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From the Editor . . .

First I must apologize for the error in Last issue's Pioneer Royalty. The date of the item was inadvertently omitted. It was October, 1947. Our cover this issue is a photograph one of our members picked up recently. It is an ORT group from 1936 on the steps of the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg. The ORT was a group which helped the displaced during the 20th century. If you are interested in the picture, contact Dan Spurill through the MGS library, contact@mbgenealogy.com. The SouthEast and Winnipeg Branch of MGS is hosting a seminar in Winnipeg on the Weekend of October 19-21. The theme of the seminar is "Who Do You Think You Are? . . . discover the 5 W's of your family history!". Mark your Calendars!!

From the President . . .

Since our last issue the Resource Centre has been a hive of activity. Over the holidays our carpet was cleaned. A big "thank you" to Bill McDonald for making this happen.

We also had a new tile floor laid in our kitchen. Hats off to all our volunteers for braving the "deep freeze" to keep our Resource Centre open. There were some patrons who braved the cold weather too. On Feb. 17/07 Mary Bole, our librarian held an orientation and information session on our new library computer programme KOHA. This programme, when completed, will list all our library holdings. This is a large on going project which has been undertaken and will take a couple of years to complete. There are several volunteers working on inputting the information at present.

Along with Mary, Bill Burland gave us some computer tips on some new sites which can be accessed from our computers.

South East and Winnipeg Branch have agreed to host our annual seminar in October of this year. Keep looking for more details.

Everyone is looking forward to Spring. One of our upcoming annual events will be our "Open House" for Manitoba Day May 12/07.

In the meantime drop in to the Resource Centre to see what is new in our library and on our computers that will help your genealogy and family history.

Generation Gaps

Send Queries to MGS, Attention: Editor. Members are allowed one free query/year (printed once); additional or non-member queries \$3.00 each. Please type or print on standard size paper, or e-mail to Generations@mbgenealogy.com.

Van Buskirk, Samuel – son of Richard and Charity (Haviland) Van Buskirk, born in Norfolk County, Ontario 1850-1854, married in Ontario to Mary Jane McDougall (Feb 11, 1875). Moved to Manitoba (Souris area) 1890-1891. Need names of children and when Samuel and Charity died & where they are buried. Samuel bought land but it was no good for farming. Apparently sold for a good price as it had an iron mine of bog ore.

PIONEER ROYALTY

"Pioneer Royalty" is from a small newsletter entitled *Town and Farm* that was mailed out with the Manitoba Hydro Bills covering the dates 1946 until 1955. We thank Manitoba Hydro for permission to reprint them in *Generations*.

From December, 1947 issue of Town and Farm



In the hustling and bustling of our modern age, we are apt to forget the pioneers who blazed the trail for our progress. When we pause and look back at the foresight and courage with which they combatted the prairie wilderness, we are humbled and inspired. We deem it a privilege to pay tribute this month to the following men and women who pioneered in Manitoba:

BIRTHDAYS

G.W. Mulholland, Rathwell, 90 years of age, Dec. 14.

Mrs. S. Gislison, Belmont, 90 years of age, Dec. 10.

Mrs. J. E. Haight, Killarney, 87 years of age, Dec. 19.

Mrs. Marian J. Madge, Virden, 86 years of age, Dec. 28.

Mrs. A. Kennedy, Brandon, 86 years of age on her recent birthday.

E Brown, Boissevain, 86 years of age, Dec. 17.

F. Howell, Boissevain, 85 years of age, Dec. 19.

George N. Gemmill, Pilot Mound, 82 years of age, Dec. 18.

Thomas Wilson, Belmont, 81 years of age, Dec. 17.

L. Course, MacGregor, on his birthday, Dec. 11.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lowe, Roland, 64 years married, Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Zetterstrom, Whitewater, 61 years married, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burch, Carberry, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stephenson, Dauphin, married in a double ceremony 60 years ago, Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, Pilot Mound, 56 years married, Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyle, Portage la Prairie, 54 years married, Dec. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Gudbrandson, Baldur, 52 years married, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lacroix, St. Claude, 52 years married, Dec. 16

Mr. and Mrs. A. Muir, High Bluff, 52 years married, Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dodds, Reston, 51 years married, Dec. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. L.G. McLeod, Alexander 51 years married, Dec. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Staples, Killarney, 51 years married, Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Sandstrom, Minnedosa, 51 years married, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Welchman, Treherne, 51 years married, Dec. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Course, McGregor, 49 years married, Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Olmstead, Carberry, 48 years married, Dec. 18.

ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

by Kathy Stokes

As we read the newspapers in the year 2007, we learn of a seemingly uninterrupted stream of bad news, from war to personal tragedies to gang slayings and we think that things could not possibly have been so bad in the "old" days. How wrong we are. Consider this summary of incidents in Winnipeg and surrounding areas from the 1 January 1914 edition of the Manitoba Free Press which describes violent deaths during 1913.

In January, Walter Eves shot his paramour Mrs. A. M. Hancock, then himself. His wounds were not fatal. The courts found that he had lost his reason and he was committed to the Selkirk Mental Hospital. In February, George Parkins killed his wife and himself. In March, a baby's body was found on the banks of the Red River in Norwood. Victor Pople and Eva Willis were charged with infanticide. Pople was convicted, but his death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment after citizens of Winnipeg signed petitions. May found another infant murdered by a slit

throat at River Park. Mary Cashmore, a domestic was found to be insane and received a suspended sentence. The August murder of Mrs. David Feinstein in her bed was not solved. In October, Mrs. Grace Saunders was shot at Lockport by her brother-in-law. He was tried and sentenced to die by hanging. H.M. Arnold, a Bank of Montreal manager in Plum Coulee was murdered by John Krafchenko. H.E. Whelm of Verigen, Saskatchewan died in Winnipeg after a shooting in his home town.

Those were the most violent, but there were other vicious attacks. Stephan Zahruik tried to test his wife's fidelity by setting her ablaze. She died. There was no trial. Steve Chyc struck Alex Brush with a large stick of wood. He went to prison for 15 years. What does this tell us about the attitude toward domestic violence in 1913?

There were some very unfortunate deaths as well. A young man drowned in the Red River a few days before his wedding. A man was killed in a car accident, and within a week his young daughter was also dead, having drunk a saucer of fly poison. A man was killed by a runaway horse and his wife of five days, newly arrived from the old country, was left a widow. A man was shot and killed by a special police officer in the CPR yards. A young man committed suicide after a lover's quarrel, and there were three suicides by drowning. In total, 22 people drowned during 1913. Railway accidents claimed 21 people.

The year was especially hard on children. Three babies were smothered by sleeping parents. The bodies of four babies were found in various places and no parents of these were ever located. Three children were drowned in rain barrels.

A quick survey of this dreadful list shows that violence is always with us and that accidents continue to happen, even though their causes have sometimes changed. Thankfully, rain barrels no longer pose a threat to our little ones.

Note: In the last issue of Generations, in the "Are These Your Ancestors?" column, I promised to continue the story of the aftermath of the Whitemouth killing. I have done my best to track down the trail of the men accused of the killing, and what happened to them, but have not been able to locate further information in the newspapers of the day. Nor do records from Winnipeg courts show anything on this case. Perhaps, the court did not proceed with prosecution for some reason. I will keep looking.

And on a related note . . .

Generations received the following in an e-mail, and thought it would be of interest to our readers:

I am a member of, and a writer/researcher for, the Quebec Family History Society in Montreal. You will

see my columns in their quarterly under the rubric "montreal_1900"

While going about my research hobby (which is described on the website below), I stumbled upon this story in the September 14, 1905 edition of the Montreal Star. I thought that it might interest you for your publication and offer it to you for that purpose.

WINNIPEG HAS SUICIDE EPIDEMIC

Special to the Montreal Star

Winnipeg, Man., September 14

From the beginning of the year until the present time, there have been twenty-one suicides in Winnipeg, or an average of nearly three a month. Five persons who have taken their lives since the first of the year chose hanging as the easiest way, one took strychnine, five carbolic acid, five drowned, one cut her throat and four blew their brains out. Since August 21 to date, there have been eight cases of suicide.

Nine who committed suicide were foreigners, the fact of Winnipeg having such a mixed population being largely responsible for the large number. Two peculiar cases are found in the suicides of Arno Stritzel and Dan Munro. The latter took his life at the gaol, because his toes had been cut off in an operation, and the former killed himself because he had an artificial foot and was afraid he would be a burden to others.

END OF ARTICLE

Robert N. Wilkins,

Montreal http://www.geocities.com/montreal_1900

Being intrigued by the details in the above excerpt, I decided to see what I could find about the 2 suicides mentioned in the article – Arno (in original article) Stritzel and Dan Munro. The deaths of both men are recorded in the Manitoba Vital Statistics Index, but with errors. Daniel Munro's name is given as "Donald", and Arno is listed as "Anna", a male!!!

LAST NAME: MUNROE	SEX: M
GIVEN NAMES: DONALD	PLACE OF DEATH: WPG
DATE OF DEATH: 05/08/1905	REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1905-003176
AGE: 24	REGISTRATION DATE:
UNITS OF AGE: YEARS	

LAST NAME: STRITZEL	SEX: M
GIVEN NAMES: ANNA	PLACE OF DEATH: WPG
DATE OF DEATH: 08/30/1905	REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1905-001336
AGE: 25	REGISTRATION DATE:
UNITS OF AGE: YEARS	

From the Manitoba Vital Statistics Index

Arno (from Watson, Sask.) was apparently distressed by the amputation of his foot, and was having trouble finding employment. He was in debt for his room and board, and had written to his mother for money. He apparently went into the washroom at the CPR station, and drank carbolic acid. He was soon found wandering in the station as if intoxicated, fell and died. He had a note in his pocket telling his brother not to worry about him, he had made peace with his god.

The coroner felt an inquest was unnecessary.

Daniel (or maybe Donald) Munroe was out of work in Winnipeg, and also depressed. He had been arrested when he tried to jump off the Louise Bridge, and charged with vagrancy. He was sentenced to jail. Soon after he was incarcerated, he returned to his cell after breakfast and hanged himself with the thin cord he was using as suspenders.

A letter was also found to his sister in Ontario.

An inquest was held, and the police were criticized for not having passed on the information that he was suicidal.

Both of the suicides were reported in detail in the Free Press of the day.

-Editor

CONDOLENCES

It is with great sorrow that MGS reports the death of a long term volunteer. John McCrindle, #0738, who died in December, 2006. John is missed on Thursdays at the Library. MGS had awarded John a Flo Cox Award for his service to the Society in October.

As well, we are sad to report the passing of the following:

Harvey Ross Shipley (former member #1602), husband of Dorothy Shipley (member #1603) in January 2007.

George Brandt, husband of Yvette Brandt (#083) in Swan Lake in April 2006

Cooking Up a Family History

Kelly Southworth, MGS #4534

How many of us have a favourite family story that involves food? I would venture to say all of us do. Food and family go together. When I think of my mother or my Nanna, I immediately think of foods they made for me. After I left home, when I would come back to visit, my mother always made my favourite foods to show how much she loved and missed me. The same was true when I was sick as a child, or on my birthday.

My mother was a war bride and would often tell stories about "home" in England, and many of these involved food—the same "roast beef and Yorkshire puddings" of my Sundays as a child, along with steak and kidney pie, pitman's sausage, and many others. My father didn't talk a lot about his childhood and family, but when I used to press him for stories, most had a food connection—his mother's homemade wild strawberry jam, his grandmother's chicken and biscuits with gravy.

My mother loved to cook and she collected many recipes. Some were in books, but most were "clippings" from magazines, newspapers and product labels. And she had stacks of recipe flyers from companies like Maple Leaf, OXO, Swift, and the flour mills. When she passed away, the task fell to me to go through them and decide what to keep and what to get rid of. It was more difficult than I imagined and I now am the proud owner of stacks of recipe flyers dating back to the 1940s!

Among the clippings were a few books. These intrigued me. There were the classic Canadian Purity, Five Roses, and Robin Hood cookbooks, along with one Mum used in school in 1936. And there was one called The United Farm Women of Manitoba, published in 1929. This last one really fascinated me as it was a community cookbook—consisting of recipes that had been submitted by members of the UFWM from across the province. Some of my father's family had published recipes.

Cooking was, historically, primarily a task of women. Our female ancestors are often more difficult to trace and finding out details about their lives is seldom easy. They did not leave the same type of paper trail that our male ancestors did, with land records and wills, etc. or occupations that could be researched. But cookbooks are a different story. Cookbooks were the domain of women and reflect their lives.

The 1929 UFWM cookbook told me quite a lot about my family history. My mother did not come to Canada until 1945, so the book had belonged to my father's family and been passed along to her at a later date. I had images of Mum as a young bride coming to a strange country to set up housekeeping, and her mother-in-law (my grandmother) trying to reach out to her and help her. Gong (as we called our paternal grandmother—a long family story!) would have been sharing some of the foods with

Mum that Dad had enjoyed as a child, as well as helping her to understand Canadian food.

The old book is well used and stained—I can tell which pages were left open by the stains! And Gong and Mum were both recipe adjusters. They would make notes about altered amounts or ingredient substitutions. Notes in both their handwriting can be found in the book. There are also lists in the back, written by Gong, that identify which recipes she wanted to try and which she had made. She made checks beside recipes she liked and noted beside others such as "No" or "Not again". This was an eerie discovery as I make the same lists and notes and had done so long before I discovered this book.

I showed the book to my father and he remembered some of the recipes and told stories associated with them. He asked me to try to make a couple of them as he had not had them since he was a child. Together, we experimented with the old "lists of ingredients", as these old cookbooks are seldom more than that. There are no cooking, mixing, or baking instructions, no pan sizes, and only approximate measurements. One recipe, written by Gong in the back, lists real measurements, then in brackets following, every measurement is qualified: 5 cups flour becomes (good cups), teaspoons are "bumper" or "small", etc. And I learned from many attempts to make the Raison Scones Dad longed for that the cups Gong used were not standard imperial measures! Using my measuring cups, instead of a "nice dough to pat out" I got pancake batter. A phone call to Dad had him reminiscing about the flour bin in his mother's kitchen that held a 100 pound bag and pulled open on a hinge. After many stories about flour misadventures he remembered an old granite-wear mug that had been kept inside the bin on a hook! Eureka!! I had one of a newer vintage in my camping gear and tried that. I now had a nice dough to pat out. After some other fiddling with other ingredients I was ready for Dad's next visit, where he pronounced that the Raison Scones were "just like Mom's" except for the "smokey" taste of the woodstove.

Together, we found the recipe for date-filled oatmeal cookies that he had driven my mother crazy trying to replicate after they were both retired—a married couple in retirement, together at home, will

find almost anything to drive each other crazy over it seems. This recipe was heavily marked in the book with notes in a third hand. Dad identified these as belonging to his older sister, Annie, who had been in charge of cookie baking. This was the source of "Annie's Oatmeal Cookies" that Mum had tried to replicate.

In addition to the personal memories of 3 women who came before me—Mum, Gong, and Aunt Annie, there are other family stories locked in that book. Some recipes were submitted by Dad's great aunts, so family stories about them emerged. I knew that the family had supported the work of the United Farm Women of Manitoba and been members. The advertisements in the book told me about life and the interests of my female forbearers. Some of the recipes had withstood the test of time and are still used by our family, but we had long since forgotten where or how they came into the family. The dill pickles my sister faithfully makes every year for all of us come from that book, but the recipe was rewritten on index cards somewhere along the line.

I, like Mum, have become a recipe collector. But instead of clipping recipes from newspapers or magazines, I tend to collect cookbooks. I love all things Canadian, and especially "community" cookbooks. These are the ones where locals contribute recipes and the books are sold to raise money for some charity. As Elizabeth Driver, a well known Canadian cookbook scholar describes them:

This type of publication is always a group effort: Recipes are solicited from the community; ... Typically, each recipe is credited with the name of the person who contributed it - the names attached to the recipes act as a sort of guarantee, for who would submit a recipe that wasn't useful or didn't work? The process bypasses the conventional publishing world and empowers 'ordinary' women to produce their own recipe collections, so that each fund-raising cookbook is an authentic reflection of the culinary practices of a particular community.¹

Ms Driver also points out that these community cookbooks were "written for use in the home ... and the books illuminate that intimate and normally private world ... are a powerful form of cultural expression. No other type reveals more about Canadian cooking and society." I have lived in 3 Canadian provinces and have collected cookbooks in each, as well as on my travels around the world. It is interesting to discover regional differences here in Canada. I remember being in a bakery in Halifax and asking for the Matrimonial Cake I had seen in the display. I was told that they did not sell Wedding Cake or Fruit Cake. When I pointed to the Matrimonial Cake, they expressed shock that we would serve Date Squares at a wedding!

Other scholars are recognizing the important role of cookbooks in our history—as a country, as a community, and as a family. Michelle Green in an article for the New York Times in December 2002 wrote: "*In an era when females had few roles in public life, these cookbooks acknowledged their presence in the community.*"²

Jill Nussel has written a book about American community cookbooks and the abstract for that book summarizes the importance of such books for understanding our female ancestors and their lives:

Even after immigrant women had changed to American dress and began sending their children to public school, the last aspect of life to change was their foodways. One of the ways by which women could stay within their sphere and still find a public voice was through the compilation of a community cookbook that was compiled for the benefit of their churches and a myriad of community organizations. But they were far more than just collections of recipes. A careful examination of charity cookbooks shows how women defined their roles, disseminated hierarchy within their own groups, advised others, dispensed moral teachings to a broader audience, and preserved the best parts of their own heritage for future generations. And in the process, women who probably never would have been published or remembered beyond their family ties have produced artifacts worthy of continued inquiry.³

For us genealogists, these community cookbooks also help us locate our female ancestors in a particular location and time. I have created an index of the 1929 United Farm Women of Manitoba's cookbook and attach it here with this article. If anyone finds a relative on the list and would like a copy of the recipes they submitted, I would be happy to make copies for you. My contact information is on the inside front cover of Generations. And if any of you have old Manitoba community cookbooks with names, I would love to hear about them. These books are a treasure, infused with a sense of time, place and character and they tell us much about the women who wrote them, as well as the women who used them and passed them down from generation to generation.

¹ Driver, E. (2002). *Canadian Cookbooks (1825-1949): In the Heart of the Home*. Savoir Faire lecture series, National Library of Canada, Ottawa, January 22, 2002. www.llb.uoguelph.ca (accessed Dec 2006).

² Green, M. (2002). *A League of Their Own: Community Cookbooks*. American Express Publishing.

³ Nussel, J. (2006). *Heating Up the Sources: Using Community Cookbooks In Historical Inquiry*. (Abstract). www.blackwell-compass.com (accessed December 2006)

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Empson	Mrs. Dick	Provencher District	40,46,75,77 148,165
Ferguson	Annie C.		155
Finch	Mabel E.	Winnipeg	57
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Forge	E.A.	Winnipeg	98,99
Forge	M.A.	Winnipeg	97
Forge	Mary	Winnipeg	133
Forge	Mrs. M.L.	Winnipeg	64
Forrester	M.A.	Provencher District	32
Forrester	Mrs. C.R.	Provencher District	32,46
Forrester	Mrs. J.S.	Provencher District	27
Frazer	Mrs. Alex	Swan River	5
Froche	Mrs. C.J.		127
Gee-Curtis	Mrs. S.E.	Neepawa	5,153
Gourd	Mrs. H.D.	Arborg	99,117,125, 137,147
Grassick	Mary H.	Pilot Mound	93,129,133, 151
Gray	A.R.		78
Gray	Mrs. A.R.		67,89
Gray	Mrs. Anna	Winnipeg	5
Grover	Annie I.	Birnie	141,149
Gunnlaugson	Mrs. Harry	Baldur	90
Hamilton	Mrs. F.	Winnipeg	53
Hamilton	Mrs. Fred	Winnipeg	35,90,98,99 120,129,15 1
Hampson	Mrs.	Manchester, Eng.	64
Hampson	Mrs. E.G.	11 Hardman Ave., Sedgley Park, Manchester (Eng.?)	84
Hamstitch	Mrs.		118
Harris	Mrs. S.G.	Grosse Isle	131
Howell	Mrs. F.	Boissevain	5
Hutchison	Mrs.	Dauphin Plains	61,68
Hutchison	Mrs.		83
Irvine	Mrs. W.T.	Morris	43
Jackson	M.		65
James	Mrs. M.H.	Oakland	31
Johnson	Miss B.	Arborg	139
Johnson	Miss M.	Brandon	5
Johnson	Miss Mabel	Brandon	100
Johnson	Mrs. E.L.	Arborg	5,117
Johnson	Mrs. E.L.	Selkirk District	41
Johnson	Mrs. Jim	Grand Narrows	91
Johnston	M.M.	Provencher District	41
Kelly	Mrs.	Beaver	112,148
Kendrick	Mrs. W.R.	Wicklow	78
Landy	Miss E.M.	Provencher District	46
Lewis	Mrs. Jos. G.	Morris	51
Lightfoot	Leta	Morris	43
Lissimore	Mrs. A.	Toronto	84,91
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Locke	Mrs. Chas.	Dauphin Plains	51,83

Loree	Mrs. S.	Carman	5,121
Lothian	Mrs. J.		147
Lumgair	Mrs. R.W.	Thornhill	10,13
MacGuire	Mrs. Norah	Grand Narrows	91
Major	Mrs. W.J.	155 Helmsdale Ave. East Kildonan	10,47,73,75
Mawhinney	Mrs.	Oakville	109
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McClelland	Maud	Provencher District	95,97,149
McClelland	Mrs. J.A.	Provencher District	51,85,151,1 61
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McClelland	Ruth	Letellier	25,39,45,65
McCracken	Alice M.		159
McCuaig	Mrs. P.		155
McCutcheon	Mrs. L.		128
McDonald	J.N.		159
McDougall	M.	Provencher District	25
McIvor	Mrs.		115
McKee	Margaret		159
McKelvey	Mrs. Jas.	Homefield	82,156
McKennon	Mrs. A.G.	Wicklow	78
McKenzie	Mrs. Jas.	Portage la Prairie	104,106,11 3
McKillican	Mrs. W.C.	Winnipeg	125
McKillop	Mrs. John	Dauphin Plains	79
McKillop	Mrs. Lorne	Dauphin	54,57,61,69 71,79
McKnight	Mrs. A.C.	Grand Narrows	29,81
McKnight	Mrs. H.		120
McLean	Mrs. C.B.	Wicklow	40,78
McNaughton	Mrs. R.W.	Dauphin Plains	54,61
McNeil	Miss Effie	Bagot	100
McPhail	Mrs.	Butler	81
Metcalf	Mrs. E.M.	Portage la Prairie	44
Montgomery	Mrs. Clare	Neepawa	148
Murray	Alice	Stonewall	164
Murray	Anna M.	Stonewall	137
Murray	Mrs. George	Grand Narrows	91
Murray	Norma	Neepawa	164
Nesbitt	H.F.		154
Nesbitt	Mrs. Albert		155
Norwood	Mrs.		128
Pallister	Mrs. John	Portage la Prairie	5
Pallister	Mrs. J.	Portage la Prairie	100
Pengriff	Mrs. J.H.	Anola	5,117,118
Phillips	Mrs. V.E.	Dauphin	5,67,74
Phillips	Mrs. V.E.		51
Pillen	Mrs.	Deepdale	59
Pitfield	Miss Dorothy	Grand Narrows	74
Poole	Mrs. A.J.M.	Kelwood	88
Popple	Mrs. W.		155
Richardson	Mrs.	Dauphin Plains	68
Ridgeway	Mrs. Wm.	Grosse Isle	128
Roberts	Mrs. F.		120
Robinson	E.	Provencher District	81
Ross	Mrs.	Provencher District	147
Sangster	Mrs. A.	Grand Narrows	32
Sangster	Mrs. G.	Regina, Sask.	49
Scarraw	Mrs. G.S.		159
Scott	Mrs. R.M.	Thornhill	9,13
Seed	Miss Elsie		43

Shaw	Mabel	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario	49,98,112,1 45
Shebeske	Mrs. M.	Arborg	139
Shield	Mrs. Geo.	Wicklow	69
Shields	Mrs. F.	Provencher District	27
Sibbald	Mrs. J.H.	Winnipeg	93,164
Sloan	Mrs. P.	Grand Narrows	47
Smalley	Mrs.	Grand Narrows	37,63
Smith	Mrs. A.	Ingleside, Ashton-on-Mersey, England	64,84
Sparks	Mrs. E.		127
Speechly	Margaret M.	Atwater, Sask.	97
Sproule	E.		141
Stanger	Mrs. W.	Portage la Prairie	78
Stelcke	Mrs.	Dauphin Plains	79
Stockford	Hazel	Altamont	89
Storms	Mrs. J.W.	Provencher District	23
Sweet	Miss Effie	Thornhill	13,14
Tackaberry	Mrs. E.M.	Brandon	36,90,131,1 45
Tackaberry	Mrs. G.E.	Brandon	156,157
Thompson	Mrs. P.C.	Fortier	107
Thompson	Susan P.	Oakville	110
Thomson	Jennie	Portage la Prairie	31
Thomson	Mrs. G.F.	Portage la Prairie	154
Tolton	Mrs. E.N.		40
Toobill	Mrs. F.	Cross Lane, Manchester (Eng.?)	44
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Whiteside	Mrs. R.		17,82
Wilson	Miss Verna	Grand Narrows	74
Wilson	Mrs. H.	Grand Narrows	29,76
Wilson	Mrs. Joe	Provencher District	44
Wilson	Mrs. Ralph	Pilot Mound	88
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Wood	Hilda G.		110
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Woods	Mrs. M.P.		128
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Yuill	Mrs. J.W.		141

Congratulations.....
 Fran & Walt (#1522) McCaw
 On the birth of Great-Grandson
 Myles Scott Coolidge McCaw
 September 11, 2006

Library Lines

By Mary Bole

Manitoba

- 363.3 BJA Bjamason, H. *We Hold Thee Safe*, 2007.
History of the Winnipeg Fire Fighter Historical Society.
- 971.27 RHI Harms, W. *1880 Village Census of the Mennonite West Reserve*, 1998 (Reference) (Rhineland municipality)
- 971.27 RHI Harms, W. *Reinlander Gemeinde Buch*, 2004. (Reference) (Rhineland municipality) This is a revised and updated edition.
- 971.27 STA Ens A. *Church, Family and Village*, 2001. Essays on Mennonite life on the West Reserve. (Stanley and Rhineland municipality)
- 971.29 WIN Gourluck, Russ. *Going Downtown*, 2006. A history of Winnipeg's Portage Avenue.

Western Canada

- 971.23 ROO Roots, the Ethnic History of Edmonton.

Eastern Canada

- 911 ONT *Guide Book and Atlas of Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts*. Ontario Historical Atlas, shelved with the Ontario atlases.
- 971.3 GREY *History of Derby Township, 1839-1972*. Grey county, Ontario.

- 971.3 KENT *Baldoon Bicentennial, 1804-2004*. Kent county, Ontario

- 971.6 CHA Chambers, S. *Historic LaHave River Valley*, 2004. Nova Scotia.

- 971.6 WAG Wagg, P. *Living Community*, 2005. A history of St. George's Channel, Nova Scotia.

Great Britain and Ireland

- 910.2 VIC *Victorian Travellers Guide to 19th Century England and Wales*, 1985. Contains charts of roads, railways, interesting localities, views of scenery and a comprehensive list of hotels of the day. First published in 1864.

- 914.21 IMP *Imperial Album of London Views*.

941.7 FAM *Famine in Mayo, a Portrait From Contemporary Sources, 1845-1850*, 2004. County Mayo, Ireland

Europe
929 EUR (CD ROM) *European Origins, volume E1*.

929 HEY Hey, D. *Oxford Guide to Family History*, 1993. Good illustrations, photos and explanations of social conditions.

946.8 FIN Finlayson, T. *Guided Tour of Gibraltar*.

946.8 MEM *Memorial Inscription in Trafalgar Cemetery*, Gibraltar.

Several copies of periodicals regarding Germans from Russia have been donated to the library. They are:

- "Journal" of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia International
- Germans from Russia Heritage Society "Heritage Review"
- "Clues" American Historical Society of Germans from Russia International
- Germans from Russia Heritage Society "Heritage Review"

All the periodicals will be filed as a group and kept in the alcove.

General

289.7 HOR Horsch, J. *Hutterian Brethren, 1528-1931*, 1931.

355.3 MIL *Military records, U.S. Soldiers 1784-1811* (CD ROM)

929 FAM *Family History Monthly*. (CD ROM)

929 FTM *Family Finder Index*, 4 volumes. (CD ROM)

929 PED *Pedigree Resource File, #21-25* (CD ROM)

929 YOU *Your Family Tree Magazine*. 2 volumes (CD ROM)

929.1 CIT Mills, E. *Citing Online Historical Resources*, 2005.

929.1 WHE Wheeler, M. *Tracing Your Roots*, 1996.

- 966.9 CRO Crowder, M. *Story of Nigeria*, 1966.
- 968 SWA Kuper, H. *Swazi*, 1963. A South African kingdom.
- 975.5 VIR *Virginia Land, Marriage and Probate Records, 1639-1850*. (CD ROMs)
- Family History and Biography**
- 921 FLO Flock, G. *My Life*, 1996. Experiences, recollections, opinions and gleanings of a man from Winnipeg.
- 921 GRE Greer, Germaine. *Daddy, We Hardly Knew You*, 1989. The story of Germaine Greer's search for information on her father, Reg Greer.
- 921 TEN Lodge, O. *Christopher*, 1918. Biography of Christopher Tennant.
- 929.2 FRI *Fritz Family History*. Old family bible plus genealogical information, letters, etc. (Book Review)
- 929.2 HAC McCallum, V. *Well Made and Sprightly*, 2006. Charles Hackett of the '45. (Book Review)
- 929.2 NAD *Roots and Branches*. The magazine of the Naden/Nadin family history society.
- 929.2 POI Poirier, D. *Poirier and Lyngstad Family Record Book* 2005.
- 929.2 SIM Campbell, A. *Andrew and Elizabeth (Bell) Sims' Family, Ireland to Canada and Beyond*, 2006. (Book review)
- 929.2 SOU *Southern Biographies and Genealogies*, 1500s-1940s. United States families. (CD ROMs)
- Several copies of "Family Tree" (American) have been donated and are filed on the top shelf of the alcove.
- Copies of "The Essex Family Historian" (1992-2000) were donated to the library
- MGS Library Needs Books**
- Joyce Elias
- We do not have the following books in our library. Many are out of print. If any members have unwanted copies of any of these and would like to donate them, please call Mary Bole or Joyce Elias at MGS, 783-9139, on Tuesdays.
- Breaking Prairie Sod: story of a pioneer preacher by Wellington Bridgman*
- Ebeneezer McColl, "Friend to the Indians" by F. McColl*
- Over Prairie Trails by Frederick Philip Grove*
- Brunkild Memories and Melodies*
- Carman Up to Now: a story of Dufferin and Carman*
- Chater Memoirs of an Era*
- Dand More Golden Memories: 1967-1971*
- Dominion City How Dear to my Heart by Carol Roberts*
- Dufferin RM The RM of Dufferin: 1880-1980*
- Eriksdale Pioneers and Early Citizens of Manitoba*
- Haskett The History of Haskett and District*
- Kenton Cradle to Combine, volume 3*
- Lansdowne RM The Lansdowne Story by Dick McKenzie*
- Lawrence RM Opening the Door, the Past Comes Alive*
- Leaf Rapids Leaf Rapids: a local history 1970 - 1989*
- Manitou In Rhythm With Our Roots*
- Mather Crocus Country, volume II (after 1981)*
- Medina We Remember Medina*
- Minitonas Tent Town 1898-1979: a history*
- Minnedosa Minnedosa and her Neighbours by George Harland*
- Mossgiel Mossgiel Memories*
- Neepawa First Century of Langford 1891-1991*
- Newdale Newdale, 1870-1970-2000*
- Oakdale Dawn to Dusk, Oakdale School Div. #655*
- Oak Lake History of Oak Lake Mennonite Church by Dan Sawatsky*
- Plumas Browsing Through the Years*
- Portage la Prairie The Town of Portage la Prairie by P. Gregoire-Voskamp*
- Riverside RM Riverside Heritage 1896-1996*
- Roblin Shell River RM Century One 1884-1984*
- Roland Roland's Centennial: 1890-1990*
- Scotia The History of Scotia 1882-1937*
- Souris Souris Valley Plains: a history*
- Starbuck Starbuck Seedlings: a history of Starbuck and vicinity*
- Swan Lake Pioneers! Oh! Pioneers!*
- The Pas The Pas:*
- The Pas The Pas...a history by Sidney Wilton*
- Thompson Thompson: a city and its people*
- Thornhill As Years Go By*
- Virden Anecdotes and Update: 1882-1982*
- Virden Centennial Souvenir*
- Woodnorth RM Proudly We Speak*

Padding Your Family History Using the MGS Library – Some Ideas

By Mary Bole

Are you trying to write up your family history, but have run out of ideas? Only have birth, marriage and death dates? Don't despair - you can still compile an interesting family history.

- 1) Where did they live? Find maps of the approximate time period when the ancestor lived. Find one of the country, then the county, and then one as close as possible to their town. Put all three if necessary into your write-up to show where they came from. Remember to check for boundary changes, perhaps your ancestors were born in one country but after a war the border changed.

910 MAN Manitoba Municipality Maps
912 MOU The West of England
912 HIS Historical Atlas of East Central Europe

(And please when you write up your family history, don't do as the following two examples: "My grandparents left Scotland in 1899 and came HERE." Sure and where is HERE? "My ancestors came from Preston." Preston where?)

- 2) How did they get to Canada? How about a picture of the ship, the train, the route across Canada. And of course, another set of maps showing where they settled.

387.2 LOV Merchant Ships of the World, 1910-1929 in colour
385 BOO A Book of Railway Journeys

- 3) Check the ship's passenger list to see who else on the ship came from the same town.

943 HAM Picture of Immigrants Arriving at Castle Garden, New York

- 4) Check local newspapers, for weather when they arrived, and sport events or other big news of the day.

072 GIB Local Newspapers 1750-1920 (an index)
016.071 A Historical Directory of Manitoba newspapers, 1859-1978

- 5) What was the occupation of your ancestor, both where he came from and where he settled?

338.2 LEI Cornwall, its Mines and Miners
346.5 MIL Glossary of Household, Farming and Trade Terms
940.3 ANC Anchor Thread Mills and the War, 1914-1918

- 6) Look up a picture or description of the countryside where the ancestors originated, also one of where they settled.

England—Description and Travel
Germany—Description and Travel
910.3 SMI Smith's Canadian Gazetteer – Canada West in 1846.
910.3 LOV Lovell's Gazetteer of British North America
779 WES Western Canada Pictorial Index

- 7) Did they play on a team? Belong to a club?

796 MCA Manitoba Curling Association
366 TEM The Temple and the Lodge
641.3 PRA Prairie Gold – Honey Producers

8) Put in a picture of the church they attended, or the school the children attended. Look up the history of both. Perhaps your ancestors immigrated before either were built and helped build them. Perhaps they even donated the land for either or for a burial ground.

971.3 Ontario Local History Books
971.23 Alberta Local History Books
943.8 POL Polish Churches in Manitoba

9) What was the history of the railway in the area they settled in Canada? Did it affect their lives?

728 RAI Railway Stations of Manitoba
912.0971 Atlas, Canadian Railways

10) How did they live in their home country? What would they have worn?

026 FRA Francis Frith Collection of Victorian Photographs
391 ENG English Men and Manners in the 18th Century
394 LOS Lost Country Life: How the Country Folk Lived

11) What was the land like before they cleared it in this country?

956.94 ARC Architecture of Jewish Settlements in the Prairies
917.1 Picture Gallery of Canadian History

12) If your ancestor was a soldier: what rank, what uniform, what battles in what war?

355.1 BAT Uniforms of the World's Great Armies: Battledress
355 Battles in Britain

13) History of the town they came to. Did any of their neighbors come from the same hometown or country?

971.24 Saskatchewan Local History Books

14) Look for the history of your name. Does the name belong to a clan?

960 AFR African Names
929.6 Clans and Tartans of Scotland
929.4 BLA Surnames of Scotland

15) Look to see if your name has a coat of arms – even if you aren't entitled to it, it will pad your story.

929.6 Heraldry books

16) What was happening in history at the time of immigration? A famine? A war?

902.02 HIS History's Time Line
947.71 GRE Chronology of Ukrainian Canadian History

17) Miscellaneous

971.272 The Voyageur: the music of the French Canadian Voyageurs.
641.5 One One Thousand Practical Recipes : being Dr. Chase's celebrated recipe book (1878 ed.)

OF MALLS AND MEMORIES

Dan Spurrill, Dec. 5, 2006

The Suburban Shopping Mall was the great social centre of the later twentieth century, and is still so, despite commercial efforts to replace it with the crassly materialistic Big Box. The mall has replaced the downtown department store, Eaton's, of my childhood, which in turn replaced the rural country store of an earlier era.

Last December at Kildonan Place - the great community mall of eastern Winnipeg - I was abruptly reminded of the Mall's power to bring people together and recall the past. A tall, lean dark-haired man with bushy eyebrows and a prominent nose strode by me between Island Ink Jet and Coles bookstore. I stopped and stared, wanting to call out his name - but what was it? I knew him, and from not that long ago. He hadn't changed much: a bit of grey at the temples, his features a bit older looking, but easily recognized. He had to have been a teacher - in Thompson? No, I can't associate his face with Thompson. I cannot place him at any of the elementary schools there.

Still trying to guess, I hurried to the mall center, dodging the Christmas crowds, the stalls the food court, around the far left corner to the men's room. While I was washing my hands, an old acquaintance came in, helping a disabled man in a wheel chair. It was Henry Lucy, whom I've known for over 40 years. Our wives took nurse's training together, and we had attended the same church in the sixties.

I told him about seeing this man, trying to put a name on a face, and we joked about aging and memory. Still puzzling over the nameless but familiar face, I strode back into the mall, past video shops, gift shops, Bentley's luggage, Blacks photos, the crowded Santa Claus display, and right toward Sears, still wondering.

Wait - it wasn't Thompson, it was that Committee. During the 1980's I flew down from Thompson once or twice a year to meet with a few other teachers to examine and evaluate textbooks and materials for Social Studies classes in Manitoba schools, and he was on the same committee. We never taught together in a school, but we would spend a whole day together at the Robert Fletcher building in Winnipeg, reading, and discussing, the group of us going for lunch together, talking about our schools, families, and current news.

I looked around Sears to pick up a birthday gift for my wife, Betty. I remembered something she had wanted to get, and missed a sale bargain. Why not get it for her birthday, January 1? Then I went back to Island Ink Jet to pick up my refilled cartridge, and was just passing Carlton Cards when I ran into Henry Suppes, waiting for his wife, Elaine in the shop. We've known them for sixteen years, from a church we both attended in the nineties. We chatted, walking together toward Zellers.

"I'm not sure where Betty is. We're with my cousin Muriel Winter, who has trouble walking and seeing, so I don't think they'll go too fast," I told him.

Mike - that was his name! Yes, I can associate that name with that tall, lean dark haired fellow. I looked around, checking the dress shops while we walked, in case Betty and Muriel were there. Mike; was he still in the Mall? Now that I remember his name, will I run into him again? He was heading toward Sears, and maybe the parking lot. Did he even live in the city? Wasn't it Carman where he taught? But that was at least 15 years ago. I've been collecting teachers' pension for 11 years now, but Mike was much younger - he doesn't look 50 yet. Even if he were still in the mall, there are hundreds of people here. Anyway, it's just about lunch time.

Then I saw Betty and Muriel at the checkout.

After lunch at Zellers I was heading down the mall toward Shopper's Drug Mart to get stamps, when the name came to me: Gard...Gardener...Gartner! That was his name. I'm not good at remembering names. Betty will remember the name of somebody we knew in Thompson, and I haven't a clue. I always blame it on school teaching: I have about 2,000 names stored away from 18 years of classes, and recalling names is a chore. Faces, though, always call up memories for me. The older I get, the more someone reminds me of someone else. Usually I think of a former student, and they won't look like they looked in 1976! Last week we were sitting at lunch at Smitty's on Henderson, and I stared at this waitress serving a table near us. She looked just like Heather Schell, who sat across the row from me in a Grade X class at Glenlawn Collegiate in 1955/56 - over 50 years ago! She looked about the age of our kids [late 30's], about the right age to be Heather's daughter. But it had to be a fluke - I haven't seen Heather in 50 years. The reason I remember her name is that she sat across from me for 10 months. Children don't usually look that much like their parents, anyway.

Do I need any transition to Genealogy? We so often deal with memory, and memory triggers faces, places, [just the mention of Eaton's brings a flood of memories to thousands of Winnipeggers], songs, and lines of songs, photos, smells [all old churches smell the same; pre-1960's cars all smell like my Grandad's '36 Nash], events [How many remember what you were doing Sept. 11, 2001? or Nov. 22, 1963?]. Many of us have heard stories of spies or killers caught because someone spotted them in an airport terminal [*Marathon Man* comes to mind]. Just think, the person you see in a mall or airport terminal and remember from the past - years from now you could be the only one who remembers that person. Your memory may possess the only record of that person's existence.

Book Reviews

Enid Dorward #4502

FRITZ FAMILY BIBLE

MGS has received a donation of a family bible and considerable genealogical information about the family of Conrad Fritz (b. 1775) and his wife Anne Mary Shoup (b. 1783). In the bible are records of 8 marriages (1841 to 1890), 9 births (earliest is 1842), and 9 deaths (1855 to 1900). There is also a small New Testament with the inscription "Arthur C. Fritz, Winnipeg Knox Sunday School 1910". Papers with the bibles include a list of the names and birth dates of 30 grandchildren (1868 to 1893), a 1919 copy of the family record kept by Jack Fritz, a small genealogical booklet of the Fritz family compiled in 1927, and a letter written in 1900 by Jacob Fritz to "Grandson N.N.F.". If you can demonstrate a link to this family, you may have the bibles and other papers.

Vista Tales...from Islay School District No. 733 in Vista, Manitoba, compiled and edited by Gerald R. Brown, Winnipeg, 2006. 554 p., photographs. (Copies also available for purchase.)

Islay School District No. 733, Vista, Manitoba, operated from 1893 to 1968, providing education for hundreds of children over the years. This book tells the story of the school and its community, and it is a goldmine for anyone doing genealogical research in the area. There are biographies or obituaries for most of the alumni of Islay School, as well as information about teachers, inspectors, superintendents, and school trustees. There are numerous class pictures. One appendix includes half-yearly reports of class attendance submitted to the Department of Education by teachers throughout the entire time the school was open. From 1915 onward, these dated attendance reports include lists of students' names, their ages and grades, and teachers' names.

The book also honours the history of the village of Vista where Islay School was located. It describes such things as the grain elevators, 4-H clubs, RCMP, medical services, the railway, and churches with lists of clergy. One section is comprised of media reports, mostly from local newspapers, about events in Vista, such as 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries, retirements, accidents, storms, and notable accomplishments of residents of the Vista area.

Compiled and edited by Gerald R. Brown, a former Islay student, this book is a fascinating chronicle of life in a rural community in the early and mid 20th century. Anyone who attended a rural school and lived in a small farm community will identify familiar scenarios, whether or not they lived at Vista.

Gerhard R. Giesbrecht Family Book.

Compiled by Helen, Mrs. Peter Isaac. Rosenort, MB, 2000. 264 p.

This book is comprised of numerous genealogical tables of the many descendants of Gerhard R. Giesbrecht who came to Manitoba as a child in 1874. Each section begins with memories of early ancestors, written by other family members. The tables provide a generation number, name, dates of birth, marriage and death of each family member, names and dates of the spouse, and birth dates and names of their children. A 34 page index lists over 3000 names of members of this large family. This is a very useful source for researchers of Mennonite families all over North America.

Well Made and Sprightly: Charles Hacket of the '45 by Val McCallum.

Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, 2006. 90 p, illus., bibliography, index

Did your ancestors live in Scotland at the time of the 1745 Rising? Were they loyal to Bonnie Prince Charlie? If so, you will be particularly interested in this well researched book about the Rising and about the life and times of Charles Hacket (1725 – 1809), who was a cess (tax) collector on the prince's staff. In her book, Val McCallum describes the political, social and religious history of Scotland, especially the Aberdeen area, and also gives a great deal of information about the daily lives of ordinary people. If you had ancestors living in Scotland during the 18th century, you will be able to get a good idea of the kind of homes they had, what they wore, what they ate, how they farmed, etc. A new addition to the MGS library, just waiting to be borrowed!

The Andrew and Elizabeth (Bell) Sims' Family: Ireland to Canada and Beyond by Alan Campbell. Sarnia, ON, Alan Campbell Family History Research and Publishing, 2006. 289 p., maps & photographs. (MGS library call number: FH & BIO 929.2 SIM)

Andrew Sims and Elizabeth Bell were born and married in Antrim County, Ireland, and emigrated to Canada about 1830, first living in Lower Canada (Quebec) and later in Upper Canada (Ontario). Alan Campbell spent ten years researching and compiling the story of Andrew and Elizabeth, their nine children and their many descendants. Every piece of information was documented in over 2000 footnotes, evidence was weighed and conclusions were explained. He used every conceivable source of information: censuses, directories, church records, civil registrations, newspapers, published books, cemetery records, military records, monumental inscriptions, letters, and even a birthday book. Each individual was assigned a number, and a name index of about 1800 names makes it easy to locate references to any person in the book. Some Sims descendants (mostly Curries) lived in Manitoba, in the Dauphin area and the Interlake region. Anyone with a Sims connection will find this book very informative. It has been thoroughly researched and carefully documented.

500 Brickwall Solutions to Genealogy Problems. Toronto, Family Chronicle Magazine, 2003. 405 p. illus. index

Anyone who has done genealogical research has, at one time or another, run into a "brick wall", i.e. a problem that seems to have no solution. This book is a collection of brief entries that describe various ways researchers have managed to get through those brick walls. The arrangement of the book is quite haphazard, but there is a thorough index that enables the reader to look up specific kinds of problems, solutions or sources of information. Examples: tax records, names (nicknames, anglicized, multiple spellings, naming patterns, etc.), funeral home records, military records, mortgage records, foreign language problems, and many more. If you are struggling to think of a different way to solve a genealogical puzzle, this book might be very helpful. It can be found in the "General" section of the library, and its call number is 929.1 FIV.

Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them, 1st edition, edited by Laura M. Hanowski. Regina, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 2006. 157 p., index (MGS library call number: Canada 970.4 TRA)

This new publication from the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is a comprehensive guide for genealogists. While its particular focus is on

aboriginal research in the prairie provinces, much of the book is simply a well compiled guide for anyone doing genealogical research. It provides guidelines for doing research and keeping records, with sections on the use of maps and gazetteers, vital records, land records of all kinds, census, military records, court records, and immigration records.

Contact information is provided for archives, libraries, and societies holding collections for aboriginal research. There is a timeline of history relating to aborigines, a list of terms and abbreviations used in aboriginal records, information about treaty records, resources for First Nations ancestry including the USA, as well as Métis ancestry and scrip records. Census information includes census records taken by the Hudson's Bay Company in the 1870s. There is also discussion of historic records created by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Indian Affairs.

The book is printed in a good clear font, and headings are easy to pick out because they are printed in bold type. Important points are outlined in boxes. Suggestions for further reading are included in every section, along with websites, mailing addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. A thorough index simplifies the ability to locate any topic. Persons tracing aboriginal ancestors in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will find this book to be very useful.

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WORDS FROM VIMY

The First World War is long gone. But long ago a promise was made that the men and women from that war would not be forgotten. It is said that the roots of memory lie in specifics. In April 2007 the magnificent Canadian Monument at Vimy Ridge in France will be rededicated. Just as the fabric of the Monument is being restored in France so must the memories of the soldiers in Canada. Specific words, individual thoughts, particular reflections from the thousands and thousands of men who fought during those days will hopefully root the memories of those veterans for another generation. This project is part of a promise.

THE 'WORDS FROM VIMY' PROJECT

To perpetuate remembrance of the lost men of the First World War, and to mark the rededication of the Monument at Vimy in April 2007, the 'Words From Vimy' project wishes to contact families across Canada who had relatives who took part in the battle of Vimy Ridge in 1917.

If interested please contact us at 1 866 599 8469,

or email us as wordsfromvimy@gmail.com,

or write us at,

The Words From Vimy Project,
c/o The Arts & Letters Club, 14 Elm St.,
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1G7

THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE APRIL, 1917

Concept

We propose a virtual roll call. April 2007 marks the 90th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge in France. The Monument, that was built atop Vimy Ridge, was designed by sculptor Walter Allward, a member of the Arts & Letters Club. Completed in 1936, the monument is undergoing extensive renovations to promote and preserve the memory of the tens of thousands of Canadians who fought and died in France and Belgium in WWI.

Many of the young Canadians who died there in 1917 still remain beneath the soil of Vimy Ridge today. Just as the stone of the Monument is being restored, so we feel should be the memories of the men who risked and gave their lives during those days in 1917.

After the war, veterans of the Vimy battle returned to their families across Canada. Others stayed behind in the graveyards of Europe. The thoughts and reflections of the men from that day still exist in letters, journals and recorded reminiscences that are scattered in attics and family memorabilia across Canada

The Purpose

'Words From Vimy' wishes to rekindle the connection with the individual young men who were at battle in April 1917. It wishes to honour those soldiers through that connection and perhaps provide an historical document that might be offered to the Vimy site itself or offered as a teaching aid in Canadian schools.

Collection

Once the families are contacted, with their permission, the project will seek to collect copies of individual memoirs, letters, journals and photographs relating to the battle at Vimy Ridge in April 1917. The project will also search through archival television and audio recording for past interviews with the veterans. Previously published material on Canadian involvement in WWI will also be included in the search provided they include personal accounts by the veterans themselves.

For more detail contact Words From Vimy by phone, e-mail or letter. Details above.

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AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Family Tree, Vol. 38, #3.
- Kaiapohia Pa fortress; St. Bartholemew's church; Hill family; church records.

The Genealogist, Vol. 11, #12
- Turrell family.

CANADA

Armchair Genealogist, Saskatoon Br SGS, Sep/Oct 2006 (New periodical)
- psychic research; research in Neche, ND.

Anglo-Celtic Roots, Vol. 12, #4
- Middlemore home.

Cariboo Notes, BCGS, Quesnel Branch, Vol. 22, #3
- Irish potato famine.
Vol. 23, #1
- George Dye, war of 1812 ancestor.

Families, OGS, Vol. 45, #4
- history of the counties of Ontario; early settlers of New Netherlands; Habermehl family; Catherine McIntyre.

Family Chronicle, Vol. 11, #2
- finding a wandering relative; dating old photos; censuses online; burial customs; parish records for other information; Henry Soverein.

Family Footsteps, Kamloops FHS, Vol. 22, #2
- B.C. artillery officers 1885-1914.

Generations, NBGS, Vol. 28, #4
- Kings NB Regiment 1793-1802; Bennison family; Connors clan; Fernhill cemetery St John MI's.

Kent Co. Branch, OGS, Vol. 29, #3
- Moreland family; death records.

Leeds & Grenville Br. OGS, Nov/Dec 2006
- Layng family.
Jan/Feb 2007
- Walter Bush; shoes for 23 children!!!!

Manitoba History, #53
- pioneer women; Hutterite colonies in North America; the Winnipeg boom; Vaughan street jail.

Newfoundland Ancestor, Vol. 22, #3
- Jersey Island families; Bridget McCarthy.
Vol. 22, #4

- Inhabitants of the western shore 1838; George Corbin; Bell Island families 1921; Newfoundlanders in the Boer war; Channel Islands

Newsleaf, OGS, Vol. 36, #4
- pioneer cemeteries in Ontario.

Ottawa Branch News, OGS, Vol. 39, #5
- Noble Carruthers; Richard William Scott.
Vol. 40, #1
- Hugh Ronan; Craig and Aumond families.

Oxford Co. Branch, OGS, Nov. 2006
- searching for wills and estate files.
Feb. 2007
- Alexander McKay; township of Zorra.

Perth Co. Profiles, OGS, Vol. 24, #4
- 150 years of the railroad in Perth Co.
Vol. 25, #1
- Buckingham family; village of Molesworth/

Relatively Speaking, Alta FHS, Vol. 34, #4
- publishing your family history; illegitimate ancestors.

Saskatchewan GS, Vol. 37, #4
- Doukhobor pioneers.

Toronto Tree, OGS, Vol. 37, #6
- Mulholland family.

Victoria GS Journal, Vol. 29, #4
- escape from Cracow.

Waterloo Kin, OGS, Vol. 6, #2
- Hoffman family.

COMPUTERS

Digital Genealogy, Vol. 1, #1
- new magazine with program reviews, cyber tips etc.

Internet Genealogy, Vol. 1, #1
- Home children of Canada; Irish censuses; 'ArchiveGrid'; searching strategies; Polish genealogy; A2A.
Vol. 1, #5
- Irish famine passengers; death indexes & records; Genes Reunited* (a note about this site, I subscribe to it, but you must be wary of persons harvesting names); US geographic town names; teamwork; Austro-Hungarian research; Jewish genealogy; US draft cards; land patents.
Feb/March 2007
- Morse Code forms for Internet searches; 23 genealogy websites; historic maps; online maps; Foto Tagger; Finnish sources.

EASTERN EUROPE

East European Genealogist, Vol. 14, #4
- Mennonites & Hutterites.

Galizien German Descendants, #49
- stroies from Galicia.

Palatine Immigrant, Vol. 32, #1
- repairing separated families.

ENGLAND & WALES

Ancestors, #52

- tracing Napoleonic army officers; coastguards; Portland stone; a Napoleonic map maker; Norman Wells; enemy aliens of WWII; Gibbons family; lotteries; Boer War battlefields.

#53

- immiigrants 1914-91 on line; transported children; town of Trowbridge; Leicester pilgrims; regimental records; Victorian dress; John Ames; Percy Shelley; websites for beginners.

Banyan Tree, #108

- village of Paull; Manley family; manorial documents.

Berkshire Family Historian, June 2006

- Hungerford archives; hierarchy of farm workers; parish of Aldermaston; national monuments Record in Swindon.

September 2006

- the churhing rite; village of Wargrave.

Cleveland FHS, Vol. 10, #1

- Skipper family.

Cornwall FHS, \$122

- Florence Thomas; parish of Tintogel; French, Hawkey & Badcock families.

Derbyshire FHS, issue 119

- Allestree St. Edmund church; a mercer's story; John Brown of Matlock; Whitfield family.

Devon Family Historian, #120

- Wolrand family; wreck of the 'Shamrock'.

Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 23, #2

- Salvation army; academic ancestors; tracing a WWI army officer; Blevans family; surnames; phone books on-line; Internet sources for Australia & New Zealand; pubs and publicans; rector of Pitney, part 2.

Vol. 23, #3

- Scottish Family History, part 1 of 7; German immigrants to Britain; quarantine; saddler occupation; Internet resources for Australia and NZ;

surname queries; drunkeness; naval ancestors; Greene family.

Vol. 23, #4

- house plans; the druggist' shop; census transcription errors; John Phillips; the Union workhouse; an interesting family search case study.

Genealogists Magazine, Vol. 28, #11

- shop tax 1785-89; legal records of medieval England.

Vol. 28, #12

- Mormon emigrants to the US, Guild of One-Name Studies.

Glamorgan FHS, #84

- Payne and Davies families.

Lancashire, Vol. 28, #4

- Lloyd, Murray families.

Metropolitan, London FHS, Vol. 29, #2

- Guildhall Library sources; the 'Harums'.

Norfolk Ancestor, Vol. 4, #8

- Taverham; Howys and Keest families.

Northumberland & Durham FHS, Vol. 31, #4

- surname Steel(e); William Straker; Waitt family; emigrants to Chile; Bella Reay; some W. Australia marriages.

Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol. 20, #3

- settlement and poor laws; Clinkard, Chambers & Cherry families.

SIB Folk News, issue 40 (Orkney Islands)

- William Russell; Malcolm Nicolson; Greig family.

Wiltshire FHS, #103

- Frances Power & women's property rights.

IRELAND

Irish Roots, #60

- Maynooth Castle, Co. Kildare; Wexford family.

The Septs, Vol. 27, #4

- name variations; Irish names; Irish emigration.

Vol. 28, #1

- Irish Genealogy centers; Blackwood collection of N. Ireland records; William McGrory; Irish archives; Church of Ireland records.

ONE-NAME

Journal of One-Name Studies, Vol. 9, #5

- public or private records?; preserving your ONS information; Hollier family; Hemsall family.

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS, November 2006
- Jews in Aberdeen; Jessie Morrison; John Buchan;
John West; Henderson family.

Dumfries & Galloway FHS Newsletter, #57

- Albert Scott family; Tinwold ancestors; Andrew Wilson

Journal of Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS, #77
- family history service; admiralty court records;
Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Yeomanry; early Scots
in Australia; Gossling family.

Scottish Genealogist, Vol. 53, #3

- Thomas Morgan; Robert Louis Stevenson's family.
Vol. 53, #4
 - the Gray baronets; top 20 sources pre-1855.

UNITED STATES

American Spirit, Vol. 141, #1 (new periodical)

- Blennerhassett Island, Ohio; first US paper mill;
Rebecca Lukens: old houses

Family Chronicle Jan/Feb 2007

- genetic roots of Britain and Ireland; family legends; surnames; Williamsburg; family items on Ebay

New England Ancestors, Vol. 7, #5 & 6

- Shaker religion; researching Shaker ancestors;
Jonathon Rowson; pioneer women; pilgrims in Holland.

Oregon GS Quarterly, Vol. 45, #1

- William and Eliza Masterson

Transcribing the 1891 Census

February Report

Elizabeth Briggs

Thanks to the Minister of Culture, Heritage & Tourism, MGS has been given a Heritage Grant to help us fund indexing the 1891 census for Manitoba. The grant has covered supplies to print just under 14,000 sheets of paper, toners and a drum. I have HP 4500 laser printer and I have used 5 toners since I started printing census sub-districts. I have paid for a couple of toners as I normally use one a year. The grant pays for photocopies at MGS for the packages, many discs from Archives Manitoba for downloading sub-districts and CD's for setting up the Excel spreadsheets. Volunteers who work on transcribing can have mileage to and from the site for collecting packages. The grant will pay for mileage within a city but it cannot cover mileage from local sites in Manitoba into Winnipeg. However it can cover mileage from a local site into Brandon.

Dauphin, Neepawa or Swan River to collect the census and deliver the completed portion of the census to local office. I have sent claim forms to local co-ordinators to be completed when the sub-district is submitted. For volunteers outside Winnipeg we have depended upon people coming into town or the postal service. When completed packages are sent to me volunteers are reimbursed when I receive postage receipts.

We are making progress with the census as you can see from the chart which follows this report. Many of the sub-districts for Lisgar and Marquette are being transcribed and we have many transcribing opportunities for Provencher, Selkirk and Winnipeg.

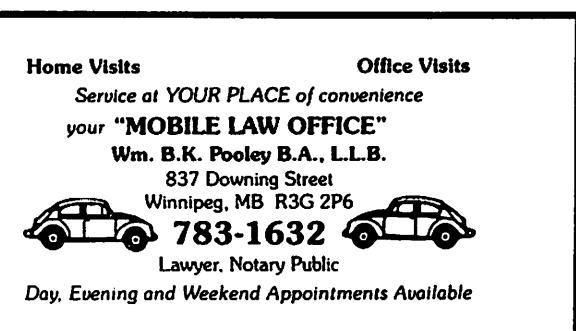
The number of pages in each sub-district varies, for example Lisgar – Varennes has 7 pages and Selkirk – Rhineland has 204 pages. As there are 25 individual entries on each sheet this translates to approximately 175 people in Varennes to 5100 people in Rhineland. The majority of sub-districts vary from 30 to 70 pages. With respect to the urban centres we have volunteers transcribing Brandon, Portage la Prairie, and some of the Winnipeg sub-districts.

Some volunteer transcribers have selected areas where their ancestor once lived. Enid Dorward is looking for the Cairns family in the Woodworth region and Brian Laxdal is searching for his Icelandic ancestors Sveinbjorn Jonasson Dalman and Ingibjorg Groa Jonatansdottir who were married in 1889 on Hecla Island. He is hoping to find them in the 1891 census for Winnipeg.

We need help with the 1891 census in the following areas:

- Transcribing sub-districts;
 - Checking transcriptions;
 - Entering the transcribed sub-district onto a prepared Excel spreadsheet. These transcriptions are very neatly printed onto paper charts.

If you can assist us with this project please contact
Elizabeth Briggs, ebriags@mts.net



District Number	District Name	Sub-District Number	Sub-District Name	Transcribed	Excel Done	Checked	Done	Corrections Made
6	Lisgar	a	Assiniboia	Bev Smith	EB	Kathy Stokes	EB	Elizabeth Briggs
6	Lisgar	b	Belcourt	Beth Clark	EB	Kathy Stokes	EB	Elizabeth Briggs
6	Lisgar	c	East Selkirk Town	Eleanor Stardom				
6	Lisgar	d	Fairford	Enid Dorward	EB			
6	Lisgar	e	Gimli	Brian Laxdal	EB	Kathy Stokes	EB	Elizabeth Briggs
6	Lisgar	f	Kildonan	Jody Jones	EB	Kathy Stokes	EB	Elizabeth Briggs
6	Lisgar	g	Macdonald	Jody Jones				
6	Lisgar	h	Plessis	Jody Jones				
6	Lisgar	h	Fort Alexander					
6	Lisgar	i	Posen	Enid Dorward				
6	Lisgar	j-1	Rockwood	Enid Dorward				
6	Lisgar	j-2	Rockwood	Jim Rutherford				
6	Lisgar	k	Selkirk Town	Brian Laxdal	EB			
6	Lisgar	l-1	Springfield	Enid Dorward	EB	Kathy Stokes	EB	Elizabeth Briggs
6	Lisgar	l-2	Springfield	Enid Dorward	EB			
6	Lisgar	m	St. Andrews	John Steele	EB	Kathy Stokes	EB	Elizabeth Briggs
6	Lisgar	n	St. Clements	Jim Rutherford	EB	Kathy Stokes		
6	Lisgar	o	St. Francis-Xavier	Elizabeth Briggs				
6	Lisgar	p	St. Laurent	Brian Laxdal	EB			
6	Lisgar	q	St. Paul	Brian Laxdal	EB			
6	Lisgar	r	Varennes					
6	Lisgar	s-1	Woodlands	Jody Jones				
6	Lisgar	s-2	Woodlands	Jody Jones				
7	Marquette	a	Archie	Bruce & Kay Lyng				
7	Marquette	b	Birtle	Jack Dodds				
7	Marquette	c	Birtle Town	Elizabeth Briggs	EB			
7	Marquette	d	Blanchard	Lynda Toews				
7	Marquette	e	Boulton	Don McGillivray				
7	Marquette	f	Clanwilliam	Don McGillivray				
7	Marquette	g-1	Cypress North	Eleanor Burch				
7	Marquette	g-2	Cypress North	Eleanor Burch				
7	Marquette	g-3	Carberry Town	Eleanor Burch				
7	Marquette	h	Cypress South	Eleanor Burch				
7	Marquette	i	Ellice	Bruce & Kay Lyng				
7	Marquette	j	Elm River	Bruce & Kay Lyng				
7	Marquette	k	Gladstone Town	Jack Dodds				
7	Marquette	l	Glendale	Eric Neufeld				
7	Marquette	m	Harrison	Eric Neufeld				
7	Marquette	n	Lansdowne	Eric Neufeld				
7	Marquette	o	Minota	Jack Dodds				
7	Marquette	p	Minnedosa Town	Don McGillivray				
7	Marquette	q	Neepawa Town	Don McGillivray				
7	Marquette	r	Norfolk North	Penny Shaw				
7	Marquette	s	Norfolk South	Penny Shaw				

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7	Marquette	t	Oak River	Bruce & Kay Lyng				
7	Marquette	u	Odanah	SW Branch				
7	Marquette	v	Osprey	Don McGillivray				
7	Marquette	w	Portage la Prairie	Linda Toews				
7	Marquette	x	Portage la Prairie Town	Enid Dorward	EB			
7	Marquette	y	Rapid City Town	Sheila Shearer				
7	Marquette	z	Riding Mountain	Dauphin Branch				
7	Marquette	aa	Rosedale	Don McGillivray				
7	Marquette	bb	Rossburn					
7	Marquette	cc	Russell	Connie McLeod				
7	Marquette	dd	Saskatchewan	Sheila Shearer				
7	Marquette	ee	Shell River	Jim Rutherford				
7	Marquette	ff	Shoal River	Jim Rutherford				
7	Marquette	gg	Silver Creek	Connie McLeod				
7	Marquette	hh	Strathclair					
7	Marquette	ii-1	Westbourne	Brian Laxdal	EB	Jean Lenderbeck		
7	Marquette	ii-2	Westbourne	Brian Laxdal	EB	Jean Lenderbeck		
8	Provencher	a	Cartier	Eleanor Stardom				
8	Provencher	b	Salaberry	Eleanor Stardom				
8	Provencher	c	Emerson Town	Jim Rutherford	EB			
8	Provencher	d	Franklin					
8	Provencher	e	Hanover					
8	Provencher	f	Hespeler					
8	Provencher	g	La Broquerie					
8	Provencher	h	Montcalm					
8	Provencher	i	Morris					
8	Provencher	j	Morris Town					
8	Provencher	k	Ste. Anne					
8	Provencher	l	St. Boniface	Eleanor Stardom				
8	Provencher	m	St. Boniface Town	Eleanor Stardom				
8	Provencher	n	St. Norbert	Eleanor Stardom				
8	Provencher	o	Tache	Eleanor Stardom				
8	Provencher	p	Youville	Eleanor Stardom				
9	Selkirk	a	Argyle	Brian Laxdal	EB			
9	Selkirk	b	Arthur	Brian Laxdal	EB			
9	Selkirk	c-1	Brandon City	Margaret Goodman				
9	Selkirk	c-2	Brandon City	Margaret Goodman				
9	Selkirk	d	Brenda					
9	Selkirk	e	Carleton					
9	Selkirk	f	Cornwallis					

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9	Selkirk	g	Daly					
9	Selkirk	h	Deloraine					
9	Selkirk	i	Derby	Beth Clark	EB	Hazel Runchy		
9	Selkirk	j	Douglas					
9	Selkirk	k-1	Dufferin North	Shirley Snider				
9	Selkirk	k-2	Dufferin North	Ina Bramadet				
9	Selkirk	l-1	Dufferin South	Kelly Southworth				
9	Selkirk	l-2	Dufferin South					
9	Selkirk	l-3	Dufferin South					
9	Selkirk	m	Elton	SW Branch				
9	Selkirk	n	Glenwood					
9	Selkirk	o	Inchiquin	Edna Duff				
9	Selkirk	p	Lorne	Annette Verniest				
9	Selkirk	q-1	Louise	Beth Clark				
9	Selkirk	q-2	Louise	Beth Clark				
9	Selkirk	r	Medora	Edna Duff				
9	Selkirk	s	Morden Town	Brian Laxdal				
9	Selkirk	t	Oakland	Brian Laxdal				
9	Selkirk	u	Pipestone	Brian Laxdal				
9	Selkirk	v	Rhineland					
9	Selkirk	w	Riverside	Beth Clark				
9	Selkirk	x-1	Sifton	Jim Rutherford				
9	Selkirk	x-2	Sifton	Jim Rutherford				
9	Selkirk	y	Turtle Mountain	Beth Clark				
9	Selkirk	z	Virden Town					
9	Selkirk	aa	Wallace					
9	Selkirk	bb-1	Whitehead					
9	Selkirk	bb-2	Whitehead					
9	Selkirk	cc	Whitewater					
9	Selkirk	dd	Woodworth	Enid Dorward	EB			
10	Winnipeg City	a	Ward No. 1	Brian Laxdal	EB			
10	Winnipeg City	b-1	Ward No. 2	Brian Laxdal				
10	Winnipeg City	b-2	Ward No. 2					
10	Winnipeg City	c	Ward No. 3	Brian Laxdal	EB			
10	Winnipeg City	d-1	Ward No. 4	Brian Laxdal				
10	Winnipeg City	d-2	Ward No. 4	Elizabeth Briggs				
10	Winnipeg City	d-3	Ward No. 4	Brian Laxdal	EB			
10	Winnipeg City	e-1	Ward No. 5					
10	Winnipeg City	e-2	Ward No. 5					
10	Winnipeg City	e-3	Ward No. 5	Brian Laxdal	EB			
10	Winnipeg City	f	Ward No. 6	Brian Laxdal	EB	Jim Rutherford		

NATIONAL REGISTRATION FILE OF 1940

by Kelly Southworth, #4534

I recently learned of a new Canadian record source that could be helpful to genealogists, but is not all that well known. It is called the National Registration File of 1940. It could be particularly useful if you have an ancestor who immigrated to Canada after the 1911 census, or to anyone wanting to place their relatives into the social context of the times.

During the Second World War there was a compulsory registration of all persons living in Canada, 16 years of age or older, during the period of 1940 to 1946. This information was originally obtained under the authority of *The National Resources Mobilization Act* and the *War Measures Act*. Statistics Canada now has custody of these records, the records having come from the then Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The records are subject to the Privacy Act, but not to the Statistics Act. What does this mean? It means that after a person has been dead for more than 20 years, the information is no longer considered "personal" and can be disclosed. All you have to do is provide proof that your relative has been dead for 20 years—a death certificate or obituary or death notice will suffice.

What will the record tell you? Name, address, age, date of birth, conjugal status, dependents, country of birth (of the person registered and of their parents), nationality, date of immigration, date of naturalization—including where, racial origin, languages, education, general health, class of occupation, occupation or craft, employment status, work experience by type, mechanical or other abilities, farming skills, wartime circumstances, and previous military service.

The purpose of registration was to determine skill sets that people had that could be used during the "present national crisis". Females and males completed different cards. The questions were basically the same, but women were asked extra questions about length of experience in general farming, as well as truck, fruit, poultry and dairy farming. Women also provided information about work in business establishments, ability to handle horses, drive

trucks, automobiles, and tractors, use farm machinery, milk cows, do plain cooking. They were asked if their present circumstances permitted them to serve during the crisis by changing their present occupation.

The information was provided by the person registering, so it is first hand information, but based on memory, so some of the details may not be exact. You will receive a copy of the microfilmed record, as well as a transcribed copy.

To order the file you must provide proof that the individual has been dead for 20 years as well as the individual's place of residence during the registration period—being as precise as possible. Any other identifying information you have would be helpful, particularly if the name is a common one.

The cost is \$45.00 Canadian, plus GST (\$47.70) for third-party information for genealogical purposes. Cheques or money orders should be payable to Statistics Canada and can be mailed to:

Census Pension Searches Unit, Census Operations Division
Statistics Canada
B1 E 34 Jean Talon Building, Tunney's Pasture Ottawa, ON K1A 0T6

If the search is unsuccessful, your money will be returned to you.

I plan to use the information to flesh out the life of my female ancestors, to learn a little more about what skill sets they had and how adventurous they felt about changing their lives to help the war effort!

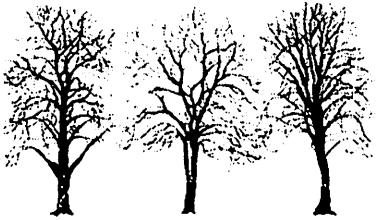
Call for Notices of Motion to Amend MGS's Constitution

This is the official call for Notices of Motion to amend the Society's Constitution. All such notices shall be received by April 15, 2007. All notices of Motion shall be printed in the June 2007 issue of *Generations*.

Send Notices of Motion to:

The Executive
1045 St. James Street - Unit E
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Southeast & Winnipeg Branch of the Manitoba Genealogical Society will host a genealogical seminar in Winnipeg. We are still working on the venue & have some great speakers lined up – so please mark your calendars for October 19 – 21, 2007. Much more to come!

RURAL RAMBLINGS

by Kathy Stokes

From the Manitoba Free Press of 7 July 1908

"Peter Mc Phillips died in Etoimami, Saskatchewan on June 30 from pneumonia. He came from London, Ontario to Winnipeg in 1878, then lived in Oak Lake on a ranch. Later he lived at Duck Lake, SK and Saskatoon before settling in Etoimami.

Peter was the first settler in Killarney, Manitoba and gave the town its name. He married Mary Carey of Souris in 1884. She died in Oak Lake in 1890. His only son, Garnet of Etoimami survives."

On July 2, in the Selkirk Anglican Church the widow of Captain Hawes of the ship "Princess" which was wrecked on Lake Winnipeg three years previously, causing the drowning of Captain Hawes, married William Pruden of Winnipeg.

From the Free Press of 18 July 1908

"Robert Bell, aged 85, who settled in Rockwood in 1871 at "Fairy Grove Farm" died recently. He was active in the community and had served on the local council. He is survived by his widow and ten children: Mrs. Andrew Morrow of Rockwood, Mrs. Alfred Mollard of Morris, Mrs Sam Cruikshank and Miss Olive Bell, Mrs. Robert Bell, and Frank, George, Albert, Alex and Fred.

From the Free Press of 20 July 1908

Perhaps the oldest native resident in Manitoba, Mrs. Catherine Henderson nee Matheson died recently. She was born in Kildonan in 1826. She was the wife of William Henderson and the daughter of John Matheson from Sutherlandshire, Scotland.. She is survived by sister, Mrs. Neil Henderson of Sunnyside and children Mrs. H.A. Corrigan of Whitemouth, Mrs. F.A. Corrigan, Mrs. J. Standish, Miss H. Henderson, Samuel and Donald , all of Winnipeg.

From the Free Press 3 March 1934

With an accompanying photo, the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Salmon was celebrated at their home in the Gnaton district, east of Birtle. They were married 26 Feb. 1884 in Littlebury, England and had lived at Gnaton since 1891.

From the Free Press of 9 March 1934

A photo of four generations of one family appeared on the occasion of the 82nd birthday of Reuben Comber, a resident of Selkirk since 1877. He is pictured with his daughter, Mrs. G.S. Mabee of Selkirk, grand daughter, Mrs. Harold Shannon of Hazlett, SK, and great grandson Guilford Shannon.

CENSUS TRIVIA

Those researching aboriginal ancestors in census records will not find their ancestors listed by name on the 1891 Manitoba census when transcription is completed. Instead, aborigines were listed at the end of each sub-district thus: 49 females, 38 males, total 87 Treaty Indians. They were, however, listed by name on the 1881 census, and on the 1901 census. The Department of Indian Affairs conducted their own census from 1871 to 1917, when annuity payments were made. In most cases only heads of households are listed by name.

The Story of James Alexander Patterson

From *Town and Farm*, September 1947

To young James Alexander Patterson and his sweetheart, Elizabeth Linklater, who had seen their parents struggle to combat Ontario's hardwood forests, Manitoba's Turtle Mountain district was the land of promise where free homesteads were all ready for the plow. The story of James and Elizabeth is typical of the courageous and colorful pioneers of our Province. We are grateful to Dr. H. L. Patterson for his generosity in allowing us to share his father's story written by his brother, Albert Andrew Patterson.

It seems James had wanted to go west for some time but it was not until 1881 that he finally set off with his brother, William, and friend, Tom Nicol. It was Jim Burgess' stories of the beautiful Turtle Mountain district which spurred him to action despite his mother's tears. He was 21 and full of dreams of adventure as he prepared for his journey. A sleigh, stove, and a month's supply of meat, tea, sugar, flour, and syrup were his main purchases. They took the Settlers' Special to Emerson via Chicago and St. Paul, hitched oxen to their sleighs and set off for Turtle Mountain. Like all other settlers they took the old trail through the Mennonite settlement near the present Morden, on to Clearwater and headed southwest for Pancake Lake. South of Lena they found Government shelters of half-inch lumber where new settlers might rest on their way to the Mountains.

They were beset by many difficulties on the way. The snow was deep and upsets were frequent. The Oxen, slow and snowblind, could travel no more than eight miles a day.

Finally, on March 25, they reached Jim Burgess' log cabin located about the middle of the Turtle Mountains and ten miles further west was Jim Fleming's homestead. From here they looked for suitable land and chose to locate near William Cumpstone, with whom they made arrangements to stay until they were able to build a cabin of their own. The Cumpstone cabin was of log with a tent for a roof and green poles for flooring. A partition of split logs separated the stable from the living quarters. When the Pattersons had completed a new stable the stock were moved to it, making more room in the house for the two young men.

While William broke the sod for their first crop, Jim hewed and trimmed logs for a house, which was completed in June. During the rest of the summer Jim wandered about the district doing carpentry for new settlers. There was rarely accommodation for him so he slept under wagons, grindstones, or more often, the stars. Their glowing reports sent home, brought the rest of the family to Manitoba in the fall and with them they brought two teams of horses, four cows, a bull, one sow, and a couple of sheep.

Up to 1883 all surplus grain produced on the Patterson homestead was sold to newcomers for seed but in 1884 they hauled grain to Brandon for sale, taking four days by oxen. The same year Jim returned to Ontario to marry Elizabeth Ann Linklater on July 2, 1884. He brought his bride west by boat from Owen Sound to Port Arthur and by train to Brandon where they were met by Jim's brothers and proceeded on to the homestead.

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East Brandon
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Spring Lake
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James & Elizabeth's Marriage

When the Municipality of Deloraine was formed in 1883, Jim was the first tax collector. He found this was not an easy job as it involved walking many miles to isolated farms often to find the inhabitants away. One of his most vivid memories as collector is the many enquiries he received about the "city" at Whitewater Lake. It seems township land "sharks" obtained an option on land at the west end of the lake and set stakes for a town site. They had maps drawn showing sailing vessels in the harbor and proceeded to sell lots to gullible buyers in Eastern Canada and the British Isles.

The arrival of the railroad in 1885 eliminated long trips by oxen and the purchase of labor-saving farm machinery made farm work less toilsome. In 1884 the Pattersons used their first self-binder and in 1907 Jim bought his first gas engine. In 1918 the Pattersons retired to Boissevain where "J.A." celebrated his 88th birthday in May of this year.

Genealogy Chuckles

Funny Correspondence sent to the Family History Department, Salt Lake City, Utah
These are copies of actual correspondence received by the Family History Department.

1. Our 2nd great-grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library.
2. He and his daughter are listed as not being born.
3. I would like to find out if I have any living relatives or dead relatives or ancestors in my family.
4. Will you send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?
5. My Grandfather died at the age of 3.
6. We are sending you 5 children in a separate envelope.
7. Documentation: Family Bible in possession of Aunt Merle until the tornado hit Topeka, Kansas. Now only the Good Lord knows where it is.
8. The wife of # 22 could not be found. Somebody suggested that she might have been stillborn--what do you think?
9. I am mailing you my aunt and uncle and 3 of their children.
10. Enclosed please find my Grandmother. I have worked on her for 30 years without success. Now see what you can do!
11. I have a hard time finding myself in London. If I were there I was very small and cannot be found.
12. This family had 7 nephews that I am unable to find. If you know who they are, please add them to the list.
13. We lost our Grandmother, will you please send us a copy?
14. Will you please send me the name of my first wife? I have forgotten her name.
15. A 14-year-old boy wrote: "I do not want you to do my research for me. Will you please send me all of the material on the Welch line, in the U.S., England, and Scotland countries? I will do the research."

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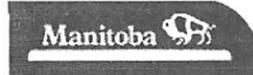
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