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No. 4] BILL [1916

An Act to amend "The Manitoba Election Act."

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:

- Section 14 of "The Manitoba Election Act," being chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1913, is hereby amended by adding after the word "person" in the first line thereof the words "male or female, married or unmarried."
- Paragraph (a) of section 15 of the said Act is hereby amended by striking out the words "of the male sex" in the first and second lines thereof.
- Section 16 of the said Act is hereby amended by adding after the word "person" in the second line thereof the words "whether male or female, married or unmarried," and by striking out the letter and words "(a) is of the male sex" from the sixth line thereof.
- Section 218 of the said Act is hereby amended by striking out the fifth line thereof, namely, the letter and words "(a) persons who are not of the male sex."
- This Act shall come into force on the day it is assented to.

is Honour the Lieutenant-Governor

Mrs. Nellie McClung, together with a copy of the Bill, which granted women in Manitoba the right to vote. January 1916

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Please be sure to spell-check your submissions, and attach appropriate permissions for reprints and your contact information.

From the Editor

David Farmer #2277

With a quarterly journal, it sometimes seems strange to write about things past and things future. In December, we had a very nice Volunteer potluck Christmas lunch. It was well attended, with great food and lots of fun. And another year has come and gone!



By the time you are reading this, it is hoped that spring is just a couple of weeks away, although today that doesn't seem possible with all the snow and the still brisk temperatures.

It is always a concern to keep *Generations* fresh and interesting for you. The search for articles is challenging and on-going, so be sure to consider a family story, or a research experience, or just a fun genealogical piece.

The Joint Journal Project (JJP) is still in the works with the Alberta and Saskatchewan Societies. We need some Manitoba stories, so be sure to read the Call for Articles item again in this issue.

Something new this issue is the **Members Moments** page, which will be an attempt to highlight your activities. Primarily for photos, there does not have to be a story with them, just the names, the activity and the picture will be good enough. Throughout this year, it is hoped that the page will be full each issue.

Currently about 40% of you receive *Generations* via electronic means. We would really like to see that number increase significantly, so if you can, please switch to the electronic delivery format.

Enjoy the issue.



From the President

Jim Oke #2729



In addition to dealing with the day-to-day operation of MGS, your Executive must occasionally look ahead and develop plans that attempt to secure the long term viability and success of the Society. Some of you may recall the work that was done in the fall of 2012 to create a document entitled "The MGS Strategic Plan 2012/2015". This was a plan of action created to meet several perceived problems within MGS but, as the title suggests, it is now time for an update. I want to explain the process that will take place in the months ahead.

The just concluded Strategic Plan had four main themes: to conduct a significant capital fundraising campaign; to increase the number of MGS members; to invest in suitable computer hardware and software to make MGS resources more widely available; and to introduce a higher level of financial management within MGS.

Taking stock in early 2016, it can be said that good progress has been made in three of these four areas. The capital campaign was highly successful and resulted in contributions close to the "optimistic range" set out in the plan. The Manitoba Names Index (MANI) electronic database project has progressed well and now provides at-home and in-house access to about a half million Manitoba names and records. As a spin-off to MANI, we can now do online membership renewals and generally manage memberships more efficiently. Work is continuing on additional MANI modules that will enhance MGS activities such as entering cemetery transcriptions and the sale of cemetery information to non-MGS members.

We now have a Vice President for Finance and a dedicated Treasurer position that is improving the visibility of our financial situation. As always, more money would be nice but at least we have a clear picture of where we stand. Also, the MGS financial year has been altered to align

with some of the other government agencies and groups we deal with.

However, and to avoid excessive back-patting, it must be acknowledged that our membership numbers continue on a slight decline, although there is some indication that MANI access is starting to attract new members now, which was one of the reasons for this investment.

Overall, MGS's situation remains much the same as it was four years ago. Basically, we are in a competitive market for leisure dollars, leisure time, and thus a membership base which is and will remain key to the operation of MGS. We must pay attention to our finances to ensure we keep the lights on and the library with its valuable store of Manitoba records keeps functioning and up-to-date.

Rather than re-invent the wheel from first principles again, the Executive feels that an update to Plan 2012/2015 will serve us adequately and we propose to continue with the four themes that we have worked with most recently. A draft 2016/2020 plan will be soon circulated to the MGS Council and will hopefully be ready for discussion at the MGS Annual General Meeting in June. Selected planning documents will be made available on the MGS web site and the MGS Executive and Council members will certainly be interested in comment and input from others. Please have a look and let us know your ideas and views!

I will close by noting that MGS Council has decided to renew the lease on the MGS Resource Centre, within the Brick Plaza on St. James Street, for a three year term. Evaluation of the situation indicated that comparable space with the advantages of the current location such as free parking, ground level access, floor space and computer wiring provisions was not likely to be found at a cost that would offset the inconvenience, time, energy and money involved in relocating. The lease documents have been signed and we are now secure in the Brick Plaza until the summer of 2019. As an added bonus, the City of Winnipeg's Polo Park area street improvement project has finally been

completed and road access to the Resource Center is now much improved. Please drop by for a visit, do a little research, or perhaps even to contribute some volunteer time!



The Front Cover

January 2106 marked the 100th Anniversary of women gaining the right to vote in Manitoba. It seems fitting for this issue of *Generations* to highlight this significant event on its front cover. Shown is a copy of the actual Bill, 'An Act "To Amend the Manitoba Election Act"'. Interesting are Sections 3 and 4 and the wording being changed. (Courtesy of the article by Shannon Cuciz, Reporter/Anchor Global News.)

This significant event would not have happened had it not been for the tireless efforts of Mrs Nellie McClung, pictured alongside the Bill. (Photo used by permission from the Library and Archives Canada web page located at: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca>)



The National Archive, UK

TNA announced on January 4 that, with effect from February 1, 2016, it would be making changes to its fees for research, as well as for paper and digital copies of its records. Some other services will also change.

Whilst TNA is allowed to charge for the statutory services it is obliged to provide under the Public Records Act (1958), it is not permitted to make a profit on those services but simply recover its costs. The new fees reflect the cost of changes to TNA's remote record copying service and also takes into account changes in the costs of providing certain other services.

The remote record copying service allows you to request digital or paper copies of TNA's

records. It is introducing a new first step to the process, known as a paid-for page check, costing £8.24. This will cover the staff resources it takes to find the information that someone wants copied, and to assess whether TNA can safely copy it. This initial cost has been offset within the revised fees structure. Documents up to A3 in size will now both cost £1.10 per copy;

digital copies previously cost £3.50 and paper copies £1.30.

You can find full details about how to use the remote record copying service and see a summary of TNA's new prices on the TNA website www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

(Article courtesy of the Northamptonshire Family History Society newsletter.)



BEAUTIFUL PLAINS

The MGS Branch, Beautiful Plains Genealogy Society has moved. We are now located in the lower level of the Calvary Chapel Church. It is in Neepawa, at the corner of Hamilton Street and 1st Avenue (221 Hamilton Street). In our new location we have a room for our library and all our material, as well as the computer, etc. It is all together in one place and ready for researching! Internet is also available.

Meetings are still held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the meeting room (enter through the door on the east side and go downstairs). If attending for the first time or from a distance, please call Norma or Carol to confirm the date and time.

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Our library has many excellent resources for our members and the public with which to do research. We have a large number of community history books and some family histories. We also have an extensive obituary collection, which is available in binders and indexed on a database on our library computer. There is also a funeral card collection, which includes headstone photos and obituaries for most of the cards. Cemetery records for several of the area cemeteries are available and include photos, obituaries, maps and other information. Riverside Cemetery is transcribed and on a database at the library as well. Photos are now being added to this database. We have also received a large number of old copies of the *Neepawa Press*, which are also available for searching.

Ongoing Projects:

1. Indexing of our history book: *Heritage – Neepawa Land of Plenty – 1883-1993*.
2. Military Project – This project includes biographies, photos, etc. from all veterans from the Beautiful Plains area who served in either World War I or II.
3. Senior Stories – This is a collection of stories and photos from many of our area Pioneers and originally published in the weekly newspaper.
4. Obituary updates
5. Funeral card updates
6. Riverside Cemetery – transcription and photo updates.

Research Policy:

As is the policy in many libraries and archives, we have set a fee of \$5.00 per non-member/per day to use our research facilities. Photocopying is extra.

**As our library is manned by volunteers, it is necessary to phone ahead to ensure that someone will be available to help you. For further information, please call one of the numbers below and they will be able to assist you.

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*We also have a number of history books (both print and CD versions) for sale. Call for further information.

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Membership to our branch is \$15.00 per year and our year runs from January – December. All renewals are due on January 1st. Contact Norma at rforzman@mymts.net (204-476-5230) or Carol at cbray1@mts.net (204-476-2687).

Members receive our Branch newsletter twice a year. Non-members wishing to attend our meetings may attend the first one free and a \$5.00 charge per meeting will apply thereafter.

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The current executive of the Branch is:

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Educational Programming Schedule

September 2015 – June 2016 @ 7:00 PM

This program is subject to change.

Date	Meeting Type	Topic	Presenter
March 14	12 HEADS	What Can We Learn From Letters & Postcards?	Susan Wellman
March 21	GENERAL	United Empire Loyalists	Bob McConomy
March 28	PRESENTATION	Searching for Wills – (Manitoba, Canada, U.S. U.K)	Elizabeth Briggs
April 11	GENERAL	Genealogical Blogs	Louis Kessler
April 18	12 HEADS	Our Wonderful Female Ancestors	Susan Thorpe
May 9	AGM	Golden Age of Postcards in Winnipeg	Rob McInnes
May 16	GENERAL	Spinsters & Bachelors- Why Should We Care?	Kelly Southworth
June 13	TOUR	City of Winnipeg Police Museum	245 Smith St.

DAUPHIN BRANCH

The current executive of the Dauphin Branch is:

President - Don White
 Vice President - Jerry Zirhul
 Secretary - Gloria Baxter
 Treasurer - Darlene Rayson

The Branch struggles to get new members to keep our group active. We have the same challenges as many other organizations. It is difficult to find new topics for our meetings as most of us have done our family research many years ago. We participated with a display, at the Heritage Day Fair at the Dauphin Market Place Mall on Feb. 12th and 13th. It was our hope to attract some new interest and perhaps some new members.

And we will be working hard to have an exciting year.



From the Past

Rural Ramblings

Kathy Stokes #0125

Free Press January 12, 1916

Rev. J.A. MCCLUNG, a "Stalwart of the Methodist Church", died in Winnipeg on January 11. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland and moved with his parents to Bowmanville, Ontario, in 1842. In 1863 he was called to the ministry in Cartwright, Manitoba. Later, in 1890 he returned to Manitoba and served parishes in Manitou, Treherne, Stonewall and Selkirk until his retirement in 1901. He is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter: R.W. of Edmonton (husband of Nellie); H.S. of Regina, Edwin of Winnipeg and Mrs. Percy Anderson of Oxford Street, Winnipeg.

Free Press January 13, 1916

The breakdown of ethnic backgrounds from the 1911 Canadian census was released. Manitoba had a population of 455,614 people, 266,415 of whom were of British origin. Other statistics revealed a population in Manitoba of 29,665 of Austro-Hungarian origin; 34,530 German and Mennonite; 30,944 French; 12,310 Polish; 10,741 Jewish; 8,841 Russian; 7,876 Native; 6,419 Scandinavian; 2,852 Dutch and 19,647 unclassified.

Free Press January 15, 1916

A Galician, Mike DUDAR, aged 25, a farmer from Ethelbert, was found frozen four miles from town while walking to his home.

Free Press January 17, 1916

Mrs. Fred HEAPS died in Selkirk, on January 16. She is survived by her husband, a barrister, and three sons – Jimmie, Willie and Max and also by brothers: Walter, an Indian agent at Selkirk; and Orlando and Blake of Dog Lake; as well as her aunt Miss Janet Colcleugh of Selkirk. She was buried at Mapleton Cemetery. (Note: Vital Records indicate that Mrs. HEAP's first names were Margaret Alice.)

Free Press January 20, 1916

Deaths of three people from the Virden area were reported this day.

William GIBBINGS, 63, a resident of the Lenore region since 1882, died there recently. His father and mother married in Muddy Nook in 1831, and then homesteaded in Clinton, Ontario. William was the first white child to be born in Huron County, Ontario. He was married twice.

He is survived by children: Thomas of Lenore, Manitoba; Robert, on the old homestead in Clinton, Ontario; Benjamin and Fred, both farmers near Lenore; Mrs. Johnstone of Drayton, Ontario and Mrs. Jefferson of Saskatoon. William GIBBINGS was buried in Ontario.

Mrs. John LANE (Janet), 80 years, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer English in the Virden area on January 11, 1916. She was born in Whitehill, Cayton, Scotland and came to Ontario at the age of twelve. Her late husband, farmer John Lane and she came to Virden some 24 years previously. John Lane, 71, died in October 1907. The family members were Methodists. Surviving are children: James of Hargrave, Manitoba; Rev. John of Baldur, Mrs. John Mooney of Elkhorn; Mrs. Cornish of Miniota; Mrs. J. Gardner of Virden; the above mentioned, Mrs. Elmer English of Virden and Mrs. C. Tribble of Gilmore of Saskatoon.

Marguette E. SCHROEDER, wife of Otto E. Perlett of Virden died in Brandon, aged 42

years. Three surviving daughters are mentioned, although there were 12 children in total. The daughters are Mrs. H. Cook of Brandon; Mrs. H.J. Nenuset of Pipestone and Mrs. Vanatmon of North Dakota.

I could not locate a death record for this woman, although I did find one for her husband Otto who died on June 20, 1901.

William James BELFORD, 82 years, died in Kelwood on January 19. He is survived by five sons: Rev. John of Richmond, Quebec; W. H. of Winnipeg Joseph W. of Kelwood; Percival of the 79th Overseas Battalion, Brandon; Rev. Belford of Elgin, Manitoba and; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas McKone of Kelwood. There are five grandsons in the Canadian Army.



Are These Your Ancestors?

Kathy Stokes #0125

The weather in parts of Manitoba in January 1916 was almost beyond bearing, with the western part of the province particularly hard hit. Temperatures were around -40F and there were strong winds and heavy snowfalls. The railways were having difficulty keeping their tracks clear.

In Brandon on December 12, the railway hired some 25 men as day labourers to clear the tracks in the rail yards and along the main line heading towards Winnipeg. These men were, by and large, immigrants, mostly from Galicia who were finding jobs hard to get in the difficult economic times of that city. The men had completed their snow clearing work in the rail yards and were setting out to their next snow clearing assignment. Most of them were huddled in the caboose which offered some shelter from the bitter cold. In front of the caboose were two empty flat cars. Visibility was poor because of the fog and smoke and blowing snow. The temperature was -47F.

Unbeknownst to the engineer of the snow train, a freight train was heading east on the main line. Just near the east side of the Brandon gasworks,

the freight train ran into the snow train, causing the two flatbed cars to telescope directly into the caboose, killing 12 men instantly. Some victims were literally embedded in the wooden walls of the caboose, some died standing, while others died with their feet above their heads. The injured suffered from shock as well as the effects of the cold. Many of the injured had both legs broken.

As one can imagine, chaos ensued. All available emergency personnel were called to the scene. Visibility was very poor and the low temperatures caused frostbite among those being rescued and their rescuers as well.

The death toll was not immediately finalized because the severe injuries meant that some who lived through the crash would eventually die. A list of the dead and injured, most of them Brandon residents, was made available to the newspapers. Spellings of the surnames were not always correct, so Manitoba Vital records were checked and the spellings there are used in this article. Most of the casualties were from the Brandon area, except for two noted as George McGhie, 38 years old and Alex Mesoski 51, both of Winnipeg.

Others who died were Anthony Shamick 22, Michael Balawder 28, Mike Robeck 50, Antony Zamonski 30, Harry Moroz 45, John Tacarski 25, Stephen Batycki 37, Tony Rutkowski 50, Joe Dreylay 18, Wasyl Bolinski 30, and Andrew Malnozon 30.

The injured, some of whom may have died later were, Antony Botsok, Bill Moroz , who had recently escaped death in a stable farm near Alexander, Manitoba, Paul Boleski, and two men without first names, Kenew and Massick.

The scene, when wives and next of kin were called to identify the dead, was horrendous, with family members having to walk among the victims who lay covered with sheets. The families, some of them quite large, were often left destitute with their bread winners no longer alive. Local Catholic and Orthodox churches assisted and Brandon residents in general contributed what they could in the way of assistance.

A preliminary inquest called for the day after the accident, noted that visibility was extremely poor. Also, it was mentioned that the engineer of the stock train was aware that the snow train was in the vicinity and was travelling no more than five or six mph. However, it seemed that no one piloting the snow train was aware of the anticipated passage of the stock train. The snow train also was creeping along the tracks because of the poor visibility.

Reading of this gruesome accident made me wonder if there are descendants of any of the families whose lives were changed because of this accident, still remaining in the area one hundred years later. It would be interesting to learn about how they coped with and endured such a terrible occurrence.

By January 26, the *Free Press* had reported a verdict in regard to the cause of the collision. The Canadian Pacific Railway was found negligent in not adequately safeguarding the train working in the rail yard, that is, the snow train. Visibility was very poor and the railway had not provided a flagman to assist with the snow train which had the right to move anywhere within in the rail yard. The stock train had the right of way only outside the yard. No notification was given to the snow train regarding the stock train's anticipated arrival. Weather was definitely a factor in the tragedy.

It was a certainty that such a tragic occurrence would be enough for any city to handle, and yet there was another situation to be managed in Brandon. On January 17, a few days after the train tragedy, fire erupted in one of the most prestigious commercial establishments in the city, the Syndicate Block. The fire was so severe that only a skeleton of the building remained after the fire was finally extinguished. First reports in the newspapers listed two deaths, those of Claude Walker, the head of the furniture department at Doig, Rankin and Robertson retail firm. Walker was married with a 14 month old child. Also noted was the death of Miss Carrie McCort, 25 years old, an employee of the same firm.

Two other people were unaccounted for and their bodies were subsequently located in the wreckage. They were Sigridur Adelheider Eggertson 25, whose wedding to Mr. Sidney Lamontagne had been planned for the spring of 1916 and Jane Edith Marsh 23, both of whom worked in the dressmaking department of the above mentioned store.

Reggie Wells, the young man who ran the elevator was considered a hero. With his elevator at the top floor of the building, he noticed the fire, alerted those who were on that floor and carried them in the elevator to the main floor. Mr. Boldridge of Quinn's Bakery next door caught a young woman who had jumped from the second story of the burning building. Mr. Walker, who was riding in a streetcar that passed by, jumped off and assisted in the rescue.

Injured in the blaze were several people who had burns of varying degrees. Miss Matthews had a fractured hip and burns, Miss Evans suffered fractured ribs and a knee injury, Miss Watson had an injured back and ribs, Margaret Galbraith endured severe burns and loss of most of her hair to the burns, Miss Coltart had unknown injuries and Miss Nettie Dwinnell was injured and burned from falling from the second story window.

It was established that the fire started in the cloakroom at the Doig, Rankin and Robertson store. Perhaps it was caused by sweepings from the floor in the cloakroom. There was no odor of gas noted, but some people thought that careless smoking may have been the cause, although no one actually saw anyone smoking.

Information about these two incidents was obtained from the *Manitoba Free Press* and the *Winnipeg Tribune* of mid to late January 1916.



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*The art of dividing
A cake in such a way that
Everybody believes
He got the biggest piece*



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Call for Articles

Editors Note: The Joint Journal Project with the theme of Families of the NWMP is moving forward. We need to have some articles from descendants, from early members of the Force. So if you have any connection, let us know and we can determine how to tell your story and share it across the Prairies.



The Theme for the September 2016 *Generations* is part of a Joint Journal Project (JJP) between the Manitoba Genealogical Society (MGS), the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) and the Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS). The intent is to share articles related to the theme amongst the 3 Societies to promote the history of the NWMP.

For this issue only (September 2016) the cut-off date for articles on the Theme will be June 1, 2016. This will be so that the other societies, who publish in August, will have an opportunity to review the MGS articles and include them in their August issues. All other non-NWMP related content (regular features, etc.) will still have the August 1, 2016 deadline.

So dig into your family journals and find those stories. Photos are most welcome.

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Deadline June 1, 2016

Theme: Families of the NWMP

We have heard and read a multitude of stories about the history and exploits of the North West Mounted Police, precursors to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The activities of early members of the NWMP go beyond just serving as peace officers, though. Many stayed in Western Canada after leaving the service, marrying and raising families. This issue will feature stories of those **Families of NWMP Members**, the personal events beyond or arising from the officers' original service.

We would like to hear from NWMP historians and descendants of these important men who came west to help police the region and then settled in Western Canada in the many growing communities.

- Where did these men come from?
- How did they end up as part of the NWMP?
- What did they do after leaving the Force?
- What occupations did they turn to after police work? Or did they continue with police work, either locally or with the restructured Royal Canadian Mounted Police?
- How do their descendants view their years of service and life after?

MGS Research Services

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

Our Library

Mavis Gray #0008



It can be difficult to find information on our female ancestors and what their lives were like. However, the MGS Library and Resource Centre has some books that may help. A few titles about Manitoba women are listed below:

Extraordinary Ordinary Women: Manitoba Women and Their Stories. Manitoba Clubs of the Canadian Federation of University Women, 2000.

A Harvest of Farm Women's Stories. Manitoba Farm Women's Conference, 1999. Manitoba 920 ARO2

Around the Kitchen Table, a 2nd Harvest of Farm Women's Stories. Manitoba Farm Women's Conference, 2000. Manitoba 920 ARO

Planting the Garden : an Annotated Archival Bibliography of the History of Women in Manitoba by Mary Kinnear and Vera Fast. University of Manitoba Press, 1987. Manitoba 016.3 KIN

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Manitoba

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971.27 Park *Rogers School Reunions, 1904-2004*, [Park South municipality]

971.27 Port *Delta, a Prairie Marsh and Its People*, 2015. [Portage municipality]

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Book Reviews

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The following books are all in the Reference Section of the MGS library, and are available for you to peruse when you visit the Resource Centre. They are not new. In fact some of them are very old! The eldest of these books was published in 1902.

Representative Men of Manitoba. Winnipeg, Winnipeg Tribune Publications, 1902. 151 p. Photographs. Index.
(MGS library call number REF 920 REP)

The book begins with a 20 page essay on a *Historical and Commercial Review of Winnipeg and Manitoba*. The remainder of the book is comprised of pictures of prominent men, with name, occupation, and town or city of residence.

Also published in 1902 is *The Story of South Africa: An Account of the Historical Transformation of the Dark Continent* by John Clark Ridpath. Guelph, ON, World Publications; 1902. 888 p, illustrations.
(MGS library call number REF 968 STO)

Of particular interest to genealogists is a list of Canadian men who served in the Boer War.

Manitoba: Pictorial and Biographical. Winnipeg, S.J. Clarke, 1913. 2 volumes. Photographs, index.
(MGS library call number REF 920 MAN 2)

For each person there is a portrait, accompanied by a 1 to 2 page biography. Examples: Colin Inkster, Victor Mager, David Graham McBain, Hugh Armstrong.

Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America 1625 – 1825 by David Dobson. Baltimore, Genealogical Pub., 1984-1993. 6 volumes.
(MGS library call number REF 929 DOB)

Very brief biographical entries are arranged alphabetically with name, age, occupation, where from, place and date of departure and arrival, name of ship.

French Canadian Families of the North Central States: A Genealogical Dictionary. St. Paul, MN, 1980. 6 volumes.
(MGS library call number REF 929)

(Note: it is necessary to check volume 1 to find out how to use this dictionary.)



Periodical Potpourri

Enid Dorward #4502

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

Something new! *MGS* is now receiving numerous periodicals by e-mail. They are available on the *MGS* computers, and you can read them any time you come to the Resource Centre. It's quite easy to find them. From the main screen, click on the icon called **MGS Indexes**. Next, scroll down to the file called **Journals**. You will see a list of all the periodicals which have come electronically. Just click on the title that interests you and *voila!*, it will appear. At the time of writing, we are receiving e-mail publications from 18 branches of the Ontario Genealogical Society, plus five from western Canada, and several others from the UK and the USA.

Here's a sampling of what you can find:

Abbotsford Genealogical Society (June 2015) Articles by Grades 4 and 5 students about their family history; BC wills index; Pier 21 in Halifax – immigrants 1928 to 1971.

Bruce & Grey Branch OGS (Nov. 2015) Library & Archives Canada has released files of Canadian service personnel who lost their lives 1939-45. Very complete; lots of information.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (Dec. 2015) Researching ancestors in England and Wales in the digital age – civil registration.

The New Leaf (Dec. 2015) There's a lengthy story about a plane crash that happened near Birtle in 1943.

KINnections (Nov. 2015) (Halton-Peel) Muster rolls, Canadian militia 1837-1850: lists soldiers' names, name of spouse, number of children, address.

Okanagan Researcher (Dec. 2015) Quarantined: life and death at William Head Station 1872 – 1959.

BRANTches (Nov. 2015) Information about the 1939 British National Register.

Following is a sample of articles in publications that we receive on paper and are available to be borrowed:

MANITOBA

Manitoba History (Fall 2015)

- Church union and church buildings in Manitoba.
- There is also an article about the early years of the Manitoba Home for Boys at Portage la Prairie.

CANADA

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS (Nov. 2015) Contains an article entitled "Investing in Canada: The North of Scotland Canadian Land Mortgage Company."

AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

Aberdeen and North-East Scotland FHS (Nov. 2015) Information about a new web site devoted to research of maritime ancestors or passengers to Australia.

WESTERN CANADA

British Columbia Genealogist (Sept. 2015) Vancouver's Jewish cemetery revisited. - (Dec. 2015) Marriages of North Americans in Victoria, Australia, 1850s and 1860s, including name, spouse's name, and where born.

Relatively Speaking (Nov. 2015) This issue contains four articles about children and youth becoming interested in genealogy. A good one for grandparents to read!

Victoria Genealogical Society Journal (Autumn 2015) Tales from the Victoria police charge books.

EASTERN CANADA

(QUEBEC AND ATLANTIC PROVINCES)
Connections (Quebec FHS) (Autumn 2015) This magazine has a whole new look! Check it out! In this issue there's an article about researching German ancestry in Quebec, as well as an article about researching World War I ancestors.

Generations (NB) (Fall 2015) Includes a lengthy article about New Brunswick Loyalists.

- (Winter 2015) A WWII signature quilt was made by the Lower Millstream Women's

Institute (New Brunswick). A list of all the dozens of names is printed here.

Newfoundland Ancestor (Vol. 31 No. 3, 2015) Documentation of church fires or missing records.

- (Vol. 31 No 4, 2015) Has a lengthy story about growing up in Thoroughfare, NL during the 1920s.

EUROPE

East European Genealogist (Summer 2015) An inventory of Austrian census materials 1857-1910.

- (Fall 2015) Canadian National Railway immigrant records, pre-1937

Internet Genealogy (Oct/Nov 2015) Online Jewish genealogy resources.

(Dec/Jan 2016) A selection of overseas newspapers, free and online.

Timberline (Fall 2015) Potato famine in Germany 1879.

Mennonite Historian (Dec. 2015) New Mennonite Prussia-to-Russia immigration lists.



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Have you been to Salt Lake City?

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If you haven't been to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City yet, I highly recommend adding it to your genealogical trip list. My genealogy friend Brenda and I had our first opportunity to go there this past September; it was our annual genealogy road trip for 2015 – GRT2015. We had talked to various people who had travelled there and they all said it was a “must-see” when researching family history.

We chose to drive so that we could: take whatever genealogy binders we wanted, see the scenery along the way, and stop whenever we wanted. It took almost 2.5 days to get there from Edmonton, Alberta. We stayed in Fort Benton, Montana, and Pocatello, Idaho, for our 2 overnight stops. We highly recommend the Lark and Laurel Bed and Breakfast in Fort Benton; it is just so beautiful and full of history.

The Library is laid out as follows:

- Floor 1 has Reception and the Orientation and Lunch rooms, as well as Family History and Canada Books.
- Floor 2 has the Canadian and U.S. records on microfilm, in excess of 2 million rolls. It is quite the sight to see all those rows of cabinets and drawers of microfilm.
- Floor 3 has U.S. books and maps. There are many tables at which to sit down and look through them.
- Floor B1 has International records; this is where the Polish records are.
- Floor B2 has British Isles records. Brenda had great success here. The British have a lot of old records.

Every floor has greeters and researchers to help should you have questions and require direction. If you need an expert in a certain field or country, or an interpreter, you can go to the Research Assistance desks and make your request. We both found this very helpful.

Most floors have a section of computers, cabinets housing the microfilm, a section for the microfilm readers, and the Copy Center. Once you find a document on a microfilm, you then take it off the reader and carry it over to another reader and computer in the Copy Center area. From here, you can print your found record and/or save it on a memory stick – there are many formatting options. You can buy copy credit cards from a vending machine, and then use them at the copiers on each floor to print out what you send to print.

In my Polish research, I was introduced to an expert who, of course, could read and speak the language, as well as guide me to the right area to do some research. She was very

knowledgeable in web sites and books. Through her, I was FINALLY able to find the birth record of my paternal great grandfather from Poland in 1867 – we had previously had an incorrect year of 1869. I had been looking for this record for many, many years. This record shows the birth day of the 7th and the baptismal day of the 10th. It also showed the names of my 2x great grandparents and my 3x great grandparents, which I knew, thus confirming this was the right record. It also stated that both sets of 3x great grandfathers were farmers; and the names of the godparents. This was my first and most exciting find!

I learned that sometimes these records state the name of the midwife, which many times will be the mother's mother. It will also state if the child was legitimate or not, as well as the religious affiliation. I also learned about a special spelling of my last name and the Polish pronunciation of my ancestral village in Poland.

In addition to making this trip with my fellow genealogical kindred spirit, Brenda, the best part of my visit to the Family History Library was that I became a better researcher. Along with the Polish expert, I also got to talk to a very knowledgeable man in the areas of research I was doing in the United States. I was able to come home and use what I had learned to make some major finds on my maternal side. It was a wonderful autumn for me!

The other wonderful part of our week-long visit in Salt Lake City was Temple Square, which is situated across the street from the Library. The flowers and shrubs there are amazing – it is like a mini-Butchart Gardens! It is so very beautiful. We were also fortunate to hear a bit of a woman rehearsing for a play in the Assembly Hall (we called it the small church) one evening, as well as getting to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearse. They open this up to the public on Thursday evenings and it was very worthwhile to attend. The Main Temple looks like a castle. It is very large and its amazing architecture is lit up at night. It is a breathtaking sight. If you ever go, be sure to have lunch at Lion House Pantry (it was Brigham Young's house at one

time) on the east side of Temple Square – their homemade buns are very famous.

Downtown Salt Lake City has some great shopping malls, with major retailers such as Nordstrom's and Macy's, as well as a multitude of eating establishments. We never had a bad meal, regardless if we went to a pub or a nice restaurant. It is a very clean downtown as well; and was very easy to walk or take the TRAX train in the free fare zone to get around.

Even though it was time for a break from researching and reading microfilm, it was somewhat sad to be leaving Salt Lake City after our week there. We both made many great finds and I highly recommend this trip to anyone wanting to further their genealogical research.

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The Manitoba Name Index (MANI) – An Update

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The Manitoba Name Index (MANI) search engine can be a useful jump-start to finding many details to fill in the gaps within your research.

Why do we spend so much time and effort on indexing our resources? What is the possible usage of these indexes?

At the Manitoba Genealogical Society (MGS) library we have many resources including local history books, cemetery records, newspaper announcements, and our *Generations* publication.

We have many people working behind the scenes to prepare indexes for MANI. I would

like to thank Pat Shepherd, Lori Walker and Lesley Curtis for all the work they put in at home, typing each indexing project. I would also like to thank those people who wish to remain anonymous, but without whose assistance the project could not be completed. There are many others working hard on computer entry and book indexing projects behind the scenes and on their volunteer days at the society.

Local history books can be a wealth of information. Families vary in the amount of information they wish to share. Even if your family had not submitted an article about your family, maybe someone else in the area has referenced your family, while talking about their family's life in the community.

There is no record of the amount of time and effort people have put into going to cemeteries and recording the information on tombstones. With the practice being that cemeteries could be located anywhere, from a corner in a neighbor's field to a local church or town area, these records can assist in locating places you never knew existed. These cemetery records can help you with dates or perhaps help identifying a spouse or child you did not know about.

The newspaper announcements include such items as birth announcements, obituaries, special anniversary and birthday announcements, retirements, generational group photos and announcements, reunions, marriages, and death announcements and articles about people of the community. Each and every one of these resources can provide you with invaluable information. For example a birth announcement might have the child's full name, date of birth, birth place which might include the name of the hospital. It may also include the names of siblings, parents, grandparents and sometimes extended family information.

Obituaries are almost always a wealth of information. They often give names of present relatives which is a major bonus. Names of people who have predeceased them can give you the names of those illusive parents you have not been able to locate.

Some interesting finds I have come across in my indexing, are things like parents' occupations or passionate interests. These are often written up in some poem type form detailing this occupation or interest. One birth announcement even gave the age of a great grandmother.

To date we have uploaded over 842,000 items including: 50 indexes of books and cemetery records; obituary and creditor notices from the Dauphin newspaper; marriages, births and deaths which occurred mostly in Manitoba; rural obituaries, Winnipeg newspaper obituaries; early Manitoba censuses; local history books, Generation Gaps from past *Generations* issues, a variety of publications, and the Flo Cox Scrapbook, which includes articles of people and events in early Manitoba.

We are close to completing birth announcements from Manitoba newspapers and other announcements from newspapers for special anniversaries celebrations, milestone birthdays, family reunions and generational groups.

Currently almost half of the membership in the Manitoba Genealogy Society has registered for MANI.

To register for MANI, you need to be a member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society. You can join MGS, by completing the membership form on Page 27 of this issue of *Generations* and forwarding it to the address on the form. Then go to our web site at www.mbgenealogy.com to register and begin searching the MANI indexes. When you find a name of interest, contact the Manitoba Genealogical Society for copies of these announcements. If you do not have access to a computer, please come and visit us at the library located at E-1045 St. James Street. Please call 1-204-783-9139 for hours of operation (or refer to the inside front cover or the back cover of *Generations*) before you make the trek.



Thomas Holmes

Denise Neufeld #1661

My great grandfather, Thomas Holmes, lived in Manitoba for only fifteen years, but hopefully his life story will be interesting, despite having lived most of his life elsewhere. A lot of people likely wouldn't want him as an ancestor but a "bad boy" is easier to research as they tend to leave a paper trail.

At the start of researching Tom's life I had minimal information. Basically, just the year of his birth; that he'd lived in Wandsworth, London; his obituary (but no death date); and two pieces of paper relating to his discharge from the 17th Lancers. His birth was hard to find because I was naturally looking for Thomas Holmes. I should have been looking for Thomas Bye!

He was baptised 27 Jul 1856 at Dauntsey, Wiltshire, the son of Sarah Bye. In 1858 Sarah Bye married James Holmes at Christian Malford, Wiltshire. James and Sarah had a son John in 1858 at Dauntsey. Sometime between 1858 and 1861 they moved to Wandsworth, London. Once his mother married James Holmes, Tom used the surname Holmes; but I have no idea whether James was his birth father. I suspect not.

I have a photo that's probably of James, and if it's him, he appears to have been a big man in build. I do have the heights of two of his brothers from their army papers and both were over six feet. My mother said she'd been told that all the Holmes brothers were tall. If that's true then Tom was the odd man out making it less likely that James was his father. Nevertheless he appears to have thought of James as a father.

In 1861 they were living at No. 6 Point Pleasant, a street in Wandsworth near the Thames. Over the coming decades the family moved from time to time but seems to have stayed in the same general area of Wandsworth. In 1861 the family consisted of James Holmes, 29, labourer; Sarah, 28; Thomas, 5. John



Photo: Thomas Holmes while serving with the 17th Lancers - 1873

was back in Dauntsey with his grandmother Bye in 1861.

Tom managed to get into trouble quite a bit as a teenager. When he was in trouble in 1872 (Calendar of Prisoners – HO140/20) reference was made to previous convictions:

Misdemeanour - 14 days, 18 Aug 1870
- 21 days, 7 Oct 1870
- 21 days, 3 May 1871

Felony - 2 months, 13 Jul 1871 for larceny.

At this time, according to the Wandsworth Prison Register he was 18. He was actually 15 or 16. Height: 5' 4 ½". Brown hair and eyes. Fresh complexion. Pockmarked. Labourer.

Stealing 19 lbs of sacking.

Sentence: 2 months.

Expiration of Sentence: 12 September.

If Committed Before How Often: 3 times. Read & Write: Imperfect.

Weight Coming In: 7 stone 13 lbs. (111 lbs.).

Felony - 12 months, 19 Feb 1872. Under Calendar of Prisoners he was said to be 16 and a labourer.

Committal for Trial: 19 Feb 1872. Received into Custody: 19 Feb 1872. Offence: Feloniously breaking and entering the dwelling house of William Price and stealing one pistol and other articles.

When Tried: 5 Mar 1872.

Pleaded guilty of Housebreaking and Larceny, after a previous conviction of felony.

Sentence of Court: 12 calendar months hard labour, Wandsworth.

Tried with George Lawrence, also aged 16. George pleaded Not Guilty and seems to have gotten away with it.

Although the Calendar of Prisoners information said Tom was 16, according to the Wandsworth Prison Register he was 18. Height: 5'6". Brown hair and eyes, fresh complexion. Pockmarked. Labourer.

When Committed: 4 Mar 18972.

When Brought Into Custody: 6 Mar 1872. Nature of Offence: Housebreaking & larceny after a previous conviction. Felony. Sentence: 12 months.

Expiration of Term: 3 Mar 1873.

When Discharged: 3 Mar 1873. Couldn't read or write.

Weight Coming In: 8 stone 6 lbs.

Weight Going Out: 8 stone 10 lbs. (118 lbs going in, 122 coming out)

I also have a sheet of paper headed Register of Habitual Criminals 1869-1876 with Tom's name on it. It's dated March 1872. I am told that the term Habitual Criminal was applied to anyone with at least one previous conviction.

A few months after coming out of prison Tom joined the 17th Lancers on 2 Sep 1873. They were a famous regiment, often called The Death or Glory Boys. I can't say he brought much glory to them.

Tom was sent to Ireland to train and by Nov 1873 he was admitted to hospital suffering from gonorrhoea (24 days). In 1874 he had syphilis and then a second bout of syphilis. In 1876 he was treated for an ulcer. Up until 1877 he was several times put in cells for a few days and docked pay. From Jan 1877 until Oct 1877 he was in prison after a court martial for receiving stolen money.

From 6 Jan to 19 Oct 1879 he was in South Africa during the Zulu War campaign. I imagine he took part in the final battle of the war at Ulundi when the 17th Lancers came out of the square and charged after the fleeing Zulus, sticking them with their lances. The British had formed a square of troops plus some Gatling guns. The 17th Lancers were inside the square on their horses. When the Zulu charge broke, the Lancers were ordered out after them. A relative told me that Tom said the Zulus were tall and well-built and that the women were tall too. He said he was in the search party that went looking for the body of the Prince Imperial and that when they found him his body was full of spear holes. I checked to see if Tom was in Africa at the time the Prince was killed and he was.

There's a photo in a book showing the 17th Lancers forming an honour guard for the Prince's body. The Prince was the son of the deposed Emperor of France and his wife Empress Eugenie. An expert on the Zulu War told me that Tom's description of the Prince's body, when found, agrees with the facts, but if he wasn't actually one of the search party, he'd have heard enough to be able to tell the story accurately. Tom said how the Zulus could hide in the tall grass and you would never know they were there until they stood up. It must have been terrifying riding through the grass never knowing if you were suddenly going to be faced with many ferocious Zulus.

After Ulundi the Lancers were sent to India. Tom arrived there in Nov 1879. Some of his time in India was spent in hospital. He had an ulcer (7 days), dyspepsia (6 days) and spent 9 days in hospital

resting his varicose veins. It was recommended that he be discharged (due to the varicose veins) and he returned from India 5 Nov 1880. He was released from hospital 1 Jan 1881 and discharged from the service 4 Jan 1881. His intended residence was 12 North Place, Wandsworth.

On Tom's army papers it says he was born at Batheaston, Somerset, which caused me to waste a lot of time looking for his baptism there. Perhaps he was born there but taken by his mother back to her parish of Dauntsey, Wiltshire, to be baptised. He signed his army papers with an X. On Attestation he was 18 1/2, 5' 8 1/2' tall, fresh complexion, grey eyes (they were brown when he was in court!), had light brown hair and was marked with smallpox on his face. He was Protestant. On discharge he was 25 5/12 years old, 5' 9", with fresh complexion, grey eyes, light brown hair. Trade was Labourer. The forms state that he was being discharged because of varicose veins in both legs and varicocele. He first noticed the enlargement of the veins at the Cape in 1879 during the Zulu campaign. The cause was probably constitutional, possibly aggravated by his mounted duties. He was said to have no intemperate habits. Another form says his chest was 31 1/2", weight 138 lbs, vaccination marks on left arm. Muscular development was slight. His conduct was said to be fair and he possessed one good conduct badge. His name appeared 7 times in the Regimental Defaulters Book and he had been tried once by court martial.

Tom's next appearance is in the 1881 census at 12 North Place, Wandsworth, along with his parents and siblings. Mary Elizabeth Sandham was nearby at No. 3 Love Lane. She was a visitor, unmarried, 22, Servant, and staying at the home of Daniel Ellis, bricklayer. Within a few days of the census Tom and Mary married. This was on 17 Apr 1881 at St. Anne's parish church. Thomas was 25 and a labourer. Mary was 22.

My mother and her Nanny Holmes were very close and one time she told mom that after they left the church, Tom slapped her in the face to show her who was boss. She said "twas no sooner the word than the blow." According to family members, Mary was a cheerful person, so living with Tom doesn't seem to have broken her spirit. Maybe that's because she had a long widowhood of 30 years!

On 4 Feb 1882, their daughter Sarah Ann was born at Bolton-le-Sands, Lancashire, the same village Mary was from. Thomas was said to be an Iron Works Labourer. A relative in England has a Bible



PHOTO: Mary Holmes and her daughter Violet on Mr. Woods farm, Oakville, Manitoba

on which Mary wrote down various important dates. It says "25 Mar 1882 he left me." So a little more than a month after the baby was born Tom left. Unfortunately she didn't write the date he came back so we have no idea how long they were separated.

The next information on Tom comes from 12 Oct 1889 when he was present at the brawl in which his father James was killed. Tom, his brother James and their father had been to some races. Tom was drunk; James Senior may or may not have had a drink or two. He was normally a non-drinker. The three Holmes men encountered William Chance wheeling a drunk in a wheelbarrow. There was bad blood between James Senior and Chance so words were exchanged. I think Tom was the first to use his fists. During the fight James Senior was knocked down and hit the back of his head on the curb. William Chance was charged with manslaughter but acquitted, probably because his witnesses and the Holmes' told two different stories. No one knew which was correct. The newspaper article quoted some of the testimony of Tom and his brother and it was exciting to read their actual words.

In 1891 Tom can't be found on the census. Mary and daughter Sarah were in Bolton-le-Sands. Not sure if they'd been there the whole time since Tom left, or if they'd come back there because Mary's grandmother was ill. She died shortly after census day. Perhaps Tom was in prison at census time or maybe he just somehow avoided being enumerated.

Tom and Mary were back together by 1893 as on 11 Mar 1894 my grandmother Violet Maud was born to Tom and Mary, who were living in Wandsworth. In 1898 they had twin sons, Thomas and James. Thomas died two weeks later and James died six

days after Thomas. In 1900 they had a son Thomas who died at 21 days. Shortly after that death, Tom was a witness at the marriage of his daughter Sarah Ann to Albert Henry Ives.

In 1901 Tom, Mary and Violet were living at 18 Fisher's Alley, Wandsworth. That's the last of my knowledge of them in England. A relative said there were ads in the English papers for jobs in Canada. That's what made Tom decide to emigrate. He had a rough trip over (12 days) with a bad storm around Newfoundland. This must have been 1907/8, but I haven't found the ship's records.

He came to the Oakville, Manitoba area and worked for the Woods family, who were very good to him. Mary and Violet followed in 1909. I know my grandmother was reluctant to come and I expect Mary was too, as it meant she would never see her daughter Sarah again or her grandchildren.

Eventually Tom, Mary and Violet moved from the Woods' farm into the village. In 1911, 1916 and 1921 Tom and Mary appear on the censuses at Oakville. According to the 1921 census they owned their wooden home which had four rooms. (Somehow it surprised me that they owned their house.)

There is lots of interesting information on the 1921 census. It indicates that Tom came to Canada in 1907 and Mary in 1909. Their religion was listed as Church of England. Tom couldn't read or write, while Mary could. Tom was a Labourer at odd jobs. The family's yearly income was \$360. Tom had been out of work for 20 weeks, 9 due to illness.

In 1914 when WWI broke out, Tom dyed his hair with shoe polish and tried to enlist, but was rejected. He would have been 58 years old.

On 22 April 1923, aged 66 years, 9 months, 7 days, Tom died of a lung abscess, 7 days and a cerebral hemorrhage, 2 days. His occupation was Caretaker of bank. I find that ironic given the number of convictions he had for larceny. I can't help but wonder if, as he swept the floor, he was trying to figure out how he could get his hands on some of the bank's money.

There are a few family stories about Tom. The earliest one says that his mother tied him to the kitchen table one day, so that she could get her work done. He supposedly unscrewed the table leg and was next seen floating on the river in a wood tub. Guess he was a problem right from the start!

Mary said Tom was a real scrapper. In Wandsworth, a man next door was beating his wife. Tom rolled up his sleeves, went over there and beat the man up. Given that he wasn't above hitting Mary, I think he just wanted to go thump the guy. He and his brothers would fight by taking off their wide belts with big buckles and using them on their opponents. The buckles were wide to inflict maximum damage. I get the feeling they enjoyed fighting.

Tom worked as a labourer doing any kind of job. He sometimes helped a bricklayer and would carry the hod with bricks. He could climb a ladder easily while carrying the bricks which amazes me. He also did stooking and other jobs. He was very strong for his age, and for his size too. Running up a ladder carrying heavy bricks can't have been easy.

At Oakville the man who ran the livery barn didn't like Tom. He told him "You don't have a damned friend in the town Tom Holmes." One day Tom was driving a team through the town and spotted Mr. Jeffries. Tom pointed to the horses and said "Here's two of my friends."

Someone told me he didn't think Tom was a good father to my grandmother Violet (although she always spoke well of her father). Tom certainly liked his granddaughter Madeline though. They would walk around the yard hand in hand with Madeline calling him Pappy. She would say to him "come to tupper Pappy." Sadly, Madeline died, age 3, a couple of months before Tom died.

Tom had bouts of malaria from time to time, I suppose a legacy of his time in South Africa and India. Once he had to be brought home from the field where he was stooking.

Easter of 1923 he was recovering from a bout of malaria, but he was outside chopping wood when it began to rain. Mary told him to come in but he stayed out until he was finished chopping. The next morning he was paralyzed. A couple of weeks later Mary and her grandson were at the table having their lunch when Mary heard a noise from Tom's room. On checking, he was found to be dead. Tom was buried at Oakville cemetery and many years later my aunt had a stone put up where he was buried. It also has the names of his two granddaughters who predeceased him, Haroldine and Madeline, but expect they were buried elsewhere in the cemetery.

I think Tom would have loved his obituary. "At his residence last Sunday, Mr. Holmes quietly passed away and in his passing another of that fast dwindling army, the soldier empire makers of the

Victorian era went to his reward." The obituary goes on to say that he was much loved and respected by the members of the community. Doesn't quite tally with Mr. Jeffries' opinion of Tom!

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What's in a Dose Glass?

(My apologies to the author whose name has gone missing!)

The glass in the photo shown was recently found in a cupboard in the Boulton home, south of Reston, Manitoba. At first glance it appeared to be a shot glass, but upon closer inspection, it had writing on it. The front says "Kincaid's Drugstore Brockville Ont". The back has imprinted three lines with the words "TABLE", "DESSERT" and "TEA" beside them.



On-line research found that this is a medicine dose cup. Presumably it was brought with Ann and Benjamin Boulton and their 5 children, when they came west from Brockville, Ontario in 1892. These are my husband's great-grandparents and their story is one of pioneering determination and has been the basis of The Boulton Blog which can be found online at <http://ssimms642.blogspot.ca/>.

Benjamin was the son of John Bolton (1806-1902) and Alice Colburne (1811-1886) who were married on January 24, 1834, at Brockville, Ontario. Benjamin was one of nine children who lived and farmed at Elizabethtown in Leeds County, Ontario.

Ann Henrietta was the daughter of Thomas Boulton (1774-1855) and his second wife, Ann (aka Nancy) Higginson (1813-1883). Thomas was an uncle of Benjamin's father John so they were cousins to some degree and both were descendants of United Empire Loyalist George Boulton (1740-1794). Ann was the second youngest of four children, born December 19, 1844 at New Dublin, Ontario.

The 1851 Canadian Census lists Benjamin as a 16 year old farmer living with his 43 year old father John, his 40 year old mother and seven siblings ages 17 to 1. Interestingly, the next family enumerated on that census form was that of his future wife, Ann Henrietta Boulton, who was 7 years old at that time with her 77 year old father, Thomas, her 40 year old mother Ann and 3 siblings ages 12 to 4. Her 61 year old maternal grandfather, Anthony Higginson, lived with them as well. Her father Thomas was noted to have been born in the USA, her mother and grandfather were born in Ireland.

Benjamin and Ann were married in 1873 when he was 37 and she was 29. Their son James Herbert was born the next year. Thomas Edwin was born next in 1876, then Abigail Louise in 1878, Samuel Anthony in 1880, and finally Susan Henrietta in 1882.

On the 1891 census Benjamin, Ann, and their five children were living in Brockville, Ontario. The next year, at the ages of 56 and 48 years respectively, Benjamin and Ann left all they knew behind in Ontario and moved west to the present Rural Municipality of Two Borders in Manitoba. No doubt they were looking for land for their sons to start out on; homesteads were available in the west. Records show his date of entry of August 2, 1892 on 160 acres located at NE 24-6-28 W1.

I can only imagine the hard work and loneliness they must have experienced leaving much of what they had built up and all their family and friends. After only three years on the prairie, Benjamin died in 1895 at the age of 59 of what was believed to be a ruptured appendix. I picture the family using the dose cup with medicines of the time to try to cure him, but to no avail. His sons continued to acquire land and his daughters married and made their homes nearby. Ann continued to live on the homestead until her death in 1935 at 91 years old. Descendants continue to till the same soil that Benjamin saw the promise in over 123 years ago.

There are many of these dose glasses on E-Bay, but none with the family history this one has!

Family Tree Maker™ Community

(excerpt of a recent e-mail received by the Editor)



Since our **Family Tree Maker announcement** last December, we have continued to actively explore ways to develop and support Family Tree Maker and ensure you have choices to preserve your work in ways that matter to you.

We are pleased to announce two options for desktop software that will work with Ancestry.

SoftwareMacKiev

Software MacKiev, with whom we have a long-standing relationship, is acquiring the Family Tree Maker software line as publisher for both Mac and Windows versions. Software MacKiev has been the developer of Family Tree Maker for Mac for more than six years and is thrilled at the opportunity to publish future versions of Family Tree Maker for Mac and Windows.

This new agreement means you will receive software updates and new versions from Software MacKiev, and have the ability to purchase new versions of Family Tree Maker from Software MacKiev as they are released. You will have continued access to Ancestry Hints, Ancestry searches, and be able to save your tree on Ancestry with Family Tree Maker moving forward.

RootsMagic

We have made an agreement with RootsMagic, a leading genealogy desktop software program publisher, to connect Ancestry with the RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. With this new relationship, RootsMagic can serve as your desktop family tree software, while having access to Ancestry hints, Ancestry searches, and the ability to save your tree on Ancestry.

We have heard your concerns and are working to provide the solutions you requested. These new agreements will make it possible to preserve your work on Ancestry and Family

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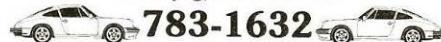
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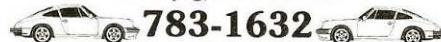
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Kathy Stokes (right) receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Virginia Braid



Great-granddaughter Kyra Allan,
Muriel and daughter Pat Allan



Muriel James (MGS #1734 from 1988-2004) celebrates her 100th birthday on April 17th, 2016 with a small celebration at Park Manor Care.



Ponderisms

(Or as Arsenio Hall used to say, "Things that make you go Hmmmm!")

- Can you cry under water?
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- Why do you have to "put your two cents in" .. But it's only a "penny for your thoughts" ?
Where's that extra penny going to?
- Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?
- Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?
- If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?
- Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

- If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
- Why Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
- Why did you just try singing the two songs above?
- Why do they call it an asteroid when it's outside the hemisphere, but call it a hemorrhoid when it's in your butt?
- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

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TEARS:

The hydraulic force by which masculine will power is defeated by feminine water-power!

CONFERENCE ROOM:

A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on.

CLASSIC:

A book which people praise, but never read.

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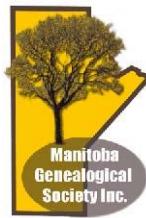
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