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Editor's Notes

Karin Clegg #5089

Congratulations MGS members on getting through another Manitoba winter. Even though it sometimes seems like spring will never come, once the change happens I'm always shocked at how quickly the seasons come and go. Thinking about past springs, I delved into the Generations archives and selected a few items from some previous Spring issues. I think it's interesting to get a snapshot of what MGS members were doing 10, 20 or even 30 years ago.



Also in this issue, Kelly Southworth has written a really wonderful piece that shows us how to add an extra dimension to our genealogical research. I'd like to encourage more MGS members to send in items about the results of their family research. And if you've got a story you'd like to tell but are having trouble getting it down on paper, why not look into the Southeast and Winnipeg branch's new writing group (p. 20) which aims to give support and constructive criticism to budding memoirists. I look forward to receiving your stories.

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From the Archives Looking Back

Vol. 3 No.1 Spring 1978

In the new "Around and About" column, it was reported that "CHURCES BURN. A fire on the 10 March 1978 destroyed the Stonewall United Church in Stonewall, just north of Winnipeg. With the church, all baptismal and other records dating back to the 1830's were also destroyed. Earlier, fire destroyed the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Winnipeg but luckily the church records, some dating back to 1891, were rescued."

Vol. 12 No. 1 Spring 1987

Kathy Stokes (MGS President at time), wrote: "At the January council meeting, a committee of Gordon Breckman, Barbara Page, Bill Olmstead and Les Wardrop was formed to assess our computer requirements and purchase the computer best suited to our needs. Funds for this purchase came from the Manitoba Heritage Federation casino in which M.G.S participated in November 1986."

Vol. 20 No. 1 March 1995

The Swan Valley Branch reported, "Our meetings have been plagued by our winter weather. We were forced to cancel our January meeting due to a blizzard. We have vowed to not schedule a January meeting any longer because it never misses a storm!"

Vol. 25 No.1 March 2000

Lorne Hill, President of the South West Branch wrote: "As 1999 drew to a close the South West Branch completed two major projects – the 1901 Census Index and the revision of the Bylaws.

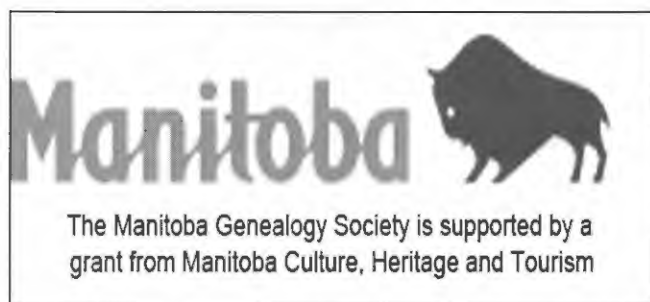
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MGS Needs You!

You can take part and make a direct impact on our society by contributing your time and offering your expertise in the following volunteer positions that need to be filled.

President - a member of the Executive committee that chairs all Executive, Council & Annual General meetings for the Society. Acts as spokesman for the society & directs the affairs of the society in accordance with the direction of Council. For more specific job descriptions please contact MGS.

Vice President Finance – a member of the Executive committee who oversees the management of the financial health of the organization. As a registered charity there are certain mandatory requirements as well as regular financial business practices. The V.P. works with the departments of Fundraising, Grants and Applications as well as the Treasurer of the society.

Vice President Information Technology - a member of the Executive committee who manages the I.T. resources for the society in consultation with many department chairmen, the computer committee chairman and volunteers. Ideally, you could commit to volunteering at the Resource Centre either

weekly or biweekly on Wednesdays as part of an active crew of volunteers.

Publications Chair – a council position for producing publications, reviewing or editing current publications, creating new formats for redistribution of older publications. This work involves coordination with Special Projects department and V.P. Public Relations.

Office Coordinator Chair – a council position that coordinates the day-to-day physical operations of the MGS Resource Centre and Library and Volunteer office. Acts as general office manager to coordinate, with the various departments, the training & monitoring of volunteers required to keep the Resource Centre open to the public. This requires a commitment of one day a week or every second week on site to maintain operations. Most volunteers for this department are at the Resource Centre on Tuesdays.

Please email contact@mbgenealogy.com or call 204-783-9139 if you are interested in these or other opportunities.

Nominations

Know of any member whose volunteerism deserves recognition? Make sure you nominate them when the call comes out for the 2010 Volunteer Nominations. The next deadline for volunteer nominations is July 31, 2010

Generation Gaps Query

Halliday

Searching for “Halliday” cousins: Heather (D.O.B.: 1950), Frances James “Jimmie” (D.O.B.: 1951), and Kim Marie (D.O.B.: 1958). Students of Champlain School 1958-1959. Left Winnipeg with their mother Doris M. Halliday (nee Berry), born in Halifax, N.S.

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Public Relations News

By Debbie Degryse Clark #4626

What's New on our Website!

Can't find your favourite menu link on our site? The menu on our web site was getting fairly long, so a few of our items have been amalgamated into one. Once on www.mbgenealogy.com, click on *Membership and Members* and a submenu comes up. That's where you will find pages for *Generations*, *Members - In Memoriam*, *Members' Interests* (a new page – see details below) and *MGS Annual Reports*.



A while back we made an announcement in *Generations* that said we were going to add a *Members' Interests* column in our journal. We were looking for a volunteer, but, so far, no one has come forward. However, we now have a *Members' Interests* page on our web site. You can submit your request by email or by using the form linked on the page. Any help you can give to those listing their interests would be greatly appreciated. But please remember to contact the person directly and not the MGS. Keep checking back from time to time as more will be added and perhaps you too will find someone that you can help.

Have you found the *Genealogy Fun* page yet? On that page you will find word search puzzles (as well as the answer keys) and a list of *Genealogy Sayings*. You can share by sending your word lists or other ideas for the *Fun* page to contact@mbgenealogy.com.

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South West Branch - Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. Workshop 2010 & Annual Heritage Dinner Manitoba's Home Coming - A Multicultural Heritage

April 24th, 2010 at Knox United Church 18th and Victoria Ave in Brandon

Workshop Registration Fee \$35.00 (\$30.00 before Apr 1st) Heritage Dinner \$16.00

Workshop Time - 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Heritage Dinner - Doors open at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6 pm

Speaker topics:

1. Aches, Pains & Sickness, Treating Illness in Manitoba Settlers – Colin & Elizabeth Briggs
2. Searching Orkney, Metis & European Ancestors Through Records at the Hudson's Bay Company Archives – Elizabeth Briggs
3. Ideas for Researching East European Ancestors – Elizabeth Briggs
4. Migration Patterns Migrant Lives – Dr. James Naylor
5. Media transfer - old photos & videos to new technology – Brian Keown
6. Not Just a Pretty Face – finding clues in old family photographs – Kelly Southworth

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Questions or more information 725-3095 or 727-3054 or go to the Registration Form available on-line at <http://www.mbgenealogy.com/index.php?page=workshop-heritage-dinner>

Rural Ramblings

By Kathy Stokes #125

Winnipeg Free Press 2 July 1909

On June 17, 1909 in Waskada, there occurred a double anniversary celebration. It was the 25th wedding anniversary of Dr. Lockburn B. Scott and his wife, who were actually married on Christmas Day 1883. Joining in the celebration were Dr. Scott's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Scott, who had been married in October 1833. All members of both the happy couples were present.



Winnipeg Free Press 3 July 1909

Donald McFarlane of Oak Lake, 73 years old, died there on June 28. He was a well-known farmer and breeder of Aberdeen Angus cattle. Originally from Strathclyde, Scotland, he served under the late Sir Robert Menzies. He came to Canada in the 1880s. Donald is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters, and his brother William. Burial was in Sandhurst cemetery.

Winnipeg Free Press 24 November 1923

Edward Machone of Kildonan died in a lumber camp in Sprague Manitoba on November 19, where he had been employed as a cook. His death was caused by a ruptured heart and he was buried at Sprague. Edward came west with the Wolseley Expedition in 1870. He was attached to the 2nd Quebec Rifles at Lower Fort Garry in 1870 and 1871. He had also resided in Duluth, Minnesota and several parts of Manitoba.

Winnipeg Free Press 1 August 1938

Miss H. Bowman of Dauphin won the championship flight of the Wasagaming Golf Tournament, defeating Miss M. McDonald of Brandon. They had met previously, in 1936, with Miss McDonald the winner. Mary Elizabeth Herbert, a pioneer of Swan Lake, died

at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. McCowan of Winnipeg. The widow of John Herbert, she was born in Seaforth, Ontario in 1860 and came to Manitoba in 1880 where she lived in Swan Lake until the death of her husband in 1921. She is survived by Mrs. McCowan, as well as daughters Mrs. P.V. Bond of East Kildonan, Mrs. H.S. Wood of Miami and Mrs. R.C. Rutledge of Wawanesa. Burial took place in Swan Lake.

This obituary was noted by Jim Rutherford #2632, when indexing obituaries for MGS from the Winnipeg Free Press: (name and dated changed for privacy reasons)

Joe Smith

Cancellation of Service.

It is with regret that the celebration of Joe Smith's life on May 9, 2008 has been cancelled due to health concerns. Service will be held at a later date

Are These Your Ancestors?

By Kathy Stokes #125

This story is about a musical child with extraordinary talents who was born in Winnipeg. I followed her activities through the newspapers from 1938 to 1943 and I also googled her name. Both sources seemed to stop after 1943. I wonder what happened to her.

The Winnipeg Free Press of 3 August 1938 contained a review of a concert in New York, which featured nine-year-old Valdine Conde of Winnipeg. At the same time, the Free Press interviewed the child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conde. According to her parents, Valdine showed an impressive talent at a very young age. At three years old, she could read music and play the piano. When she was just past four, her first music teacher, Sigrid Helgason, began to assist her. A local band leader, Harold Green, whose orchestra Valdine performed with on two occasions said, "Genius is the only word for the way she played. When she came into the studio she went through pieces that gave concert artists trouble, with the greatest of ease."

In 1934, Valdine and her music teacher went to New York where the child was the only youngster at the Juilliard Institute of Musical Art. Her father noted that her talent came from her mother's side of the family. As an only child, Valdine received the full benefit of both parents attention and they were willing to do anything to develop their daughter's talent.

The review of the New York concert in which Valdine played Saint Saens' Concerto in G Minor noted applause for the child lasted eight minutes.

Valdine did not rest on her fame from that concert. The Winnipeg Tribune noted in its 29 March 1939 issue that Valdine had played with the Toronto Symphony under the direction of Sir Ernest McMillan. The piece she chose was a favorite of hers, Liszt's 1st Concerto. The Globe & Mail critic, Lawrence Mason, noted that, "one was able to admire over long stretches the little soloist's amazing musicianship including her command of colour, poetic phrasing and all manner of technical resources. She is already an accomplished artist and well deserved the prolonged ovation tendered her."

Edward Woodson, music critic of the Toronto Telegram Edward Woodson gushed, "She is a golden haired, laughing eyed, plump cheeked little maiden with hands that flashed and fluttered like butterflies up and down the piano."

The Tribune had noted on 28 March that Valdine had made her debut at CJRC's Radio Kiddies program.

In February 1940, Valdine appeared in a concert in Hartford Connecticut. Critics were at a loss for words. Again she played Liszt, Concerto for Triangle and Piano. A critic from Hartford described a notably sturdy girl in a jumper dress that allowed plenty of room for actions. "Her wrists were a blur of activity, notes flying in a glitter of masterful technique", he said.

In the Winnipeg Tribune of 7 August 1943, it was noted that Valdine's teacher, Sigrid Helgason, was in Winnipeg for a visit. Valdine, now 14 years old, had made her debut at

Carnegie Hall the year before, she said, and had also appeared in Toronto and Chicago to great acclaim. There was no mention of Valdine's future plans.

And this is where the story of Valdine ends, as far as I could determine. I googled her name and found mention of her concert success similar to what I have described above, but they too stop about 1943.

In order to learn what happened to her, I researched her parents in Henderson's Directory and the local newspapers. I learned that her father's surname is spelled Condie. I found her parents marriage in 1923. Joseph Condie married Valdine Margaret Nordal in Winnipeg on 20 November 1923. I discovered that she was born in Selkirk 19 March 1897 as Waldina Morgrist Nordal.

The family lived at 529 St. Mary's Road for many years and Joseph Condie was employed by several automobile centres. By 1945, Joseph was living with Andrew Condie at #10, 86 Young Street and thereafter for a few years. Perhaps Mrs. Condie had died, or they had divorced. Andrew Condie may have been a brother to Joseph. In the early 1950s, Joseph and wife Frances Myrtle were back living on St. Mary's Road. Joseph died in 1962. His obituary makes no mention of a first wife or of Valdine, his talented daughter. Joseph served in WW1 in the 78th Winnipeg Grenadiers.

I am going to continue searching for more information about little Valdine, but if anyone knows of the family and could tell me about them, I would appreciate it. Stay tuned.

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To Walk In His Footsteps . . . a different kind of research

Kelly Southworth, MGS #4534

July 10, 1943—Operation Husky—The Invasion of Sicily, Pachino Peninsula:

I was the first one from my boat to hit the water. I took one step, two steps, and I was only in water up to there [points to his ankle]. I took the third step and I couldn't see daylight. I had all my gear. I had a Bren gun and 2, 4, 8, 9 mags of ammunition for it. I had 5 bandoliers of 50 rounds each around my neck. I had my heavy pack plus my small haversack on the side. I had 5 grenades and 2 smoke bombs on my belt and it was all coming off. (The grenades worked too. The smoke bombs didn't, but the grenades did.) I had everything off and was going to let it go and start swimming. I don't know how long I was under, only a few seconds, but it felt like a long time. I had everything in my hands [to let go] when I took the next step and came up again. I looked back 'cause I didn't know where I'd come up—if I had turned around and was back where the boat was, or if I was across. I was across. I could see the lieutenant. We thought he was a big guy, 6 foot 2 or so. He had his side arm out and was forcing guys into the water.

When we hit the beach, we were ready. We were wet, but we were mad as hell. There was no one there. Then, this Italian patrol came down the beach. There was 10 of them. We waited until they were right there, then we came up. They just surrendered. They dropped their guns and put their hands up. They didn't have a round of ammunition between them! Boy, did we feel brave!

May 12, 2009

I stood on that deserted beach, code named 'Sugar', and listened to Col. Dave Patterson, a battlefield historian and my tour guide, describe the Canadian landings of 1943. I was standing where my father had been, 20 years before I was born, and almost 66 years since he'd been there. I felt like I could almost reach out and touch that

young soldier, not yet 21 years old, who would survive the war and return home to Canada and be my father. Dad's been gone for over 8 years now, but on that beach, separated by 66 years, I felt as close to him as ever.

From May 10 to 23, 2009, I was part of a battlefield tour, following the path the Canadian First Division took through Sicily and southern Italy, from the beach landings in July through the battle for Ortona in December 1943. It was a trip I had long dreamt of taking and one I had been actively planning since the fall of 2005 when I first became aware that there actually are Canadian led tours of Canadian battlefields.

Researching the life of an ancestor who served in the armed forces can involve the same sound research principles as all genealogical pursuits—talking to relatives, following the paper trail (service records and unit war diaries), and reading published histories of the events. A tour of the battlefields offers a supplement to these traditional research strategies, or, as in my own case, an alternative.

My father, Chester Samuel (Sam) Southworth, was 17 years old in April 1940 when he lied about his age and enlisted. He served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), going overseas in 1940 and returning home to Canada at the age of 22 in 1945, followed by my mother, his War Bride wife. Those were obviously pivotal years in his life, but my father, like almost every veteran I have ever met, did not want to talk about his experiences. To paraphrase the son of another veteran, Dad had about a dozen stories, mostly humorous and mainly about the long years of training in Britain, that would get recycled over the years. The opening quote is the result of a



Photo Left: L-R Sam Southworth, Albert Jackson (Sam's father-in-law), John Joyal in England, 1941.

conversation I had with my father in 1998 when I tried to capture his stories word for word, as he refused formal or taped interviews. In a long evening of conversation about his life, that opening bit about the landings in Sicily was almost the only conversation about the war. I say almost because there was another quote: *Yep, I was at Ortona. Just outside Ortona. That was where I got sent back down the line. I went to North Africa, wounded.*

There is much, much more to that story, but most of it I never heard from Dad.

When I was 11 or 12, my mother, diverting me from pestering my father for more stories, told me about one experience when my father and one of his best friends were advancing through a field, side-by-side, and his friend was killed, my father covered by his blood. I decided then and there not to ask Dad to relive painful memories. I have not yet read his service records, partly because it feels strange to think about reading 'cold, hard facts' about someone I loved and knew so intimately. Although I own a couple of dozen published military histories about the Canadians in Sicily and Italy during the war, I have only skim read them. I have a broad-stroke understanding of the Canadian campaign and the battles, but somehow, I wasn't ready to read historical analyses of battles—I was searching for my father's experiences, not an historian's perspective.

For me, discovering my father's war experiences was a very personal research journey—one that did not involve books, documents, microfilms or any of the other traditional sources of information. For me, the journey was about time and place—searching for glimpses of the young man my father was and how time and place shaped him into who he became. And strangely enough, a battlefield tour, led by a military historian, was exactly what I needed in order to fulfill my quest.

Like genealogists, military historians have their own preferred sources, advocating the ground as one of the most important 'primary sources'

available to researchers. I concur—there is no better way to gain an understanding of the life-changing events of our families' veterans than to walk the ground they trod. A battlefield is a landscape where, once, a military conflict took place. Sometimes, little physical evidence of the battle remains, in the form of fortifications, trenches, or shell craters. Yet, battlefields are poignant landscapes and a visit to one evokes powerful emotional responses. There is a sense of your life intersecting the lives of the soldiers.

Battlefield tours are designed to illustrate the dynamics of battle—the effects of terrain and weather, of time and space. The realities of war are revealed, particularly the individual experiences of ordinary people. Our guide did the research for us, including reconnaissance and documentation, in the form of reading materials, maps and photos. He selected 'stands', or viewing points, that helped us to visualize the events he described. This was invaluable, as the battlefields of Sicily and Italy are largely unmarked—no visitor centres and few monuments.

Our guide was able to relate the advance of the Canadian 1st Division and the battles they fought, placing it all in the context of the geography and weather. The daring dash of an infantry company, clinging to tanks racing across a Bailey bridge (hastily constructed over a steep ravine, at night, under enemy fire) and up narrow, switch-back roads into a hilltop town to provide relief to comrades (who had been pinned-down overnight with no radio contact with each other or headquarters because the radios failed yet again) came to life when the entire battle was described from a distant viewing point, where the overwhelming advantage of the enemy positions was obvious. We then drove the same road, crossed the same ravine, entered the same town and progressed up the same streets, comparing our views to stark black and white images taken during and after the battle.

In addition to providing a chronological tale of events and an historical analysis of tactics and

strategies—what worked and what went wrong—our guide retold first-hand accounts from men who had been there—from published memoirs, details of honours awarded, or from stories shared by veterans who had previously travelled with him. He also spoke with the knowledge that comes from being a member of the Canadian Forces himself. All of this enriched my understanding and appreciation of my father's experiences beyond his own simple, "I was at Leonforte." Yes, he had been at Leonforte, one member of "C" company of the PPCLI who made that dash on the tanks. Insights like this were daily occurrences on my trip.

These moments of discovery may never have happened if I had been navigating and driving myself, and reading descriptions of the battles and trying to visualize what I was reading. I may never have made the connections that helped me to realize that Dad spoke more about the war than I had appreciated before. He spoke, in subtle ways that were not overtly 'war stories,' of experiences that contributed to his understanding of the world and shaped his perceptions, preferences and attitudes.

We moved inland from the landing beaches and drove past fields of prickly pear cactus, poignantly intermingled with poppies. Memories of childhood camping trips in Arizona and New Mexico came flooding back as I recalled Dad talking about his encounters with cactus in Sicily. As we drove the winding, twisting roads of southern Sicily we passed citrus orchards, and tales of picking lemons and sucking them when he was so very thirsty in the heat and the dust resurfaced. The switch-back roads leading to the strongly defended hill-top towns had me reminiscing about driving adventures through the Rockies, when Dad spoke of the hair-pin turns in Sicily. The wonderful meals each evening reminded me of Dad's love of Italian food, and his adventurous appetite (figs, eggplants, pomegranates and red wine!) that was so radically different from many of his family and friends who also grew up in southern Manitoba in the 1930s. The

experiences of Sicily and Italy were woven into the fabric of his being. How could it be otherwise? He 'grew up' there.

My father mentioned long marches up and down the hills of Sicily, but the hills I, as a Manitoban, imagined bore little resemblance to the hills I crossed in Sicily. When I read about 'the Gully' I could not picture the steep-sided ravine outside the town of Ortona that the Canadians fought in and around for more than a week in December 1943. It was on a height known to the Canadians as 'Vino Ridge', overlooking 'the Gully', where my father lost his friend, and where he himself suffered the wound that got him "sent back down the line" to a hospital in North Africa, where he spent several months before rejoining his battalion to resume the long, hard, bloody campaign up the boot of Italy.

Dad always spoke with affection and respect for the people of Italy and the hardships they endured during the war. It was brought home to me on this trip that the respect is mutual. In virtually every town we visited an elderly gentleman would approach and ask us what we were doing as our small group stood listening to our guide talk and point out landmarks. Upon learning we were Canadians on a battlefield tour, they shook hands, shared stories, and even went home for photos or relics they had collected as children. They were grateful to the Canadian soldiers who liberated them, and happy to meet the daughter of one of those soldiers. More than a few tears welled up at moments like that and during solemn visits to the cemeteries.

It was in the Moro River Canadian War Cemetery, outside Ortona, where I really wept. I came across the grave of Private Joseph Arthur John Joyal of



John Joyal's grave, Moro River Cemetery, Italy, 2009

the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who died December 14, 1943. Suddenly, so many puzzle pieces fell into place. The photos I have of my father and his friend, "John Joyle" on leave in northern England when he first met my mother. The story of his "French Canadian pal" from basic training who took Dad to meet his family in St. Adolph. The friend who died beside him. These were all the same person, and that person was John Joyal. And then came another realization—all of my father's stories, funny or not, were about events that occurred before the battle of Ortona. Dad's war after Ortona did not have any stories he was willing to share with his little girl.

My father lived and enjoyed life after the war, and left his family with many wonderful memories. I will forever cherish the gift I gave myself in joining the battlefield tour and taking the opportunity to get to know him in a new way. I walked in his footsteps. I looked on vistas he saw. I heard the stories that he never told and recalled those he had shared. I glimpsed the youth he had been. I brought back my own memories, emotions, life-changing thoughts and experiences, and ... a jar of sand from 'Sugar' beach.

Why Genealogists should consider a battlefield tour:

- To honour family members who have served
 - Remember or learn about their service
 - Visit a grave site
- Easier to understand history when seeing the geography
- Get a good overview of the entire campaign & context of your relative's involvement without doing lots of research
- Military service is a collective experience, so commercial tours can speak directly to your particular interest
- Military historians, like genealogists, are a dedicated group who are passionate about their area of interest
- Chance to meet nice people who share your interests

- Great vacation, combining family history with other activities and travel to interesting places

NOTE: For those who are interested in tours of WWI and WWII Canadian battlefields, I would highly recommend Fields of Fire Tours: dave@foftours.com

The Canadian Battlefields Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization with the mandate to "remember Canada's role in wars and military operations since the beginning of the 20th Century through its battlefield study tours, other educational activities and commemorative events." To learn more about the Foundation and how to support its worthwhile efforts, visit: www.canadianbattlefieldsfoundation.ca



Looking For Your Stories

The Generations Editorial Team loves to receive submissions from our members and currently we are seeking stories on your great-grand parents. Tell us their stories, their adventures and achievements (keeping in mind we do have somewhat limited space). Photographs are welcome

We are also looking for members to submit articles on why you love genealogy and/or where you would go and what you would do if you could take your dream genealogy trip.

Email your submissions to the Generations Editor at: generations@mbgenealogy.com, or you can mail your stories to:
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Library Lines

By Mary Bole #884 –
MGS Librarian

I have been asked to mark beside each book in this list whether they have been bought or donated. As most were donated I am noting only the purchases. Most of our purchases are made during the spring months.



Manitoba

280 Winn *Holy Rosary Church: Diamond Anniversary*, 1983.

289.7 Gol *Golden Anniversary of the Portage Avenue Mennonite Brethren Church, 1926-1986*.

378 Fac *Faculty of Medicine Yearbook* 1971, Asklepios.

610.73 UofM *University of Manitoba School of Nursing Yearbook*, 1969.

610.73 Vic *Victoria General Hospital Nursing Students' Yearbook*. Various issues.

920 Ext I *Extraordinary Ordinary Women Index* [We have the book; a member indexed it.]

970.1 His *History of Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, 1988-2008*.

971.27 Arth *Sequel to Our First Century*, 2009. History of Melita and Municipality of Arthur.

971.27 Edwa *Sourisford and Area from 1879, 1981*. [Reference]

971.27 Macd *The Pioneer History of Sanford District*, 1964. Macdonald municipality.

971.27 Nort *Churchill on Hudson Bay*, 1982.

971.27 Nort *Encounters on Hudson Bay: Churchill Region*, 1983.

971.27 Nort *Harvesting the Northern Forest*, 1997. History of the forest industry in The Pas and area.

971.27 Pipe *Evor Echoes*, 1885-1970. Pipestone municipality.

971.27 Rose *History of Riding Mountain and Area 1885-1984*, Index, 2010. [We have the book; a member indexed it.]

971.27 Swan *100 Years in the Swan River Valley, 1898-1998*, 1999.

971.27 Swan *100 Years in the Swan River Valley, 1898-1998*, index, 2009. [We have the book; a member indexed it.]

971.27 Swan *Eighty Years in Swan River Valley*, Index, 2009. [We have the book; a member indexed it.]

971.27 Winn *The History and Development of Assiniboine Park and Zoo in Winnipeg*, 1972.

971.271 Kue *A Story for Every Mile: Twas Once a Teaming Highway*, 2009. Boundary Commission Train. [Purchase]

971.271 Winn *Pioneers [who] Arrived Prior to City's Incorporation*, 1949. [From Winnipeg Free Press]

971.273 Hud *HBC – Canada's Merchants since 1670*. [Hudson's Bay Company]

Eastern Canada

287 Lee Leetooze, S. *A Corner for the Preacher*, 2005. Bible Christian Church.

287 Lee2 Leetooze, S. *Damascus Road: Short Biographies of the Preachers who served the Canadian Conference of the Bible Christians*, 2005.

331.7 Rad Radforth, I. *Bushworkers and Bosses: Logging in Northern Ontario, 1900-1980*, 1987.

971.3 Algo *Our Living Heritage: the Glory of the Nipigon*, 1993. Algoma District.

971.3 Carl Walker, H. *Carleton County, Ontario*, 1968. [Purchase]

971.3 Keno *Beyond the Bridge: Sioux Narrows*, 2009.

971.3 Keno *Of Love and War: Kenora's War Brides*, 2009.

971.3 Leed *The Irish in Ontario: a Study in Rural History*, 1984. Leeds County, Ontario

971.3 Thun Dean, P. *Sagas of Superior, the Island Sea – and its Canadian Shore*, 1992.

971.3 Thun Hart, M. *Hemlo: Inside Canada's New Gold Rush*, 1985. Thunder Bay area.

971.3 Thun Wilkins, C. *Breakfast at the Hoito*, 1997. Thunder Bay area.

Western Canada

813 Boo Boon, C. *Under One Roof*, 1977. Canada

325 Tho Thompson, A. *Pier 21: an Illustrated History of Canada's Gateway*, 2002.

355.1 Wri *Canadian Military Records*, 1994.

940.54 Koz I *Canada's War Grooms and the Girls Who Stole Their Hearts*, Index, 2010.

970.1 Bra Bramdson, L. *From Tundra to Forest: a Chipewyan Resource Manual*, 1981.

971.002 Fit *Fitzhenry and Whiteside Book of Canadian Facts and Dates*, 3rd ed, 2005.

Great Britain and Ireland

355.3 Spe Spencer, W. *Family History in the Wars: How Your Ancestors Served Their Country*, 2007.

912 AA *AA Road Atlas of Great Britain*, 2nd ed., 1997.

941.1 Big Bigwood, R. *Scottish Family Tree Detective*, 2006.

941.1 Tra *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors*, 2007.

941.5 Cou *Course of Irish History*, 1991.

941.5 Hou Houston, C. *Irish Emigration and Canadian Settlement: Patterns, Links and Letters*, 1990.

941.5 Kee Kee, R. *Ireland a History*, 1995.

941.5 Mac MacLysaght, E. *Surnames of Ireland*, 1991.

942.2 Ham *Hampshire Ancestors* [CD-ROM]

942.3 Dev *Devon Ancestors* [CD-ROM]

942.7 Man *Manchester Ancestors* [CD-ROM]

942.7 Wis *Wistaston: a History of the Parish and Church*. Wistaston, Cheshire, England Footprints [Journal Northamptonshire 2009]

Europe

289.7 Han *Berthal Gemeinde Buch*, 1993. [Reference]

296 Con *Congregation Shaarey Zedek One Hundred Years: 1889-1989*, 1990.

943 One 100 Jahre Deutsche Vereinigung von Winnipeg in Wort und Bild, 1992.

943.7 Pam Pamatnik Cspi: Canadian-Czechoslovak Benevolent Association, 1913-1963.

943.8 Trz Trzynastka: 1947-1977. Poles in Canada.

947.71 Rot Rotoff, B. *Monuments to Faith, Ukrainian Churches in Manitoba*, 1990. [Purchase]

General

004.6 Mor Morgan, G. *The Official Guide to Ancestry.com*, 2008.

616 Bis Bishop, C. *Book of Home Remedies and Herbal Cures*, 1979.

745.5 Tay Taylor, M. *Scrapbooking Your History*.

917.3 Slo Sloane, E. *Our Vanishing Landscape, 1955. Description of old way of life in United States*.

929 Gal Galford, E. *Genealogy Handbook: the Complete Guide to Tracing your Family Tree*, 2001.

The following four books are about the Civil War in the United States.

973.7 Blo *The Blockade: Runners and Raiders*, 1983.

973.7 Blo Bailey, R. *The Bloodiest Day: the Battle of Antietam*, 1985.

973.7 Bro Davis, W. *Brother Against Brother: The War Begins*, 1987.

973.7 For Bailey, R. *Forward to Richmond, McClellan's Peninsular Campaign*, 1988.

Family History and Biography

929.2 Arn Steeves, R. *No Englishmen Need Apply: The Story of an English Immigrant Family*, 2008. [Arnold and Edwards families]

929.2 Edw Waymann, H. *The Upper Edwards: Lossiemouth, Scotland to Rockland, Ontario*, 2009.

929.2 Lei Murray, P. *Leith Hall*, 1985. [Leith family]

929.2 Mid Hicks, R. *Midwinter Family History*, 2009. [CD-ROM].

929.2 Rob 3 Thomas Robinson M.A. 1819-1895 Priest to St. Michael's Church - Chart Sutton, 1868-1893. Robinson family and Kent, England.

929.2 Sha McClellan D. *Above and Beyond: the J.R. Shaw Family History in Life and Business, 1819-2004*.

929.2 Smi Smith, R.K. *Those Were the Days: Memories of a Manitoba Farm Boy From the 1930s*, 2009. Smith family and Sifton municipality, Manitoba.

929.2 Sou *Soul Search: the Award Winning Journal of the Sole Society*.

929.2 Unr *Living in the Way: the Pilgrimage of Jake and Trudie Unrau*, 1996.

929.2 Zab *Scattered Seeds: Zabinski-Hrabarchuk Family History*, 2009.



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Looking Past Local History Books.

By Mary Bole #884 – MGS Librarian

Local History books are a wonderful resource for genealogists. They should be your first stop in the library. So what is the second stop? Try looking under other headings, e.g. agriculture, schools, music, occupations, yearbooks. The following are some examples of books with photos, biographies, or lists of names.

Agriculture

By Section Township and Range - Studies in prairie settlement. MGS has surname index.

Exchange – Grain trading in Winnipeg

Freemasonry in Manitoba, 1864-1925

From Boys' & Girls' Clubs to 4H, 1913-1991
People and Progress – Co-op in Manitoba.

Associations and Clubs

Great Human Heart – Manitoba Women's Institute

Khartum Shrine Temple
Ladies Auxiliaries of The Royal Canadian Legion

Proud Heritage, 1871-1982 – St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg – Scottish Manitobans

Together...Once Again – Kinsmen Club
Brandon 1925-1975

Churches (some contain family histories of the congregation.)

By Steps, Not Leaps. St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish, Brandon

For a Hundred Years, 1875-1975 – Grassmere United Church

Manitoba Mennonite Memories 1874-1974

Rock Lake United Church Camp 1884-1984

Tapestry of Faith: Roman Catholic Parish St. Alphonse. This book has more information about Lorne municipality than about the RC Parish.

Education

Brown and Gold – University of Manitoba Yearbook – various issues from 1921

Chalk, Sweat and Cheers, 1919-1969 – Manitoba Teachers Association

From Slate to Computer – Transcona-Springfield 1873-1983

Reflections and Silhouettes, 1966-1970 – Rossburn Collegiate

Rural Schools – Portage la Prairie School Division #24

Schools, Our Heritage – Hanover Unitary School Division 1878-1968

Hospitals, Health Care, Medicine, etc.

A Vision Fulfilled. Children's Hospital of Winnipeg, 1909-1973

Betel Home Foundation 1915-1995 – Contains a list of 399 Betel residents for the year 1915-1955 – Icelandic names.

History of the Faculty of Pharmacy, 1899-1999 – University of Manitoba.

Occupations (quite often you can find a list and, with luck, short biographies.)

Era of Street Cars – Winnipeg.

Law Society of Manitoba, 1877-1977.

Raising the Standard – Chartered Accounts of Manitoba 1886-1986.

We Hold Thee Safe - Winnipeg Fire Department.

Winnipeg's Electric Transit

Sports

Hanover Tache Hockey League – 1958-1983.

Manitoba Curling Association – Yearbooks.

Off and Running – Horse Racing in Manitoba.

Women

Planting the Garden – an annotated archival bibliography of the history of women in Manitoba.

And Finally

Britishers in Britain Being the Record of the Official Visit of Teachers from Manitoba to the Old County, Summer, 1910, edited by The Honorary Organizing Secretary.

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Periodical Potpourri

By Enid Dorward #4502



All publications mentioned in this column are available for loan from the MGS library.

MANITOBA

British Columbia Genealogist (Dec/09)
Manitoba reunions in Vancouver, summer 1910 for Carman, Newdale and Neepawa.

Manitoba History (winter 2009)
Early Chinese settlers in western Manitoba.
LaVerendrye through the lens of gender, race and slavery in early French Canada 1731-1749.

The New Leaf (Dec/09)
This issue contains the story of Sergeant Tommy Prince, Manitoba's decorated war hero of World War II.

Sib Folk News (Dec/09)
William Tomison (originally from Orkney), trader, builder & adventurer with the Hudson's Bay Company.

CANADA

Chinook (Alberta) (July 2009)
Patterns of immigration and ethnic settlement in Canada. This article includes sections on Irish, English, and Ukrainian immigration.

Discovering Family History (Nov/Dec/09)
Understanding Canadian census records – an article designed to help the researcher get the most out of census records.
Finding Canadian pioneers of the Huron Tract – if your ancestors arrived in North America between 1829 and the late 1800s and settled in Upper Canada, you must investigate this area along the eastern shore of Lake Huron.

Family Tree (Nov/09)
Follow your [British] ancestors to Canada – an article about the Canadian Genealogy Centre, the “jewel of Canadian genealogy”.

Internet Genealogy (Dec/Jan 2010)
20 Canadian library databases

The Septs (Jan. 2010)
This is a special issue with several articles focusing on researching Canadian records, with an emphasis on finding Irish ancestors who came to Canada.

QUEBEC & THE MARITIMES

Ancestry (fall/09)
The cover article explains why the Drouin collection has been removed from Ancestry.com.

Connections (autumn 2009)
Online Quebec newspapers search.

Family Footsteps (May/09)
Quebec Marriages – civil age of majority vs religious age of majority.

Generations (New Brunswick) (fall/09 & winter 2009)

Transcription of Anglican baptismal records, Bathurst, 1864-1872 and 1872-1879 (names, dates, parents' names)

- An extensive article about the Baptists of Queens County, NB
- Woodstock rural cemetery transcription

L'Ancêtre (automne/09 and hiver 2010)

L'immigration Portugaise au Québec de 1608 à 1900.

Les familles Routhier à Sainte-Foy.

Minnesota Genealogist (summer/09)

An article about John Handover Stillman, who lived most of his life in New Brunswick, and whose descendants lived in Minnesota, Florida and Wisconsin.

Newfoundland Ancestor (vol. 23,3 2009)

Contains a major article about the descendants of Patrick Tobin and Judith Keefe.

Newfoundland Ancestor (Vol. 25, 4, 2009) This issue has a partial list of baptisms from St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church registers 1861 – 1883.

Nova Scotia Genealogist (summer/09 and fall/09) His Majesty's Nova Scotia Regiment of Fencible Infantry (early 1800s) – a list of over 900 names with enlistment and discharge dates, as well as other information.

ONTARIO

Bruce Bulletin (Aug/09)

Obituary of Alexander McDougal, born 1820 in Islay Scotland, and died at Burgoyne, Ontario in 1915.

Families (OGS) (Feb/09)

18th century French Canadians in the Windsor region – names.

Lanark Log (Aug/09 & Oct/09)

The Code/Codd/Coad families of eastern Ontario – families from southeastern Ireland who went to Ontario in the early 1800s.

Leeds & Grenville Branch News & Views (Oct-Dec/09) This issue contains a feature article about the Leahys/Leehys/Lehighs who came from Ireland to Ontario during the 18th century.

London Leaf (Nov/09)

1867 militia roll for Ekfrid Township, with names, concession/range/lot.

London Leaf (Aug/09)

London and area's Maltese-Canadian community.

The New Searchlight (Sept/09)

Centennial of Carmel Public School 1853-1955. The article includes sections about the following families: Brintnell, Clapp, Clarke, Gerow, Hicks.

Notes from Niagara (Nov/09)

First United Church (St. Catharines) Roll of Honour, World War I; also City of Welland Cenotaph (lists of names).

SCAN (Nov/09)

This issue features an article about the history of the Women's Institute (an agricultural organization), one about the Tweedsmuir histories, a list of branches in the Simcoe convention area, 1897-1995, and a description of Women's Institute resources available at the Simcoe County Archives.

Talbot Times (Sept/09)

Sketches of old Talbotville men: an article from a 1923 newspaper, with brief information about Wm. Bowlby, Lenly Smith, Fenner Merrill, Frank Bennett, Mr. Haines, Mr. Brokenshire, Wm. Gunning, Christa Sutton, Shipley Appleford, J. W. Coulter, Wm. Woolcock, and David Baxter.

Timberline (Oct/09)

How to do research in the Upper Ottawa Valley.

The Time Traveller (Sept/09)

Contains a list of 39 persons who applied for naturalization papers in 1937. Includes country of origin and current place of residence.

BOOK REVIEWS

By Enid Dorward #4502

Donation in Memory of Bill Burland

The Upper Edwards: Lossiemouth, Scotland to Rockland, Ontario, by Helen Elizabeth Waymann. 2009. 258 p. illus. index. (MGS library call number FH & BIO 929.2 EDW)

This book has been donated to the MGS library in memory of Bill Burland. The author writes the following: "Dedicated to the memory of William (Bill) Burland who helped the author Elizabeth Waymann with some of the research for the western branch of her family. Their common Roe heritage put them in touch from 2000 onwards as they shared the results of their Roe and Edwards research. Elizabeth had the pleasure of meeting Bill and his wife Sheila at their cottage at Victoria Beach on one occasion."

The book traces the emigration of the author's great-great grandfather John Simpson Edwards from Lossiemouth, Morayshire in northeastern Scotland to Clarence Township in the County of Russell, Ontario about 1830. Section 1 deals with his family and ancestors in Scotland. Section 2 records his arrival in Canada and his marriage to Helen Lamb in 1834. The remainder of this section details their family and descendants who are now scattered across Canada and the USA. Their eldest son James Simpson Edwards, with his second wife Margaret Johnston and their 12 children from both marriages, homesteaded near Melita, Manitoba about 1880. Section 3 is an "in memoriam" to the grandchildren (including the author's mother) of Alexander Simpson Edwards, brother of James Simpson Edwards.

Those Were The Days... by R. Keith Smith. 2009. 96 p. photographs. (MGS library call number FH & BIO 929.2 SMI)

Keith Smith's memoirs primarily focus on his childhood on a Manitoba farm during the 1930s, although he has included chapters about his adult life as well. He begins with a brief

account of his ancestors, starting in Scotland in 1825. Subsequent chapters include such topics as harvesting in the 1930s, Ryerson School (a one-room country school) and community, horses, high school, baseball, funny or unusual incidents, and more. He writes well, and makes his personal story one that is interesting whether or not the reader knows him. The book is liberally illustrated with photographs. Anyone interested in farming during the 1930s would also enjoy this book.

Wrekin Road Recipes: From the Schoolbook of Emmie Teece. © Jill Loach 2004. 46 p. illus. (MGS library call number: FH & BIO 929.2 TEE)

Emmie Teece, the author's grandmother, was born in 1893 and grew up in Shropshire, England, near a large hill known as The Wrekin. This book is a collection of her recipes from Wrekin Road School, and is illustrated with pictures from Emmie's postcard collection, her childhood storybooks, and family cookery books. It is a delightful snapshot of life from 100 years ago.

Library Dedications

To honour MGS's 2009 Award recipients the library has selected the following books:

Eric Jonasson Award of Merit

Gord McBean #3033, MGS Computer Chair
Book: "*The Official Guide to Ancestry.com*"

Florence Cox Volunteer Service Awards

Don McGillivray, #4342 President, Beautiful Plains Branch
Book: "*Ghost Towns of the West*"

Kelly Southworth #4534, First VP, Southeast and Winnipeg Branch
Book: "*When Your Ox is in the Ditch*"

An attractive nameplate, created by Jim Rutherford #2632, has been added to each book.

BOOK REVIEW & INDEX

By Enid Dorward #4502

Extraordinary Ordinary Women: Manitoba Women and their Stories ed. by Colleen Armstrong. Winnipeg, Manitoba Clubs of the Canadian Federation of University Women, 2000. 95 p. photographs (MGS library call no. MAN 920 EXT)

Members of the University Women's Club have compiled a fascinating book highlighting the lives of women in Manitoba, most of whom most of us would not know by name. However, the book contains stories of about 40 women who have made significant contributions to the quality of life in Manitoba. The stories are arranged in several categories, such as women in the fur trade, women in the labour force, farm women, women & education, and more. Each person's story is two pages in length and includes a photograph or drawing of the woman. These are women to whom Manitobans owe a great debt of gratitude. An index has been compiled, including the names of all persons mentioned in this book. Due to the length of this index, the second half will be published in the next issue of *Generations*.

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BRYDON	MARGARET	i	KENNEDY	MARY LOUISE	ii
CRAWFORD	ELDA	i	KENT	HILDA	ii
JONES	IRMA	i	LITTLE	OLIVE	ii
SMITH	HILDA	i	MACDONALD	AGNES	ii
TAYLOR	CORA	i	MALLABAR	SARA	ii
		Pho + Ill	MARQUEZ	FLORENCIA	ii
ABERSON	JANE	ii	McDERMOTT	JESSIE ISABEL	ii
ARMSTRONG	HELEN	ii		(BELLE)	
BENEDICTSSON	MARGARET J.	ii	McGILL	FRANCES	ii
BRABANT	SISTER NATHALIE	ii	McPHAIL	GERTRUDE	ii
BROWN	GRETТА	ii	MILLER	EFFIE IRENE	ii
BURRITT	AMELIA LEMON	ii	(CROSSAR)		
CASSELMAN NESS	MATILDA	ii	PEDDIE	ELIZABETH	ii
CHERNIAK ALCIN			NEGRYCZ		
(ELKIN)	ROSE	ii	McINTYRE	MARIE	ii
DICK	HARRIET	ii	PETERS	ELLA LILLIAN	ii
EMISCH	RUTH	ii	RICKEY	DIANA	ii
FRIESEN	DORIS	ii	RIVARD	DELPHINE	ii
GIBBONS	LILLIAN	ii	ROSS	JANETT	ii
GREGG	MARGARET	ii	SACOUMAN	SISTER LESLEY	ii
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			SHIPLEY	NAN	ii

This packrat has learned that what the next generation will value most is not what we owned, but the evidence of who we were and the tales of how we loved. In the end, it's the family stories that are worth the storage.

-Ellen Goodman, The Boston Globe

Book Review

By Bev. Smith #3265

Tanner's Crossing: The early History of Minnedosa to 1885 "The struggle to build a frontier town on the Little Saskatchewan River" by R.M. (Bob) Mummery

Published by The Minnedosa Tribune 1998

Minnedosa District Heritage Foundation
(MGS Library Call No.: 971.27 MINT TAN)

If you have ever traveled north on Highway. #10 or #250, you have gasped at the awesome beauty and amazing breadth of the valley created by the Little Saskatchewan River. This book tells of its early history beginning with the geological formation of the valley.

The first permanent settler of European descent, John Tanner, grandson of the "Falcon" Tanner, founded the "Crossing" with a bridge, a stopping house and post office at a strategic location on the Carlton Trail.

Joseph Samuel Armitage turned it into the Town of Minnedosa. As Bob Mummery says, "This book focuses mainly on these two men but does bring into play a few others whose strong character depicts the variety of people whose roles unfolded in harmony with their neighbours in such a way that it would eventually result in our community of today."

The Carlton trail went from Upper Fort Garry to Fort Edmonton. This is roughly the route of the "Yellowhead" Highway. Other trails are also discussed. Crossing the Little Saskatchewan River in spring and fall was dangerous so was a very significant part of the journey.

John Tanner 1839-1931, has a long and colourful life outlined. Connections between Minnedosa and Jessie James are made, as well as a description of his US Civil War experience. At age 25, he headed up the Carlton Trail to join his father and uncle.

James Tanner (father) 1812-1870, was a well-educated man of strong faith and involved in missions on the Plains, who died "accidentally" returning from a political meeting about the Riel Provisional Gov't.

John Tanner married Catherine Trottier Sinclair with HBC connections. They likely settled Tanner's Crossing about 1869. The North West Mounted Police manned a post nearby about 1875. Metis researchers from this area may find some helpful information and further references to the Minnedosa Archives.

Topics discussed: settlement, the coming of the railway, Minnedosa/Odanah/ Rapid City are in contention, early life, rapid growth of the town, influential citizens, and the effect of the 1885 Riel Rebellion.

Features:

- Minnedosa Timeline
- Tanner Family Tree
- 1875 survey maps for Townships 14 & 15, Ranges 17 & 18 with names and homestead numbers
- 1869 map of White Mud settlement (Westbourne)
- 1879 map of Minnedosa
- Bibliography of related books

Even if your ancestors only passed this way on their way West via the Carlton Trail, this well-written book can offer insight into their travels and difficulties, as well as being an interesting read on its own.



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genealogy remembers them all.*

~ Laurence Overmire

Branch News



The South-East & Winnipeg Branch announces a NEW Group— The Writers Group

Sparked by Susan Wellman's recent presentations on writing memoirs at our regular monthly meetings, several members have formed a Writers Group. This group is open to all Branch members. We will meet the first Tuesday evening of each month at the MGS Resource Centre from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

While the structure of the group is still taking shape, the concept is to hold supportive meetings for genealogists who want to write our family histories NOW, not 'some day'. While we may have occasional presentations to get our creative juices flowing, the focus of each meeting will be to help and support each other's desire to write about our families.

Members will share our writing with each other at the meetings—both what we write between meetings as well as what we actually write at the meetings.

Members will offer each other constructive feedback, with a kind eye!

We WON'T criticize grammar, spelling, etc.

We WILL talk about ways the writer could expand and improve his or her piece.

Everyone will benefit from the discussions.

We'll be exploring writing techniques—how to find and develop a theme, how to add details to catch the reader's interest, and how to tighten or expand our writing.

Everyone with a willingness to write and share is welcome! Bring a notebook and your favourite pen to write with.

Call For Nominations - Southeast & Winnipeg Branch...

Our May 10, 2010 Annual General Meeting and elections are coming up quickly.

In accordance with Article VI, section 3, of the Branch By-laws, this is a call for nominations for all positions on the Branch Executive except Past President, as outlined below. These are for one-year terms, to be filled by election at the Annual Meeting of the Branch on Monday May 10, 2010 and nominations may be made by any member in good standing. Nominations should be in writing, and given to Jim Oke, Chair of the Nominations Committee, left at the Resource Centre to his attention, or mailed to the Branch c/o the MGS Resource Centre. Nominations should be received before May 3, 2010.

Please indicate if consent of the nominee to stand has been obtained or not.

Upcoming Branch meeting dates and confirmed programs

Date	Title	Presenter
<i>Monday March 22, 2010</i>	Computer SIG Scanning Basics	Jim Oke
<i>Monday April 12, 2010</i>	General Meeting Searching Living Relatives	Jane Paradis
<i>Monday April 19, 2010</i>	SIGlet	TBA
<i>Monday April 26, 2010</i>	Computer SIG	TBA
<i>Monday May 10, 2010</i>	General Meeting English Villages	Howard Matheson
<i>Monday May 31, 2010</i>	Computer SIG	TBA
<i>Monday June 14, 2010</i>	General Meeting School Records	Enid Dorwood

Last June, the British Columbia Genealogical Society reviewed the MGS publication *Fast Facts, for Finding Family from Manitoba*, compiled by MGS member & volunteer, Kelly Southworth. Below is the very positive review reprinted from their quarterly journal "The British Columbia Genealogist"

FAST FACTS for FINDING FAMILY from MANITOBA compiled by Kelly Southworth, published by the Manitoba Genealogical Society, Inc.

You have no interest in any possible Manitoba ancestors? Then stand back because there is going to be a stampede from those who are interested in getting this little gem of a book. Only 36 pages in length, it was prepared by the Manitoba Genealogical Society and is chalk full of the resources needed to help you find the trail of your ancestors from that province, and also those people who spent time in Manitoba before moving on to Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The premise of the book is simple: take the questions most asked at MGS meetings, that is, "How can I find where my Manitoba ancestors lived and where?" and then identify where the records are that will answer these questions. This is not a "how to" book; rather it will assist you in planning your research.

The diversity in Manitoba records is amazing, but this is not surprising. The province is arguably the most culturally and ethnically diverse of all the provinces in Western Canada.

I liked the format used to present and answer the questions. The question is outlined in black at the top of the page and under that is the list of records (and their web sites) that might provide the answers to that question. The government web sites shown were active as of 2007.

This book also contains little nuggets of information that are useful beyond the borders of Manitoba. Library and Archives Canada has a list of all pioneer postmasters in Canada, many of whom operated out of their own homes. This list is available. Did you know that until 1951 there was only one crematorium in Western

Canada, and that the records for that crematorium are online for the years 1937-1979?

This book is easy to read and I am hard pressed to find fault with its presentation or content. Why doesn't every province have something like this to assist its avid researchers? I have seen some works but few can match this one for thoroughness. Five stars Kelly Southworth!

Reviewed by Clark Shea B.C.G.S.

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- Old Chinese Saying

The following article and lists are reprinted from the first issue of *Generations* (Vol. 1. No. 1, Fall 1976), I've included an historical map showing Lord Selkirk's Land Grant.

The First of the Selkirk Settlers at Red River, 1812-14

Prepared by Elizabeth Jonasson

In 1810, Thomas, fifth Earl of Selkirk, and his brother-in-law, Andrew Wedderburn-Colville, for reasons of their own and hoping to relieve the distress of the poor people of the United Kingdom (mainly Highland crofters and Irish cotters), decided to establish a settlement in the interior of Rupert's Land on lands controlled by the Hudson's Bay Company, of which they were major shareholders.



Map of 1817 Showing Lord Selkirk's Grant of 116,000 Square Miles known as Assiniboia Including the Forts In: George Bryce. The Five Forts of Winnipeg. [Winnipeg]: Royal Society of Canada, 1885, plate III

The establishment of the Red River Settlement, as it was to be called, along with the adoption of a policy of more aggressive competition with the North West Company was begun in 1811 when the Hudson's Bay Company granted to Selkirk the lands of the upper Winnipeg Basin, to be known as Assiniboia.

The purpose of the Red River Settlement was to furnish provisions for the Hudson's Bay Company posts and boat brigades, to supply men for the service of the Hudson's Bay Company and to offer sanctuary to retired company servants and their dependants. As well, the settlement was intended to confirm the Hudson's Bay Company's title to the land around the Red River, which was being threatened by the North West Company partners who were also trading in the region and drawing supplies from it.

In 1811, under Selkirk's newly chosen Governor of Assiniboia, Miles Macdonell, a group of Scottish and Irish labourers were sent to Red River from Stornoway in the Hebrides Islands in Scotland to make preparations for the permanent settlers who were to follow. After suffering many desertions, the party sailed for Hudson's Bay and the Company post at York Factory. Included in this group were servants engaged for the fur trade of the Hudson's Bay Company, as per the terms of Selkirk's agreement with the Company in return for the lands of Assiniboia. The separation between Company and settlement personnel was not ultimately made by Macdonell until he was on the way to Red River (see Lists 1 and 2).

Macdonell's party reached Hudson's Bay on the 24th of September 1811 after a passage of 61 days from Stornoway. Because of their late arrival, they were forced to "winter over" at York Factory on Hudson's Bay, and were not able to proceed to Red River until the spring of 1812. After many difficulties and much hard work, the party arrived at Red River on the 30th of August 1812. They lacked farming implements and were without provisions to last the winter. It was by then too

late to make much preparation at Red River for the other groups who were already on their way to join them there. The first necessity was to make some arrangements to live "by the hunt" at Pembina during the coming winter. The land deemed the most suitable for settlement was selected at Red River by September 1812 and by October, winter wheat was planted using the only available agricultural implement – a hoe. This land consisted of the tract of prairies along the west bank of the Red River just below the mouth of the Assiniboine River. The large point, thereafter known as Point Douglas (Douglas was Lord Selkirk's surname), was only a mile below the North West Company post of Fort Gibraltar.

The second expedition, meanwhile, had sailed from Sligo on the western coast of Ireland on the 24th of June 1812, under the direction of Owen Keveny. They arrived at Red River approximately two months after Macdonell's party (see List 3).

The two parties passed the winter at Pembina. In May 1813, they returned to Point Douglas to sow crops of spring wheat, rye, hemp, English barley, pease, and potatoes and to clear more land and to erect buildings for themselves and for the new settlers they expected that year. The crops (except for the potatoes) failed badly, so there was little to feed the settlers of 1812 and the expected arrivals of 1813. That fall, as they had done the year before, they once again made the trip to Pembina to "live by the hunt".

A third party of settlers crossed to Hudson's Bay in 1813, but arrived at Fort Churchill too late in the season to proceed inland. This party (see list 4) consisted mainly of Scottish settlers from the parish of Kildonan. They had landed at Churchill, stricken with fever, and the captain of the ship had refused to take them to York Factory. Many died and the rest were forced to "winter over" on the banks of the Churchill River and, in the spring, to trudge overland to York Factory. They did not arrive at Red River until the 21st of June 1814.

By January 1814, the food situation at Red River was worsening. Despite a warning from Selkirk not to arouse the hostility of the fur traders, Governor Macdonell on January 8, 1814 issued a proclamation prohibiting the export of pemmican and other provisions from Assiniboia. The enforcement of this proclamation would have serious effects on the fur trading activities of both the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company.

In the spring of 1815, the Red River Settlement was "dispersed" by the Nor' Westers. This marked the end of the first period of the Settlement History. However, the colony was soon re-established by Colin Robertson and reinforced by more settlers (The names of these later settlers are not indicated here).

Estimates of the actual number of settlers at Red River at the close of the first period are difficult. Numbers were changing constantly through fluctuations in the "service" between the Hudson's Bay Company and the settlement, and through desertions to the North West Company. Deaths and births among the settlers also added to the fluctuation of the settlement's population.

The following lists of names are reprinted from a special publication of the Public Archives of Canada, entitled *Red River Settlement: Papers in the Canadian Archives Relating to the Pioneers*, selected by Chester Marten (PAC Ottawa, 1910, 27pp.). List 5, which has not been mentioned up to this point, contains the names of servants and settlers engaged in Scotland for Lord Selkirk. Many of the names on the list appear on the first four lists as well.

No attempt has been made to alter or supplement the lists contained in this publication. Undoubtedly, there are probably other lists or other information on these settlers contained in the records of the Hudson's Bay Company, or the Selkirk Papers. Interested persons should consult these two sources of records in order to locate any additional information.

List of Men belonging to R. R. S. arriv^d in H Bay in 1811 & Brought from York Factory July 1812

Names	age	where from	Time agreed
Colin Campbell	21	Argyll	3 Years
John McKay	23	Rosshire	ditto
John McLinnan	23	ditto	ditto
Beth Hethune	19	ditto	ditto
Donald McKay	17	ditto	ditto
William Wallace	31	Ayr	ditto
John Cooper	26	Orkney	ditto
Nich' Harper	34	Do.	Do.
Magnus Iohister	21	Do.	Do.
George Gibbon	30	Do.	Do.
Thomas M'Kim	38	Sligo	Do.
Patt Corcoran	34	Crommalina	Do.
John Green	21	Sligo	Do.
Patt Quin	21	Killalla	Do.
Martin Jordan	16	Do.	Do.
John O'Rourke	30	Do.	Do.
Anth' M'Donnell	23	Do.	Do.
James Toomey	30	Sligo	Do.

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No.	Names.	Age.	Where from.	
			Parish.	County.
1	John McIntyre.....	19	Paisley.....	Renfrew.
	Will ^m . Anderson.....	23	Aberdalgie.....	Perth.
	Rob ^t . Montgomerie.....	19	Kilmarnock.....	Ayr.
	William Brown.....	20	do.....	do.
5	James Robertson.....	23	do.....	do.
	James Urrie.....	22	Cowal.....	Argyle.
	John Walker.....	31	Bunhill.....	Dumbarton.
	William Wallace.....	23	Riccarton.....	Ayr.
	Daniel Campbell.....	24	Row.....	Dumbarton.
10	Andw. McFarlane.....	17	Luss.....	do.
	Walter Colquhoun.....	25	Row.....	do.
	Peter Barr.....	25	Houston.....	Renfrew.
	Colin Campbell.....	31	Isle.....	Argyle.
	Duncan McCaskill.....	34	Harria.....	Inverness.
15	Beth Bethune.....	19	Uig.....	Ross.
	John McLennan.....	23	Uig.....	Ross.
	Donald McKay.....	17	Uig.....	Ross.
	John McKay.....	17	Androcallia.....	Sutherland.
	Jacob Folstrom.....	17	.....	Sweden.
20	Thomas McKim.....	15	.....	Sligo.
	John Green.....	21	.....	do.
	Patt Corkran.....	21	Killalea.....	Mayo.
	Anth. McDonnell.....	23	do.....	do.
	Mich. Higgins.....	do	do.....	do.
25	John O'Rourke.....	20	do.....	do.
	James Tommy.....	20	.....	.....
	James Dickson.....	23	Harra.....	Orkney.
	John Chambers.....	19	Walls.....	do.
	Murdoek Rosie.....	20	Bura.....	do.
	Geo. Merriman.....	22	Hara.....	do.
	Peter Spence.....	20	Sandwick.....	do.
	John Cooper.....	19	Sanda.....	do.
	James Robertson.....	18	Sandwick.....	do.
	William Finlay.....	.....	Stromness.....	do.
	Geo. Gibbon.....	30	Sandwick.....	do.
	Thos. Angus.....	23	Stromness.....	do.
	A. Simpson.....	34	Hara.....	do.
	Nichol Harper.....	34	Birray.....	do.
	James Johnston.....	29	do.....	do.

* A line is run through the three names in the original.

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		Above 15		8-15		Children 8
		Men	W=	Boys	Girls	
1	Mr McLean, Wife & Maid & Plow.....	2	2			5
2	Hector McLean Hugh & J ^s & Sister.....	2	1			
	Alex ^r & Don ^r Mother & Sister.....	2	2			
3	J ^s McVicar Carp & Wife.....	1	1			
	names					
4	Hector McEachern & Wife.....	1	1			
5	Hector McDonald Serv ^t to McLean W.....	1	1			1
6	Angus D ^r Wife & 2 d ^r	1	2			1
	D ^r 2 sons.....			2		
7	Neil McKinnon, Wife 3 sons 3 d ^r	2	3	1	1	1
	Don ^r McMillan Sailor.....	1				
8	Patt McNulty & Wife (Foxford).....	1	1			
9	J ^s Smith Wife & 2.....	1	1			2
	Duncan McNaughton.....	1				
10	Don ^r Livingston & Wife Anna McG.....	1	1			
	Don ^r D ^r jun ^r & Jane.....	1	1			
	Miles Livingston.....	1				
O	Thos Mullooney Sen ^r 30 (Newport).....	1	x			
H	J ^s Mahop 23-34 (Tieve).....	1		H		
	Joseph Cathra 15 to be under L ^r boy.....	1				
	Mich ^r Cryan 20 Sailor L ^r W (Kerr).....	1				
H	Thos Corcoran 37 (Coolavin).....	1				
H	Jno Conway 24-26 (Tubberary Sts).....	1				
	Patt Clabby 30 [34 (Sligo).....	1				
O	Jno Carson 30 Cooper (Fermanagh).....	1	x			
	Peter Dunn 24 (Sligo).....	1				
	J ^s Flynn 18 (Colloony).....	1				
	J ^s Golden 24 23 (Magherakem Sligo).....	1				
	got sick }.....					
	Austin Joyce 23 (Westport).....	1				
	Joseph Kenny 20 D ^r	1				
	Mich Killbride 24 [28 (Sligo).....	1				
O	Peter Rutigan 40 (Stockport).....	1	x			
C		x Mic Kelley 23		Bryan Gilgan x 39		
	x M Kilconal 23			John Forbes x 30		
x Geo Holmes	x Mic Kilkeny 23			Patt McGovern x 28		
Nob ^r McVicar	Phil Leydon 20			Thos Mulberry J ^s x 20		
x And ^r McDermott	H Jas Quin 27			J ^s Murrin x 20		
Jo Bowrie	x Phil Rooney 22			J ^s Bruin x 20		
x B ^r Castelo	x Mic Rooney 19			J ^s Cunningham x 18		
J ^s Warren	Hugh Swords 23			J ^s Davey x 20		
Cha ^r Sweeney	J ^s Swords 19			Fra ^r Everard x 20		
x J ^s Haron Oxt ^r	x J ^s Somers 20			J ^s Feeny 17		
x Fra ^r Haron Sw ^r	x W ^r Taylor 22			Mich Gillan 18		
Mich Haydon Smith	x And ^r Tymon 24			J ^s Gardner x 17		
	25			Henry Gilgan x 23		
	Don ^r McDonald					
	J ^s McIntyre x					
	Hugh McLean					
	23					
	10					
B. B. J ^s McManus H Sawyer (Grancid)		W ^r Malone 17	Moon			
Edw ^r Bell H (Donegall)		J ^s Brannan 17	D ^r			
Mich ^r Boyle (Ranickill ^r)		Patt Flynn 16	D ^r			
Mich ^r Hyland Sawyer B Shannon		Cor ^r Hoye 20	D ^r			
J ^s Johnston		J ^s Kennedy 15	D ^r			
Thos Sweeney H						
J ^s Pinkman-Nailer						
Total R. R. S.....		71				
		37	18	4	1	11
J ^s Walsh & Wife 23 Sligo.....		24	17	3	1	11
J ^s Underwood 16-13).....		1	1			
Francis Swords 28 (Long ^r).....		1				
Patt Swords 13.....				1		

**No. 4. PASSAGERS ON BOARD THE PRINCE OF WALES FOR
RED RIVER SETTLEMENT, 1812.
(Canadian Archives, M 155, pp. 165-168.)**

	age.	
1 George Campbell	25	Auchraigh Parish Creich Sutherland.
2 Helen his wife	20	
3 Bell his daughter	1	
4 John Sutherland	50	Kildonan—Par: Kildonan died 2d Sept. at C. F. a very respectable man —
5 Catherine his wife	48	
6 George his Son	18	
7 Donald do	16	
8 Alex' do	9	
9 Jannet his daughter	14	
10 Angus McKay	24	Kildonan
11 Jean his wife		
12 Alex' Gunn	50	Kildonan
13 Christian his wife	50	died 20th Sept. C. F.
14 William his Son	18	
15 Donald Bannerman	50	Badfinch ded 24th Sept. at C. F. a frank open hearted character.
16 Christian his wife	44	
17 Willm his Son	18	
18 Donald do	8	C. C. dumb & Epil
19 Christian his daughter	16	
20 George McDonald	48	Dalvait died 1st Sept. 1813 C. F.
21 Jannet his wife	50	
22 Betty Grey	17	
23 Catherine do	23	
24 Barbara McBeath widow	45	Borobal
25 Charles her Son	16	
26 Hanny her daughter	23	
27 Andrew McBeath	19	
28 Jannet his wife	23	Borobal
29 William Sutherland	15	
30 Margaret his wife	24	
31 Christian his sister	65	Borobal
32 Donald Gunn	50	
33 Jannet his wife		
34 transferred to Eddystone for H B Co. Service		
35 George Gunn—son to Donald	16	Borobal—Par: Kildonan
36 Fether his daughter	24	
37 Katherine do	20	Died 29th Augt. 1813. C. F.
38 Christian do	10	
39 Angus Gunn	21	
40 Jannet his wife	17	Borobal
41 Robt Sutherland brother to Wm. 29 ..	30	
42 Elizabeth Fraser aunt to do ..	30	Auchraich
43 Angus Sutherland	60	died 26th Oct. consumption C. C. Argyleshire
44 Elizabeth his mother	18	Balecheulish—Par: Appin died 20th Augt. 1813 at C. F.
45 Betty his sister		
46 Donald Stewart		
47 Catherine his wife	30	
48 Margaret—daughter	8	
49 Mary do	5	
50 Ann do	2	
51 John Smith		Asbus Par: Kildalton Isla
52 Mary his wife		
53 John his Son		
54 Jean his daughter		
55 Mary do		

56 Alex' Gunn	58 Ascaig Par: Kildonan Sutherland
57 Elizabeth McKay	Kildonanal
58 Betty do his nieces }	Aultamoral Par : Clyne
59 George Bannerman	Balnvaliach Par: Kildonan
60 John Bruce	died
61 Alex' Sutherland	Kenacoil
62 Willm do brother	Cain
63 Katie do Sister	Aultbreakachy
64 Hannan Sutherland	Kildonan
65 Barbara his Sister	Dalhalmy—Par. Kildonan
66 James McKay	Dalhalmy
67 Ann his sister	Duibie died Jany 1814 Consumption
68 John Matheson	Gallable
69 Robert Gunn : Piper	Ascaig
70 Mary his sister	Borobal
71 Hugh Bannerman	Sisegill
72 Elizabeth his sister	Sligo—Ireland
73 Mary Bannerman	Skibbo Par. Kilchooman. Isla
74 Alex' Bannerman	Fort Augustus Inverness Shire
75 Christian his sister	Fort William Argyll died 3d Augt.
76 John Bannerman	Bowmore Isla do
77 Isabella his sister	Keavnd P. Kildonan Suth ^d
78 John McPherson	Fort William
79 Catherine his sister	Isla
80 Hector McLeod	Balyshannon
81 George Sutherland	do
82 Adam his brother	
83 John Murray	
84 Alex'. his brother	
85 Helen Kennedy	
86 Malcolm McEachem {	
87 Mary his wife	
88 James McDonald	
Blacksmith	
89 Hugh McDonald	
Carpenter	
90 Samuel Lamont	
Millwright	
91 Alex' Matheson	
92 John Matheson	
93 John McIntyre	
94 Neil Smith son of John 51.	
95 Edwd Sheil	
96 Jo. Kerrisan	

83 & 94 enter the Service of the H. B. Co July 1814.—

No. 89	Hugh McDonald died	3d Augt.	at Sea
	Mr P. LaSarre Surgeon	16	do
46	Donald Stewart	20	—
37	Catherine Gunn	29	
20	George McDonald	1	Sept.
4	John Sutherland	2d	
13	Christian Gunn	20th	
15	Dond. Bannerman	24	
46	Betty Sutherland	28th	Ootr Consumption
76	John Bannerman		Jany do
	Christiana Sutherland		
	William Sutherland Junr.		

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