar spellings.
- "A special screen, called a 'window' will display more details on each name" found.
- The F H C L call number of the original source document can be seen by using one key.

- Information gathered can be printed. A "holding file" can be made and printed later.
- Information can be "downloaded" to a floppy disc for use on your home computer! (This can be merged into Personal Ancestral File 2.2).

Searching

- Enter the name.
- Select a name from the page displayed in the index.
- Print the data.

"Individual names are listed in the Birth and Marriage Index. Type a given name and a surname." Adding the year narrows the search. Adding a locality narrows it further.

"The Parent Index lists possible family groups even if the children were born in different cities, counties, or states. It brings together the information about brothers and sisters when the parents' names are listed in the same way. It includes the same information for the child found in the Birth and Marriage Index, but it does not include information from marriage records. The microfiche edition of the edition does not have the Parent Index."

ANCESTRAL FILE

This file will become available in the near future. "Ancestral File is a family-linked file containing genealogies contributed by members of the Church since 1979. Many additional genealogies have also been included. The file contains the names of more than six million persons. Using FamilySearch, patrons may:

- Search for any information the file may contain about their ancestry.
- Display, print, or copy to diskette any information they may find.
- Find the name of the person(s) who contributed the information, which enabled them to coordinate their research efforts."

FamilySearch and its various files "are copyrighted to make certain they are used appropriately." The Family History Centre has further information regarding copyright.

QUOTE

Family trees are apt to be questionable about the roots.

- Sir W. Van Horne: attributed.

RECORD SEARCHERS REQUIRED

The Manitoba Genealogical Society offers its research services for a small fee. Certain Manitoba sources located at the MGS Resource Centre will be searched after a Request for Manitoba Name Search form is completed. Since the Society does not research outside the MGS Resource Centre, a list of Record Searchers who will research in other repositories, is supplied on request (with SASE). The list is also enclosed in all family history correspondence to anyone residing outside of Manitoba. Individuals engage the services of a Record Searcher by contacting them directly establishing cost for search, sources searched and other information. Below are the areas or sources that are listed on the current MGS Record Searcher list:

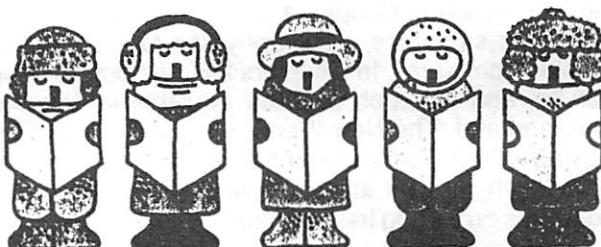
- All Manitoba; Southwest Manitoba; Dauphin, Kildonan, Gilbert Plains, Grandview
- Manitoba French - Anglican records
- Metis in Western Canada, Denney Papers, Scrip Records 1885, 1876, 1900
- England and Scotland - Family History Centre (LDS)
- Ontario Census

If you are interested in becoming a Record Searcher the requirements are:

- 1. The Record Searcher must hold current membership in the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. (MGS)
- 2. The Record Searcher must submit to the MGS a written application briefly outlining experience, area of expertise and accessible sources.

MGS will not recommend individual searchers nor do we take responsibility for the performance of the searcher but we expect the searcher to be a conscientious representative of our Society.

More details on this policy can be obtained at the MGS Resource Centre, 420-167 Lombard Ave. Winnipeg, MB R3B 0T6 Attention: Hazel Runchey, Record Searcher Policy Administrator. Deadline for applications is 31 January 1991.



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BOOK REVIEWS

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Irish Family History

by Marilyn Yurdan c1990

Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, USA. ISBN 0-8063-1274-2. xii, 194p. illustrated. \$19.95 plus \$2.50 postage from publisher.

The contents of the book reveal that Marilyn Yurdan has departed from the usual summary of Irish records and depositories but she gives us a good reference book. She sets the scene in Chapter 1 as she briefly covers such topics as: surnames, geography, the famine, particular and Irish problems. In Chapters 2-6, she covers emigration to, and research sources available in, the British mainland and "The New World" (Canada, United States, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa). Chapters 6-7 cover Irish records in Ireland and she concludes with some tips on visiting Ireland. Finally, there are: a Glossary

of terms (not necessarily Irish); 10 pages of addresses (a quick check shows that at least Manitoban addresses are up-to-date); a Bibliography; and an Index. There are some omissions; most noticeable to a Canadian being a statement that Ontario is the oldest province, and except for some addresses at the end, no mention of Irish settlement or sources in, Quebec. The print is good and it is easy reading. If I were doing Irish research, it is a book I would want to study carefully. Worth purchasing. MGS Library 941.5 Yur.

A Record of the Descendants of John and Dorothea Greenly, Wexford County, Ireland, and Perth, Ontario.

by John C. Stevenson and Louise M. (Greenley) Stevenson.

Published by authors, c1990. 189p. illustrated, chart. ISBN 0-9694542-0-1. Available from authors, Box 15, Grp. 35, SS1, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 2E8, Canada. for \$47.50.

A hardbound book on the Greenly, Greenley family, descendants of John Greenly and Dorothea (Blake) Richardson. John Greenly was born about 1775 in the Townland of Knockadawlk (see page 13 for pronunciation!), Ireland. He and Dorothea, with their family, immigrated to Perth, Lanark County, Ontario, in 1816. The families of their children are outlined in individual chapters. There is good background information; there are maps and copies of miscellaneous documents such as letters and wills; there is a section of pictures, with notations. A well printed and easily followed family history. MGS Library 929.2 Gre 1.

The Lee Tree: Jonathan Lee (1817-1903) and his Descendants

comp. and ed. by Barbara Lee Page. c1990. Available from Barbara at 2490 Brookswood Place, Site 336, Compartment 33, R.R.#3, Courtenay, British Columbia V9N 5M8, Canada, for \$35.00 plus \$5.00 postage. 277P. Illustrated.

A well organized, hardbound book on the Lee family. Barbara begins by giving an historical background - including the survey systems of Ontario and Manitoba. Then, before she begins to detail the history of Jonathan's descendants, she gives some history and genealogical data on his ancestors. The family originated in Yorkshire, England, immigrating first to Wellington County, Ontario, with many later settling in Manitoba.

She has detailed the history of 14 of the 20 children of Jonathan Lee (he was married first to Sarah H. Richardson, and secondly, to Elizabeth Noble). There are numerous pictures to add more interest. The print is easy to read and Barbara's numbering system makes it easy to follow family lines. An Index of personal names as well

as a Geographic Index completes this family history. MGS Library 929.2 Lee.

The authors of the above two books can be justly proud of their work in producing these family histories.

Parkinson Tree, and Mountain Family

by Ruth Hicks. 1990. Available from the author at 3269 Nobleton Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L4X 2N7, Canada for ??

These are two, large sized computer printouts, with the pages in hard covers.

The Parkinson family descends from Joseph Parkinson and Helen Ellen Hodgekinson, both born Lancashire, England. Some of the family immigrated to Ontario, with many later settling in Roland, Carman and Winnipeg, Manitoba. There is a short bibliography. MGS Library 929.1 Par 3.

Mountain family lists the descendants of James Patrick Mountain, born in Waterford, Ireland and Sophia Bearisto. These descendants moved, first to Prince Edward Island and later to other areas of North America - including Manitoba and the Dakotas. MGS Library 929.2 Mou 1.

Petworth Emigration Scheme

ed. by Wendy Cameron and Mary McDougall Maude. Workforce c1990. 25 p. Available from Wendy Cameron, 305 Heath St. E., Toronto, Ontario M4T 1T3, or Mary M. Maude, 44 Beverley St., Toronto, Ontario M5T 1X9, Canada. No price.

"A preliminary list of emigrants from Sussex and neighbouring counties in England to Upper Canada 1832-1837". The Petworth Emigration Scheme was instrumental in sending some 1600 emigrants to Upper Canada (Ontario). This preliminary list has some 600 family units listed. The editors are anxious to hear from anyone who has any information about emigrants who may have emigrated under this scheme. MGS Library 325 Cam

...And They Built an Altar

Brokenhead Lutheran Historical Society, Beausejour, Manitoba, c1983. 462p. Illustrated. Available from Historical Society, % Mr. Randy Klaprat, 433 Ashton Avenue, Beausejour, Manitoba R0E 0C0, Canada. \$40.00 plus postage.

This book covers the "History and Heritage of the Brokenhead Lutheran Community". Brokenhead

Municipality lies to the east of the city of Winnipeg. The areas covered are St. Paul's Parish, Green Bay; Zion Parish, Beausejour; St. John's Parish, Greenwald; Trinity Parish, Thalberg; Holy Cross Lutheran Parish, Golden Bay; St. John's Parish, Lydiatt; St Paul's Parish (Lowland), Brokenhead; Emmanuel Parish, Glenmoor; Grace Parish, Beausejour; Grace Parish, Springfield; Peace or St. Paul's, Friedensfeld and Niverville; St. Paul's Parish, (Whitemouth South), Oldenburg; and St. Paul's, North Whitemouth (Winnipeg Falls and River Hills). There are biographical sketches of many of the Pastors, many with pictures. Over half the book is left for the family histories section. We are pleased to add this book to our MGS collection of Manitoba local and church histories. Those who have roots in the Brokenhead Municipality will find this a great addition to their libraries. Also at MGS Library, see the INDEX to ...And They Built an Altar, as compiled by Jerry Frank. 971.27 Bro.

Why Are There No Tall Grandma's?

by Scott B. Chase. Heart of Lakes Publishing, Interlaken, New York, New York 14847, U.S.A. c1990. Available from the publisher for \$12.95 plus \$1.75 postage (US). Please send money orders in US currency.

This is a delightful book - aimed at beginners to genealogy, but there are miscellaneous little gems for those who have been searching for a few years. It is easy to read and should provide many with a practical outline of how to get on with their research. Admittedly, it is written from the American viewpoint, but the suggestions given are easily transferable to Canadian sources. The author has one very succinct paragraph on the validity of researched information which should keep beginners from falling into that trap of accepting first "facts" as absolutely correct. There are examples of charts, with an explanation of the author's numbering system; a bibliography; and an index. A good buy.

MGS Library 929.1 Cha.

Pioneer History of McMunn, East Braintree and Glenn

ed. by Esther Anderson Feilberg and Lorna Feilberg Annell. East Braintree, Manitoba: Pioneer History Book Committee. c1989. iv, 470 p. Illustrated. Available from Pioneer History Book Committee, East Braintree, Manitoba R0E 0L0, Canada. \$40.00 plus \$5.00 postage.

Another fine local history book covering three communities in the LGD of Reynolds, southeast of Winnipeg. The three communities lie along the old Dawson Trail (Road) which ran from Lake Superior, across Lake of the Woods, and on to Red River (Winnipeg today) - Canada's first attempt to provide an all-Canadian Highway linking the east with the prairies. There is a chapter on the Trail rich with incidents from the past. Two rather unique situa-

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"ONE AWFUL NIGHT"

In Meadow Lea, Manitoba

Mrs. Douglas Verrill, International Falls, Minnesota shared the following poem with us.

One Awful Night

Meadow Lea, Man.

'Twas winter, and the wind blew keen,
Blew with its might and main;
And more and more the snow did blow
Across the stormy plain.

And now without, the fiercer yet
The Storm King raged and blew;
And nearer to the fire within
The little company drew.

That night John Taylor sat beside
His wife and daughters three;
And pleasantly the hours flew by,
At home in Meadow Lea.

A lady friend was staying there,
And oh! with what delight
Those fond young tongue would rattle on,
Regardless of the night.

They talked of old Ontario,
Of Peel, their native place,
Of the old home so far away,
And each remembered face.

Of Stanley's Mills and Harrison,
Awhile their chat would be,
And then, again, oh new found friends
At home in Meadow Lea.

And lo! what light is this they see

Reflected on the ground?
"Fire! fire! the housetop's in a blaze!"
They all cry with a bound.

Out in the storm they wildly rushed,
To work they gallant go;
But who could stay a fire like this
In such a blinding snow?

No neighbor's house or light is seen,
Whichever way they turn,
And so these helpless ones seemed doomed
To either freeze or burn.

Then cried the youngest fearless girl,
"I'll to my uncle's go;
And bring strong arms to help you all,
Or perish in the snow."

Then off she set, but missed her way
Across the stormy plain,
And helpless, through that cold, cold night,
For succor watched in vain!

Then cried another daughter true,
"I'll search the prairie wide,
I'll bring my sister back again,
Or perish by her side."

Ill-fated pair to venture forth
In such a whirl of snow;
Misguided love to urge them on,
Where scarce a man would go.

'Twas almost noon, at William's house,
When one of them did say,
I'll go and see how uncle fares
On such a wretched day."

He went; but, oh did ever eye
Behold so sad a sight?
Around him death and ruin lay,
The work of that cold night.

A mother, and her daughters three,
Had perished on the plains,
And of that happy family,
But John alone remains.

The neighbors gather, one by one,
And searched the prairie round,
And here and there in reefs of snow,
A frozen corpse was found.

Was ever anything so sad?
Or did you ever see
A case so strange and pitiful,
As this in Meadow Lea?

Research on Meadow Lea led to Footsteps Through the Years, published by Marquette and District Historical Guild. The family history book covers the areas of Osowa, Reaburn, Marquette, Meadow Lea, Poplar Heights; all are northwest of Winnipeg and northeast of Portage La Prairie. All the text following is from the above named book. MGS Library: 971.27 Foo -Editor.

"The Meadow Lea Tragedy

The following is taken from a book 'Frost and Fire', and we record some details here.

A Taylor family had emigrated from England and settled in the Stanley Mills, Ontario area. Two sons are mentioned, Wm. and John.

About 1880, William had come with his wife and sons and settled on a homestead in Meadow Lea, the Eastern part of Township 2 as near as we can determine.

His elder brother John, is described as a highly intelligent man; heavy-set and having some ill effects from a stroke. Thinking there was a good future in the west, John with his wife and three grown daughters, came to join Wm. in the spring of 1881. The father at this time was 60 years of age, his wife, also a heavy-set person was 56; Annie 25, Mary 23 and Lizzie 20, were the family.

Arriving in Meadow Lea, they found Methodist clergymen were journeying over from Winnipeg, and holding Church services in the humble homes of the settlers. Rev. Haines called a meeting with the idea of building a church and parsonage. The Church of logs 12x14 was erected and opened July 1st, 1881. A Rev. George Young took the service, Mary Taylor played the organ and her sisters Annie and Lizzie sang in the choir that day.

On the journey from Ontario they had met a Miss Martha Reid who was coming to do dressmaking in Winnipeg. Annie secured work in the same establishment as Martha and the girls became good friends. A parsonage was built beside the Church and Rev. and Mrs. Haines moved in Dec. 1881.

A Concert was being held in Meadow Lea School No. 41 on Friday evening March 3, 1882, so Annie wanted to drive by train from the city to attend. A Mr. Albertson - a singer, was coming, so he brought Martha and Annie. All attended the concert, except the father who had a second slight stroke and was not able to be around. Mr. Albertson went to spend the weekend at the Wm. Taylor home and Martha stayed with the John Taylors.

Saturday morning, it started to snow; soon the wind got up and by nightfall, it was a terrible blizzard. The girls had brought in lots of wood and the family were visiting

around the stove when Lizzie smelled smoke. Opening the door, they realized the thatched roof was on afire. There was only a stovepipe through the thatch and obviously the pipe had got so hot it dried the thatch around it and started it burning. Realizing they could not extinguish it with the little water on hand, they set about to remove everything they could save from the house, bundled everyone up as warmly as possible and huddled in a snow bank beside the burning home. They could not get to the barn because of the huge snow drifts. One wonders - had they thought to take off the thatch from the roof - could they have got inside that way? - but in a blizzard - could they have found the log barn?

Time passed, and then Lizzie, with her father's permission, decided she could make it to her Uncle's home, 3/4 of a mile away. So she set off; help did not come, so Mary decided to go for help and to find Lizzie. Sunday morning came, and Annie left, in a desperate effort to find help. The parents were distraught with fear, and since the father was too helpless to move - the Mother determined to go. Bundling her husband closer to his snowbank shelter she left, but not alone. Martha Reid felt she should accompany the Mother. They did not get far before the Mother was overcome with exhaustion and collapsed in the snow. She could not get up and Martha could not lift the heavy body. Martha struggled on.

Meantime at Uncle William's home, the menfolk wondered how John and his family fared in such a wicked storm. The snow and wind diminished towards noon Sunday, and Ralph decided to walk over to Uncle John's. What a pitiful sight greeted him! John Taylor was found by the burned house in a semi-conscious state; there was no sign of any of the women. Hurrying home for help, they brought a faithful old horse and sleigh and rescued Mr. Taylor first. Mary and Martha were found in Chant's abandoned home, used as a grainary, and taken to Wm. Taylor's. Mary passed away a short time later, Martha was thought to be beyond help but they found her body was warm over her heart and they did all they could to revive her. The mother, Annie and Lizzie were nowhere to be found. Word was sent to Dr. Pulford in Stonewall and he arrived Monday evening. In the meantime, Mrs. Taylor's body was found in a snow drift not far from the home and Annie's body was found in Chant's marsh.

By Tuesday more than 50 men searched the entire area from early morning. At 3 p.m., Lizzie's body was found four miles from home. Horses could not get through the snow - and the men laid her frozen body on an overcoat and carried it to the Wm. Taylor home.

Dr. Pulford stayed with the stricken family until Thursday afternoon. On Saturday, the four coffins arrived and burial was in Meadow Lea Cemetery. Rev. Haines (Haines?) was almost overcome by the tragedy, so Dr. Rice came from Winnipeg to conduct the Memorial Ser-

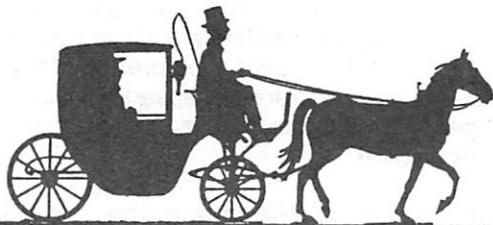
vice at the Church on Sunday. Mrs. Hames (Haines?) played the organ.

Mr. John Taylor suffered no physical disability from the ordeal, but the shock of the events weighed heavily and he lived only a few short years at his brother's home.

Martha Reid was cared for at the Wm. Taylor home for a few weeks, then she returned to Winnipeg where it was found necessary to amputate most of her fingers. A few years later she married a Mr. Ivey. They had a grocery store in Manitou and we understand Mrs. Ivey lived to quite a good age."

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

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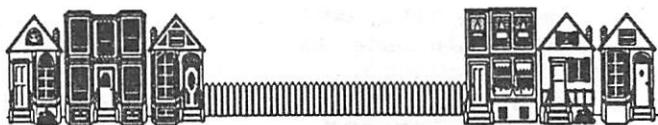


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BELL/WHITSON/CHALMERS/BOWER

Info on William **BELL** and Janet **WHITSON** parents of Andrew White **BELL**, b. Roxborough, Scot. 1843?, lived in Galt, Ont. Any relatives? Relatives of James **CHALMERS** and wife Elspet **BOWER**, Elgin, Scot.

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BUNN

William **BUNN** m. Elizabeth **CAMPBELL** 1843. What became of chn: Phoebe E. b. 1845; Mary M. b. 1852; Madeline b. 1855; Colin C. b. 1858; Albert E. b. 1864; Flora A. b. 1862; Robert MacRay b. 1868; Alice Victoria b. 1860. All lived Manitoba prior to 1900 in Stonewall area. Was William **BUNN** a teacher 1860 until death 1877? Other children: Rev. Thomas **BUNN**; Alfred Chas (my grandfather, m. Isoballe **MCLEOD** at St. Paul's 1880.

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HODGKINSON or HODKINSON

John **HODKINSON** b. 1804 Westhoughton, Lancs Eng. d. 1875 Wigan, Lancs, Eng. Son of James **HODKINSON** and Margaret **WINWARD**. m. Ellen **HODKINSON** b. 1814 in Bolton Lancs, dau of Thomas **HODKINSON** and Jane. Children: Elizabeth b. 1832; William b. 1835; Mary b. 1836; Ellen b. 1837; Richard b. 1840; John b. 1843; Mary b. 1845; Adam b. 1847; Elizah b. 1850; James b. 1853. Any info wanted.

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LIBAN

Joseph, m. Justine LEVEILLE Jan 1908, Grande Clairiere, MB Homesteaded NW 3.7.25 WPM. Joseph immigrated from Belgium. Justine was the dau of Jean LEVEILLE and Eliza BRELAND. Any info will be appreciated.

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LONG

William, b. 1782 Pennsylvania. To E. Flamborough Ont. in 1800 along with many other Long families. Would like to correspond with researchers searching LONG in Northampton Co. PA before 1800.

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LONG

Seeking information re: wife and children of Robert LONG (d. 1928) of Bowsman, MB. Wife is Florence, they were married about 1915, her son Arnett LONG (b. c1913) and their dau Marguerite (b. c1916).

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MILLER/GIETZ

Paulina MILLER, nee GIETZ, b. in Walla, Poland, c1870's, dau of Fred GIETZ and Anna RICHTER, m.

MILLER (He went to Argentina without the family and was never heard from again.) Chn: Rhinhald, Olga, Oscar. Any info on Paulina and her children who were in Winnipeg (?) between 1914-1924.

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MUNDELL

Ann, b. 10 Oct., 1826 d. 23 Nov. 1903 m. James GRAHAM b. 21 Mar. 1826 d. 19 May 1895. Both from Ballymena, N.Ire. Settled on Scugog Is. (Port Perry, Ont) c1846-7. Chn: Orr 1852-1943; Thomas 1854-1938; William, James, Annie, Stewart, Elizabeth, Robert, and John. Any info wanted.

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PEASE/PEAS

Any information re the above name in the Winnipeg area late 1800's and early 1900's appreciated. Believe connected by marriage to McWILLIAMS.

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PRETTIE

1. Benjamin & Cynthia Ann HOWEY, children John, William James, Olivier, Lawson, Richard. Benjamin, Cynthia and children resided and homesteaded in Whitemouth, Manitoba, 1885-1911? When Benjamin died, Cynthia went to Ottawa, and died there. I am interested in the years Benjamin lived in Whitemouth. I understand he worked on the railway and would like to know the years he was with the railway. Was he buried in Whitemouth? and where? In what year did he move to Manitoba?

2. Benjamin and Elizabeth UMPHREY, children Joseph Alfred, Elizabeth Jane, Margaret, Mary, Thomas, Benjamin Umphrey. Benjamin, Elizabeth and children resided on Wolfe Island, Kingston, Ontario, 1951 - ?

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RIEL/LEGER

George RIEL (b. 23 Feb 1863) m. Josephine LEGER (b. 7 Feb 1875) m. 19 June 1894 (family may have lived in Minnesota) mvd to Millbury, MA, USA. Dau. Florence m. Bertin BLANCHETTE, son of Edward BLANCHETTE and Leontine HOUDE both of Montreal. Any info.

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RYDER

George of St. Andrew's m. Emma McLEOD, also of St. Andrew's, on 19 Dec. 1877. Emma's sister, Carrie McLEOD, m. Andrew FIDDLER 8 Feb. 1877. Emma and Carrie's father was John McLEOD d. before Feb. 1877 of N. St. Andrew's. Would like to hear from descendants of the above, especially information relating to George RYDER's dau. Carrie RYDER b. c1895.

Contact: Maureen Clarke

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SAUVÉ

Alexis b. 1804 St. Polycarpe, Que. m. Therese LALONDE b. 1814 St. Polycarpe. No record found of marriage but found one showing Alexis DOUST m. Therese LALONDE. Could they be the same person? If so, parents given as unknown? Any help?

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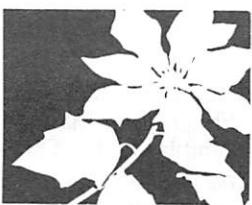
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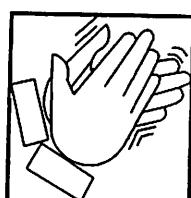
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'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.

The dining room table with clutter was spread
with pedigree charts and with letters which said...

"Too bad about the data for which you wrote
Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and the such
were proof that my work had become much too much.

Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

And I at my table was ready to drop
From work on my albums with photos to crop.

Christmas was here, and of such was my lot
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.

Had I not been so busy with grandparents' wills,
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.

While others had bought gifts that would bring
Christmas cheer,
I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.

Away to the window I flew in a flash,
Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys, and 'ole Santa Claus, too.

And then in a twinkle, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.
The TV antenna was no match for their horns,
And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.

As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,
Down the cold chimney fell Santa -- KER-RASH!

"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his short neck!)

Spotting my face, good old Santa could see
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).

Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy:
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.

He spied my research on the table all spread
"A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)

Tonight I've met many like you, Santa grinned.
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.

I gazed with amazement -- the cover it read
"Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead."

"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.

While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry,
I do some research in the North Pole Library!"

"A special treat I am thus able to bring,
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing."

"Now off you go to your bed for a rest,
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."

As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,
To his team, which then rose like the down of a thistle.

And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,
"Family history is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"

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