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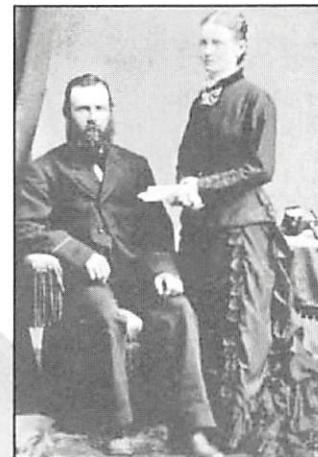
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Please be sure to spell-check your submissions before you send them in.

Messages to our Members

From the Editor

Debbie Degryse Clark #4626

Four times per year, as a member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc., you receive a copy of our journal, *Generations*.



I would love to say that *Generations* comes to you by magic. But that is certainly not the case. There is an outstanding team of volunteers that put a lot of time, energy, and heart into every issue.

And in many cases, their volunteer work is not just limited to their submissions for *Generations*. They volunteer in the Library & Resource Centre, do Special Projects, and sit on committees. Outside of MGS, some have paid employment or other volunteer positions. Of course they also have a personal life with their family and friends. Somehow, after all that, they still find time to pursue their passion of Genealogy. Whether they are looking for their own family ancestors or helping others find theirs, the members of the Editorial Team know how to get it all done. That's dedication!

While you are reading through this issue, please take an extra moment to consider the efforts of those who made it possible. (We would love to add your name to the list of contributors, even for an occasional article.)

In particular, I want to thank Karin Clegg, a new volunteer with MGS and *Generations*. Karin is *Editor Pro Tem* for this issue, using the resources given to her by the rest of the team – not a simple task. All I have to do this time around is write this message to you. Lucky me!

Now, please sit back and feast on the treats magically served up by the Editorial Team.

From the President

Joan Whiston #1883

This is my last message as your President. My three-year term is up in October at our AGM.



Since our last issue, a lot of our volunteers have managed to squeeze in some holiday time and our Society seems to move along as usual. What a great tribute to our volunteers.

Over the summer we received donations of books, periodicals and money. Keep them coming in. Our library is a great resource and worth a visit. July & August usually give us more out of town visitors and this year was no exception.

In June our Society was invited to judge and donate a prize for the genealogical category of a Heritage Fair at St. Andrews School Division in St. Andrews. Bill Curtis, our Outreach and Education Chairman, and I went to this event and enjoyed it very much. It was well worth the effort on our part and a great experience for us. It gave the Society some exposure at the school level. We hope they'll invite us back next year.

Folklorama was held at a different location this year with a different set-up. All the displays, including our booth, were separate and apart from the entertainment. It was better because you could really talk to people and answer their questions, but there was not as much traffic as in previous years. However, change is good and as usual it was a success from our point of view.

I would like to thank the Council members, Executive, and all the volunteers for their support and for making my term as your President a most enjoyable one. You all made my job that much easier.

MGS Fall Hours

The Library & Resource Centre in Winnipeg is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursdays from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. We will be open Wednesday evenings 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm beginning September 9, 2009 and Sundays noon to 4:00 pm beginning October 18, 2009.

MGS Council Meeting

Our next Council Meeting will be held at the Library and Resource Centre in Winnipeg on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 10 am to noon.

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MGS Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. Annual General Meeting. It will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 with full details to follow. Call the office at 204-783-9139 or check our website www.mbgenealogy.com in the coming months for full details.

Generations Queries

Looking for Sidney English. Female, born PEI 1854 to parents James English and Ann (Costain) English. Siblings are: Daniel b 1849 PEI; Mary b 1856 PEI; Isabella b 1854 NB; Margaret b 1859 NB; Eleanor b 1860 b NB; Caroline b 1863 NB; James b 1867 ON; Anna b 1867; Jane b 1870. Sidney homesteaded in Woodlands in the 1870s. Last mentioned in Winnipeg in 1896. Would love to be in contact with anyone knowing or having any information on Sidney or her family. The English family originated from Ballyshannon County, Donegal, Ireland. Please contact Leah English 980 Ironwood NW, Corvallis, Oregon, 97330 or leah.english@comcast.net or 1-514-230-1801.

Is this your ancestor?

Eva Doerksen Birth Certificate

One of our members, Ellen Glinka #596 of Edmonton, Alberta, forwarded us a message. AGS member Ida Tousignant, has, in her possession, a birth certificate for one Eva Doerksen that was found in a box from an auction in Taber, AB. Doerksen is a very common name in Manitoba and Ellen wonders if possibly someone would be interested in this document. You can contact Ida directly at imt9@shaw.ca if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed For Indexing

MGS continues to make a surname index of all of our copies of *Generations*. While we are making some headway on this project, we could still use volunteers. If you can help out, please phone the library on Tuesdays for instructions, Telephone: 204-783-9139

Library donation request

The MGS library is hoping someone can donate a copy of Minitonas' Centennial book, "To the Pioneer Settler". Please contact Mary at 783-9139 if you have a copy you wish to donate.

Tell us, won't you?

Have you been on a mission of genealogical discovery lately? Have you gone somewhere new to find details and documents for your genealogy search? Our members would love to read about your successes, and about things that didn't quite work out. Perhaps your tale has a Christmas/Holiday twist which would be appropriate for the December issue. Forward your stories (300 words or less, please) to Unit E 1045 St. James St., Winnipeg, MB R3H 1B1 or email to generations@mbgenealogy.com, attention: *Generations* Editor and perhaps you could find your story in print.



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MGS Needs Your Help!

The following volunteer opportunities are currently available at the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc.

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

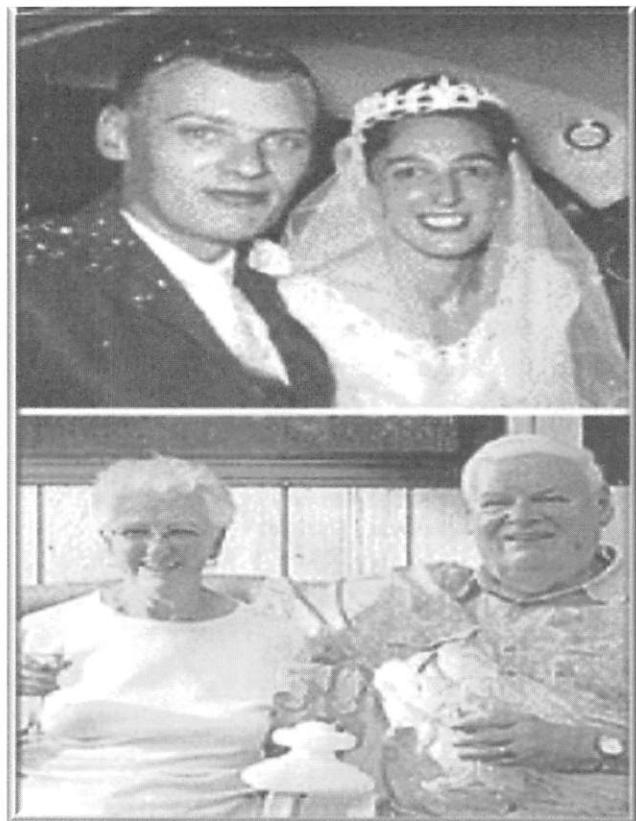
Publications Chair – a council position for producing publications, reviewing or editing current publications, creating new formats for redistribution of older publications. This involves coordination with Special Projects department and V.P. Public Relations.

Special Projects Chair - a council position to increase the available data related to family history & genealogical research through the development of special projects. Works closely with the information technology department & library to coordinate ongoing projects as well as develop policy for new project proposals. Ideally you have some time available on Wednesdays to work with existing volunteers.

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

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

Congratulations



Congratulations to MGS Research Chair, Jim Rutherford (#2632) and his wife Shirley who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 8, 2009. Best wishes to you both.



Condolences

Condolences to Orma Sozansky #575 on the loss of her sister-in-law, Natalie Sozansky, on May 11, 2009.

Condolences to Nellie Larocque #2297 on the passing of her husband, Joseph, of Winnipeg, MB, on July 16, 2009.

Condolences to Debbie Degryse Clark #4626 on the passing of her sister-in-law, Kathy Chalmers, of Virden, MB on July 18, 2009.

INDEX to Baptisms, Marriages & Burials at Archives of the United Church of Canada, Manitoba & NW Ontario Conference

Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L



In 1991 a group of MGS members, under direction of Joyce Elias, began transcribing the above records with the aim of producing a computerized index. With the co-operation of the United Church and their Archives personnel, led by archivist Diane Haglund, records were transcribed from the earliest held at the Archives to the end of 1915 (determined by privacy reasons).

Phase I of the Index, including 43 Charges (the United Church's term for their geographical areas), was completed in 1996 with a welcome grant from Manitoba government's Heritage Grants Advisory Council (HGAC). The grant covered expenses for supplies and a stipend for indexer Carol Jones, MGS #1686. The actual transcribing was by volunteer labour - MGS' input to the income side of the grant. Phase II of the Index, a further 35 Charges, was completed in 2000. It was similarly funded by a grant from HGAC and indexed by Bonnie Bridge, MGS #3395.

This summer the Phase III Index, produced by a third HGAC grant and again indexed by Bonnie Bridge, was added to the MGS Resource Centre. This covers the remainder of the records at the United Church Archives in Winnipeg to the end of 2007 when transcribing was completed.

Baptisms are indexed under:

- Baptizee's Surname
- Mother's Surname
- Date of Baptism

Where available, the indexed entries include the baptizee's surname, parents' names, and date.

Marriages are indexed under:

- Groom's Surname
- Bride's Surname
- Date of Marriage

Indexed entries include groom and bride's names and date.

Burials are indexed under:

- Deceased' Surname
- Date of Burial

Where available, indexed entries include name and date, occasionally age.

Needless to say, some entries include only partial information.

In most cases, further information is available in the actual record housed at the Archives, 515 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg. The Archives are housed in the University of Winnipeg's Centennial Hall building, 5th floor, within the U of W's library. Researchers should telephone for an appointment, 204 / 783-0708. Archives' staff is not there full-time. Our index is also at the Archives.

Those who worked on this project:

Edith Bjornson, MGS #392, Bonnie Bridge MGS #3395, Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L, Carol Jones MGS #1686, Margaret Purdy MGS #84, Lillian Ramsay MGS #522, Vicky Sawchuk MGS #2155, Mary Sexsmith MGS #3099, Ruth Sibbald MGS #1477, Elsie Smith MGS #2196, and several associated family members. There may be others inadvertently missed. I thank everyone, with a special nod to Diane Haglund and her dedicated and helpful staff through the years.

A grateful thanks to the Heritage Grants Advisory Council who made this index possible.

The Phase III Index is in a file cabinet on the west wall of the Resource Centre. The drawer is marked "UCA INDEX".

Genealogists live life in the past lane

A Look at a Rural School Through Its Attendance Registers

By Enid Dorward #4502

In 1886, Ryerson School No. 360 was built on the corner of SE30-10-23 W1, in present-day Woodworth Municipality, about 8 miles north of the town of Oak Lake, Manitoba. It first opened its doors to students on April 1, 1887.



The Provincial Archives of Manitoba has many attendance registers from Ryerson School in its collection. The earliest existing register is from 1906, which means there is no record of the names of the students, teachers and trustees for the first 19 years the school was open. As well, various registers throughout the remaining years are also missing. However, the names of 222 students and 39 teachers were recorded in the existing registers. Some families lived in the district for a very short time, so their children's attendance at Ryerson was brief. Others lived their entire lives on the same farm, so those children received their entire education at Ryerson. There are several examples of two generations attending Ryerson School, including the following families: Paterson, Cairns, Smith, Slimmon, Montgomery, Kennedy, and Cowing. Class size varied considerably over the years. The largest class was in 1920-21, with 35 students in 7 grades. A class of 33 children in 1924-25 had 9 grades. The smallest class was in 1940-41, with only 8 students. It is surprising how much information can be gleaned from school attendance records, besides students' attendance, age and grade. Teachers were required to record the reasons for any school closures, but there were also many additional notes about community

events, weather, and visits by inspectors, nurses, doctors, and practice teachers.

Weather, Roads and Seasons

During most winters, the school was closed at least once or twice due to extreme cold or blizzard conditions. Extreme temperatures were sometimes noted, such as on January 17, 1927, when the temperature was -48°F at 7 a.m. The opposite extreme was on June 11, 1931, when it was 111° in the shade and 120° in the sun. After a long cold winter, teachers often recorded signs of spring, such as "horned lark seen", "meadowlark seen", "bluebirds returned".

Health Issues

In January 1917, almost all the children were absent, due to "bad roads and chicken pox". In 1918, the school was completely closed in November and December: "School closed by Health Officer on Account of Influenza Epidemic". A note written in November 1934 said "scarlet fever in district" followed the next day by "Dr. Yule disinfected". In March 1963, a note written across the bottom of the page said simply "mumps, chicken pox, measles".

Events Causing School Closure

Manitoba schools were sometimes closed for events related to the British royal family, such as funerals, coronations and weddings. Teachers' conventions, held in October just before the Thanksgiving weekend, began in 1920. The first Labour Day holiday was recorded in 1924. Local events occasionally took over the school, the most common being elections and school meetings. Sometimes the school was closed due to problems, such as "closed for school repairing" and, in 1931, "well isn't so well".

Activities in the School and District

In the 1950s and 1960s, dates of "departmental exams" were sometimes noted in the registers. Two teachers made note of participating in the Virden Music & Arts Festival. Favourite annual events were the Christmas concert and Field Day, the latter usually held either in Oak Lake or Kenton in May or June. In June 1940, the

Field Day was at Kenton and the weather that day was "cold as Xmas". Another annual event was the school picnic, generally held on the last day of school in June. Community events such as funerals, bridal showers, a house fire, and local fairs were often recorded, although they did not cause school closure.

End of an Era

On September 14, 1966, an award of arbiters merged 11 school districts, including Ryerson, to form the Consolidated School District of Oak Lake No. 439, effective January 1, 1967. Ryerson School closed its doors at the end of the spring term in 1967, after serving the community for 80 years.

If you would like to have a list of names of Ryerson students, teachers, or trustees, contact Enid Dorward at edorward@shaw.ca.

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Ontario Genealogical Society News

May 27, 2009

The Board of the Ontario Genealogical Society has approved an ambitious program to digitize and place online the Society's provincial library.

The online e-Library will operate much as a regular library. Anyone will be able to borrow a book and, if a copy of the book is available, will receive a coded file containing the book. The patron will be able to read the book for a period of time, say two weeks, after which the file becomes unavailable. The book cannot be copied. These restrictions ensure that copyright is not infringed.

The 3,500 family histories held by the library will be scanned first. Periodicals and OGS publications still in print will not be placed online. It will take well over a year to get the entire library online. The system will be tested within the next few weeks when about a hundred books will be placed online within the Members Only section of the OGS website. The system will be available to the general public in the early fall when more than a thousand books become available.

The Society is investing \$16,500 in software, to be taken from the Endowment Fund, and will incur an annual expense of several thousand dollars, essentially to ensure that copyright is not infringed. As a result there will have to be a fee for each book borrowed. The Board will determine the fee at its May meeting. It is expected to be small for Society Members and much larger for non-members. OGS Members should note that OGS in-print publications will not be included in the e-Library

FYI

Mary Bole #884

The Searchable Names Index Database on the Quinte Branch OGS website has been updated to include more than 1,014,600 names. Over 514,000 entries have been added from cemetery transcriptions, baptism records, newspaper indexes and genealogies located in the branch research library at the Quinte Genealogy Centre. Explore this valuable finding aid by visiting <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canqbogs/>

5 Little Photos and How They Grew

By Kelly Southworth, MGS #4534

I always feel sad when I see old family photos for sale. One day in an antique shop, 5 photos caught my eye. They seemed to depict 3 generations of a family, based on written identification on the backs. Haunted by those images, I returned a week later and bought the grouping for \$12. These photos became the basis of a 6-part special interest group for the South East and Winnipeg Branch this past spring—‘Getting Back to Basics.’

Having only the information in the photos as a starting point, we followed sound research principles and were able to trace 9 generations and several collateral relatives while spending no more money! We discovered an intended victim of a murder plot, a widowed United Empire Loyalist, a shipwright in Lord Nelson’s navy, a British soldier from the War of 1812, a Scottish Paisley weaver, a shoemaker’s family fleeing the Irish famine, and many other characters.

The research would have been impossible if the photos had not provided the 3 critical components of genealogy—names, dates, and locations—that helped to confirm our hypotheses about relationships and move backwards and forwards in time to identify ancestors and descendants of those haunting faces.



Photo 1



Photo 2

Photos 1 & 2 were both labeled “Ethel Brouse Symons.” They depict the same young woman, taken a few years apart, during the first decade of the 1900s, based on analysis of the types of photos and the woman’s clothing and hairstyles.



Photo 3



Photo 4

Photo 3 is labeled “mother & father of Ethel Symons.” This photo will be considered in more detail.

Photo 4 is labeled “mother & father of John Balfour Symons.” It depicts a young couple, likely taken in the last half of the 1870s, based on clothing and hairstyles, but is perhaps a more recent (early 1910s) copy of an earlier photo, based on type of photo and card stock it is mounted on.



Photo 5

Photo 5 depicts 5 men, 4 of them service men dressed in WWII or later era uniforms. It is labeled “Jim Symons,” though which is Jim is not clear.

The hypotheses when purchasing the photos were:

1. Ethel Brouse Symons and John Balfour Symons were married, Brouse being Ethel's maiden name.
2. Jim Symons was their son.

The hope was that it would be possible to prove the hypotheses and to be able to put names to the faces of the parents in the photos.

In order to begin to prove or disprove these theories, we needed to find sources that might confirm the marriage and the parentages of Jim, Ethel and John. To search sources, we must have a geographic location and time frame. Fortunately, photo 3 contained the necessary clues.

Searching Forward Through Time

By Susan Wellman, MGS Member # 4644

When most people do genealogy, they usually go back in time from the present, but there are times when you might start at a specific date in time and move towards present day. With our own families that may not seem like a plausible idea, but if you are researching a family that you know nothing about, such as tracing descendants of collateral relatives, it sometimes provides very interesting bits of research.

Yes, we are all curious about the past, but moving forward, as I have done with the family of John Balfour Symons, has provided some interesting insights into his family and descendants. Also, interesting additional questions arose, for which answers may never be known. Starting with five photographs of an unknown family, found in a local shop, and spending no money, I found the following:

The Patriarch: John Balfour Symons

John Balfour Symons was born in St. Louis de Gonzague, Quebec on 27 Jan 1880 to James and Elizabeth Jane (Gardner) Symons. He is the oldest of their 12 children, 3 sons and 9 daughters. The first record of John B. Symons residing in Winnipeg, Manitoba is in 1905 living at 235 Spadina and working as a driver for the Royal

Furniture Co. and later as a driver for the Winnipeg Storage & Express Co. In 1908 he moves to the Ryan Block, 405 Carlton at Cumberland, and starts working for the Crescent Creamery Co. as a fireman, beginning a long career in the dairy industry, in which he would achieve national recognition.

He marries Mary "Ethel" Brouse on 3 Aug 1911 in Crystal City. How did they meet? Perhaps through Ethel's brother, Jason Brouse? There are two Jason Brouse's listed in the 1908 directory. One is a whole-salesman who rooms at 265 Owena; and the other is an engineer who lives at 422 Scotland. The second is probably Ethel's brother, as he was listed on his WWI attestation papers as a steam engineer.

It is possible that one of John's younger sisters, Eva Margaret, also moved to Winnipeg between 1911-1920, as a Miss Eva M. Symons is found in Winnipeg during that time period. She worked as a stenographer for Bulman Bros. and Campbell Pitblado & Co. until 1916, and then worked as a nurse at the Winnipeg General Hospital.

In 1912 we find John and Ethel living in the Heckla Building on Toronto – in an apartment block that was still under construction. John is now working as the Department Manager at Carson Hygienic Dairy Co. He starts working for the Premier Creamery Co. in 1913, where he is employed as an ice cream maker and then as a butter maker. They move from Toronto to Alfred Ave. to Sidney, and then to 88 Noble Ave. in Elmwood.

The 1916 Census shows that John and Ethel Symons have three children and are living at 100 Martin Ave. Clara is listed as 4 years old; James as 2 years old and John G. as 4 months old. This census also lists a J. B. Brouse, (but it probably should be J. W.), as John B. Symons' brother-in-law, a soldier at Camp Hughes. Private Jason Whitefield Brouse, (Ethel's brother) died 9 Oct 1916 at age 28. His grave is at the Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Private Brouse was with the Canadian Infantry, Manitoba Regiment, 16th Battalion.

Between 1916-1921 John Symons worked as a Tester, Superintendent and Factory Foreman for the City Dairy Co. For most of this period he resides at 100 Martin Ave. But on March 25, 1919 tragedy strikes, and Ethel Symons dies – leaving John a widower with three young children – James, John G., and Clara. What caused Ethel to die at such a young age – the Spanish flu that was rampant at the time, complications of another pregnancy? This is a question for which we do not have an answer.

In 1920 and 1921 a William Symons resides at 4 – 312 Notre Dame Ave. and John resides at this same address – sharing the same apartment. Although John does not have a brother named William, he does have one named Lawrence William – possibly the same person or it could be another relative. Although there are other William Symons listed in the directories, this is the only time when addresses overlap. There are no entries in the directories for John Symons and family for 1922-1924. In 1925 we find him residing at 90 Noble working as an employee of Swifts, and becoming their Department Superintendent in 1926. He returns to work at City Dairy in 1927 and has moved to 291 Chalmers Ave.

It was noted in John Symons' obituary that he worked in Dauphin for a number of years – perhaps this was between 1928-1940 when there are no entries in the Winnipeg City Directories. It appears he returned to Winnipeg in 1941 and resided at 236 Queen Street.

In 1942 John Symons purchases 30 Hart Ave. where he will continue to live. He works as a butter maker and then as a Manager at the Belmont Creamery, but retires in 1947. At age 67, this is his first of three retirements. The telephone is installed in his home in 1947. For the next two years, John is listed as a poultry man – and retires again in 1950 at age 70. At age 73, John B. Symons goes back into the work force and starts clerking at Surge Sales & Service. He continues to work as a clerk and bookkeeper until 1959. In 1960 he works for Nelson Sales and Service as a bookkeeper. At age 81 in 1961 John Symons retires for the third time. It is interesting to note his work ethic compared to today when everyone

wishes to take early retirement. John Balfour Symons died on November 26, 1961.

His Children

(NOTE: While I was able to find a great deal of information about the three children of John Balfour Symons and their descendants, I will not name John's grandchildren in order to respect the privacy of those still living.)

Clara Symons and Her Family

Clara Symons first appears in the Winnipeg City Directory in 1936, residing at 481 Salter. She is next mentioned under her married name in 1943, residing at her father's home at 30 Hart Ave. A man that could be her husband is listed on active service in 1943, but whether this is the same person is unknown. In 1946 Clara is listed as a widow. It is not known if her husband was a war casualty. There was a possible candidate listed in the 1944 Alberta Army Casualties, but there is not enough information known to say if this is the same man.

In 1947 Clara works for Peppers, but becomes an employee of Eaton's in 1948. She continues working there as a clerk or mail order clerk until 1978 when she retired after 30 years of service. In approximately 1973 after working for Eaton's for 25 years, Clara would have become a member of the Timothy Eaton Quarter Century Club receiving a numbered certificate admitting her to the Club. She would also have received a special gift presented by the Co. It may have been a gold wristwatch, a diamond ring or dinner ring with various kinds of gems. For many years a special breakfast was held in the Grill Room for the inductees of the Quarter Century Club with presentations made by members of the Eaton family.

Clara continued to live at 30 Hart Ave. and may have inherited the house upon her father's death, as she becomes the listed owner of the home. She resides there until her death on March 1, 1991.

Clara's only child, a daughter, is listed as residing at 30 Hart Ave. commencing in 1958, but it should be noted that she lived there as a child with her mother and grandfather. This is

the first time she is listed, as the City Directories named only residents who were employed or retired. Clara's daughter and her husband start their married life at 30 Hart Ave., but move out on their own in 1962. Between 1958-1974 she works as an office clerk for the MB Power Commission, MB Hydro Electric System and Winnipeg Hydro. In 1980 she starts working for Ancast Industries as a receptionist and later is a purchasing agent between 1983-1994.

She and her family moved a few times, but owned 2 homes, one at 373 Tweed Ave. and the second at 412 Davidson Street. Her husband worked briefly as a salesman for Canadian Westinghouse, and then at System Equipment as a salesman from 1968-1994. They had four children, 2 daughters and 2 sons, three of whom show up briefly in the City Directories. A son worked as a cook at Salisbury House in 1983 and 1984. He also lived with his grandmother Clara at 30 Hart Ave. from 1986-1989.

Clara had two great grandchildren at the time of her death. All of the family disappears from the City Directories by 1995.

James Symons and His Family

James Symons was with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) from 1947-1964, where he is listed as a clerk and later as a Sergeant. James Symons is the only one of John B. Symons's children not to have resided at 30 Hart Ave.. He owned two homes in Winnipeg, first at 349 Seven Oaks for about five years and then 297 Moorgate Boulevard in St. James-Assiniboia from 1953 to at least 2000 when the directories ceased to be printed. It is in 1953 what we learn that James has married, and his wife's name is Mabel, her maiden name is unknown.

In 1965 he becomes a clerk in the County Court of Winnipeg, a job he continues until his retirement sometime between 1978-1983. The City Directory lists him retired in 1983, but has nothing noted for the period of 1979-1982. It is during his employment with the County Court of Winnipeg (1974) that Deputy Clerk James Symons was almost the victim of a bomb that had been

addressed and mailed to him as a gift for a 'favourable judgement.' The gift was 'returned to sender' as Court officials are not allowed to accept gratuities. The post office returned the gift to Mr. Symons due to an incorrect return address. Mr. Symons turned the gift, a clock, over to the Chief Clerk Charles Gilraine, who was curious to see if the clock would work as it was slightly damaged. When Mr. Gilraine plugged the clock in, it exploded and he lost his left hand due to the explosion. But for a curious boss, it could have been James who plugged in the exploding clock and suffered the consequences.

James' wife, Mabel, worked as a saleslady at Dayton's Polo Park and Dayton's Outfitting between 1960-1971. In 1972 she became assistant manager at Hollinsworth & Co. until 1975. In 1978 Mabel returns to work as a salesclerk at Dalmy's. Mabel died on December 5, 1986.

James and Mabel had a son, who is only in the City Directories between 1962-1965. During that time, he resided with his parents and was an employee with Trans Air and then with Eaton's. Did Aunt Clara help him get his job at Eaton's? Their daughter is listed between 1963-1967, also residing with her parents. She worked as a clerk at Robson Drugs Ltd. for four years before becoming a sales clerk at Dayton's Outfitting, where her mother Mabel was also working.

We don't know what happened to James from 2000, his last appearance in the City Directories, to his death on May 17, 2005. He was interred in Brookside, alongside Mabel, in 2007. James and Mabel had four grandchildren in 1986 at the time of Mabel's death. It is not known where James' children and their families are now.

John G. Symons and His Family

John G. Symons resided at 30 Hart Ave. in 1946, but in 1948 moved to 167 Riverbend Crescent until 1953. During that time he was with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) as a radio technician. He married and had at least one son who was born on August 3, 1950 at the

Grace Hospital in Winnipeg. His father's obituary, (John Balfour Symons), noted that John G. resided in Ottawa, ON. Nothing more is known about this branch.

In Conclusion:

Winding my way through the City Directories, and getting side tracked into some supporting documentation gave me a picture of a family that was extremely close – especially if you consider the number of family members who resided together at 30 Hart Ave. over the years. Not to mention when places of employment overlapped—did an aunt or a parent help the younger generation get that job?

We found out not only about John Balfour Symons starting in 1905, but can bring the family forward in time to 2000 with mini biographies of the lives of his three children, three of his grandchildren, and three of his great grandchildren.

It started out as a research project based on five photographs of the Symons and Brouse families – families that we knew absolutely nothing about. But now this family has been given flesh and bones – and become multi-dimensional. Yes, I lost track of the family in 2000 – however, the information I gained in the ninety-five years I followed forward, I think, made it all worth while. I wonder if new concerns for privacy will allow future researchers to get as much information when researching forward?

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Burials--

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AGM Reminder

The date for the MGS Annual General Meeting is set for Saturday, October 17. Check the MGS calendar on the web site for details at:
<http://www.mbgenealogy.com/index.php?page=calendar>

Adoption Records Now Open

McGuinty Government Opens Records For The First Time Since 1927
Submitted by Thelma Findlay #820L

Ontario is making it easier for many Ontarians to look for information about their birth relatives. The Access to Adoption Records Act, 2008 gives adopted adults and birth parents access to information that is currently sealed in their adoption records. Adopted adults and birth parents can also protect their privacy by filing a disclosure veto or no contact notice.

Individuals should contact Service Ontario (<http://www.ontario.ca/en/residents/111872>) to apply for information from their birth and adoption records. This service is free.

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"Many of us are curious about our backgrounds. Some like to trace their family tree. People involved in an adoption are no different. They want to know about their past. They want to know what happened to their children. By opening Ontario's adoption records we're helping people to learn about their personal history, while protecting their privacy." - Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services (<http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/mcss/english/ministry/minister/>)

"For years, adopted individuals and birth parents have needed personal and family information from their birth certificates and adoption records. Today, thanks to the legislation passed by the government of Ontario, acquiring this information is finally possible. " - Wendy Rowney, Coalition for Open Adoption Records

QUICK FACTS

British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Newfoundland and Labrador already have open records, as do the United Kingdom and the Australian state of New South Wales.

Links:

BC

http://www.vs.gov.bc.ca/adoption/releas_adopt.html
http://www.vs.gov.bc.ca/adoption/releas_adopt.html

Alberta

<http://child.alberta.ca/home/602.cfm>
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Manitoba

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/registry.html>
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Newfoundland and Labrador

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United Kingdom

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South Wales

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LEARN MORE

Discover what adoption information (<http://www.mcss.gov.on.ca/adoptioninfo/index.htm>) is available, and how to find it.

Visit the Ministry of Children and Youth Services to learn more about adoption (<http://www.gov.on.ca/children/english/programs/child/adoption/index.html>)

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MGS Librarian



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Book Reviews

By Enid Dorward #4502

Belden Roots: the Canadian Family History by Marlene Belden Strudwick & Ellen Tarves. 324 p. photographs, partial index (MGS library call number: FH & BIO 929.2 BEL 2)



This chronicle of the Belden family includes a remarkable 33 generations, beginning with Osmond, who was with William of Normandy when he invaded England in 1066. Some early forms of the surname included Baildon, Bayldon, and Belding, among others. The book begins with an outline of the first 20 generations in England, and then shifts to those who first emigrated to North America early in the 17th century, settling in Connecticut. Several generations lived in the USA, then about 1816 Jeremiah George Belden moved to Upper Canada, where he later married Hannah Tuttle. The bulk of the book is devoted to a detailed history of the family in Canada. It is generously illustrated with many photographs of

recent generations. Readers interested in the Beldens who lived in Manitoba should check pages 136-139, 181-183, 216-217, and 242-243. Copies of the book may be purchased for \$60 plus postage, by contacting Marlene Belden Strudwick, #307 – 7239 Sierra Morena Blvd. SW, Calgary, AB T3H 3L7 or e-mail mates2@shaw.ca.

Record of Post-Graduate Scholarship Holders 1920-1940. The National Chapter of Canada, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, 1949. 53 p.

This is a record of women and men who have held IODE War Memorial Post-graduate Scholarships from 1920 to 1940. The book is divided by provinces, and within the section for each province is a chronological list of persons who have held those scholarships, along with a brief biographical sketch of each one. Information for each person includes the universities attended, degrees and awards received, professional history, military service where applicable, address as of 1949, and names of spouse and children.

Canada General Service Medal Roll 1866-70 compiled & edited by John R. Thyen. Winnipeg, 1998. 305 p. photographs and maps.

The compiler started with the 1973 edition of this book, but consulted microfilm from Archives Canada, as well as other sources, and thus believes that this volume contains 99% of the names of men who received medals for their part in the Canadian militia during the Fenian raids and the Red River campaign between 1866 and 1870. The book begins with a brief account of the battles and skirmishes. The main body of the book lists all the military units and the names of the conflicts they were involved in, and then lists all the personnel who received the Canada General Service Medal (some medals were issued as late as 1920). There is no index, so the reader may have to spend a lot of time trolling through the book. However, this is information that is probably difficult to find elsewhere.

No Time to Wave Goodbye by Ben Wicks. Toronto, Stoddart Pub., 1988. 228 p. photographs

This year is the 70th anniversary of the beginning of World War II. Ben Wicks, well-known Canadian journalist and cartoonist who was born and raised in London's East End, was evacuated from London along with thousands of other children, to a safer part of the country just before war was declared in September 1939. His book tells the stories of the young evacuees, whom he asked many years later to share their memories of that traumatic time. Some had warm memories of kind people who took them into their homes, while others endured dreadful abuse and deprivation. If any of your family members were evacuees, this book will give you details that will help you understand their experiences.

With One Voice; A History of Municipal Governance in Manitoba by Gordon Goldsborough. Portage la Prairie, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, 2008. 151 p., photographs. (MGS library call number MAN 320 GOL)

Did you know that Manitoba has 198 urban and rural municipalities? Municipal governments provide essential services that most of us take for granted, such as drinking water, garbage collection, recycling, sewage treatment, the building and maintenance of roads, and much more. This book considers the role of municipal governments in the history of the province of Manitoba. It begins with a look at the history of local government, the earliest of which was administered by the Hudson's Bay Company. The District of Assiniboia was established in 1822, and the Council of Assiniboia governed it. Various changes took place until the 1873 introduction of the Municipal Act, which allowed communities to organize on a parish or township basis. The powers and responsibilities of the municipalities gradually evolved over the years. At the end of the book, the reader will find a complete list of Manitoba's municipalities, with incorporation date, area, population in 2006, and

type (RM, town, village, or city), plus a map showing the location of all municipalities. There are also lists of former presidents and honorary life members of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.

My Search for our Irish Heritage and Murphy Ancestors in Canada by Don J. Murphy. St. Albert, Alberta, 2007. 154 p. photographs, maps

Don Murphy tells the story of his Murphy ancestors, but does it in a manner that is somewhat different from most family histories. He has chosen to relate the details of his actual searches over a period of nine years. Thus, he has provided information about his ancestors, and also has given information about search methods, which could prove very useful to readers even if they aren't connected to the Murphy family. His research involved records, many of them Roman Catholic, in several counties in southern Ontario and Quebec, as well as Detroit. Some of his ancestors came to Manitoba during the great immigration wave of the 1880s. He also had Scottish and German ancestors. Some of the surnames of these families are Murphy, Herriot, Deverell, Mihm, Devlin, Kilgallin, Loughlin, and Feely.

The Rise and Fall of the Oak River Arena 1949-1987 by Harold Griffiths, 1987. 10 p.

In the late 1940s, the residents of Oak River realized that the town needed a building that would accommodate a curling rink, skating rink, and space for other kinds of recreational activities. Local people worked together to raise money and to literally raise a building for this purpose. A group of citizens decided to purchase a hangar from Neepawa, and it was dismantled, moved to Oak River, and rebuilt to become the town's rink/recreation centre. This booklet tells about that process, and the trials and tribulations that accompanied the project. Eventually, Oak River had the building it needed, and that building served the town well until it was destroyed by fire nearly 40 years later.

Doing Military Research at the MGS Library.

By Mary Bole #884 – MGS Librarian

Since this is the 70th Anniversary of the beginning of World War II, I'm reviewing the military resources we have in the MGS library. Military records can be a good substitute for census records, especially in the early settlement of Canada, but also in the 20th century. The following books contain lists of names, not history. Though most lists are of those who died, they often list home addresses, age, short biographies, and if you're lucky, a photo.

For more resources & information please check KOHA using headings such as: MILITIA, ARMED FORCES, NAVAL FORCES, MILITARY, etc.

The following is a list of possible places to look for Manitoba military personnel.

Northwest Rebellion

(1869-1870 and 1885) Also known as the Red River Resistance or the Riel Rebellion.

Honor Roll of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Composing the North-West Field Force Which Suppressed the Rebellion of 1885.

90th Regiment: a Regimental History of the 90th Regiment, Winnipeg

(One hundred) 100 Years: The Royal Canadian Regiment

History of Canada's Senior Regular Infantry Regiment – from North West Rebellion, South African War and the 2 World Wars.

Boer War

(1899-1902) also known as South African War:

Index to Canadian Service Records of the South African War (1899-1902)

South African War 1899-1902

World War I

(1914-1918) Also known as The Great War:

Place of Honour: Manitoba's War Dead Commemorated in its Geography

To commemorate the sacrifices of over 4,000 Manitobans in World War II, the province has named various types of geographic features after those who died. This publication compiles information gathered during this Commemorative Names Project. Biographies are arranged in alphabetical order with the casualty's name, rank, place of residence, regimental number, military affiliation, names of any decorations received, date of death, age at death, place of commemoration or burial, names of next of kin, and the geographical feature named in the casualty's honour along with its map reference. Where available, photographs and excerpts from letters received from relatives of the deceased are included, giving additional biographical information.

Nominal Roll of Fort Garry Horse 1914-1919

The Dead of the 75th Battalion

Diary of the Eleventh: Being a Record of the XI Canadian Field Ambulance 1916-1919

The Distinguished Conduct Medal Awarded to Members of The Canadian Expeditionary Force 1914-1920

Commissioned and warrant officers of the Royal Canadian Navy, 1910-1939.

The Distinguished Service Order Awarded to Members of The Canadian Expeditionary Force and Canadians in the Royal Naval Air Service, The Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force 1915-1920.

The C.E.F. Roll of Honour: Members and Former Members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who died as a result of service in the Great War, 1914-1919

Stand to your Horses: Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)

Library only has pages 279-308 – a list of all those from the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) who died WWI.

From the Forks to Flanders Field: the Story of the 27th City of Winnipeg Battalion, 1914-1918

Guests of the Kaiser: Prisoners of war of the CEF

World War II (1939-1945)

Veterans of Icelandic Descent, World War II, 1939-1945.

Roll Call: Lest We Forget

The first listing of thousands of Ukrainians and other Europeans imprisoned during Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920.

Also check these websites:

<http://www.uccla.ca/sources.htm> and

http://www.uccla.ca/Roll_Call_2000.pdf

Ukrainian Canadian Veterans Royal Canadian Legion

In Enemy Hands: Canadian Prisoners of War

We Flew We Fell We Lived: RCAF Prisoners of War

Honours and Awards Canadian Naval Forces World War II

Dragon and the Maple Leaf - Chinese Canadians in World War II

Canadians in the Royal Air Force

Lest We Forget: Price of Victory - Hodgson Legion Branch #158, Fisher River

They Shall Grow Not Old: a Book of Remembrance

Contains the biographies and known grave locations of over 18,000 airmen wearing the RCAF uniform who lost their lives in WW2

Korean War (1950-53):

The Canadian Medal Rolls, Distinguished Conduct and Military Medal (1939-45 & 1950-53)

Vietnam War (1957-75)

I Volunteered: Canadian Vietnam Vets Remember

The Story of the Canadians Who Fought for the U.S. Armed Forces in Vietnam

Other

Manitoba. Miscellaneous Military History

Articles saved from various publications about Manitoba Soldiers

Legion Binders "Last Post"

Lists of Canadian Legion Members who have died, not only during wartime. Internet:
<http://www.legionmagazine.com/en/lastpost/>

Periodical Potpourri

By Enid Dorward #4502



CANADA

Heritage (pub. by the Heritage Canada Foundation) (vol. XII no. 1)

Focus on heritage buildings in Vancouver and Toronto that are “green” by design, despite their age.

Internet Genealogy (June/July/09) Excellent article on Canadian research, on-line and off.

MANITOBA

Manitoba Archaeological Newsletter

#1 & 2: Northern Manitoba and “old copper”.

#3 & 4: stabilization of HBC post in Ukkusiksak National Park.

Mennonite Historian (June/09)

New project of Mennonite archives

The New Leaf (June/09)

(SW MB) John “Falcon” Tanner 1781-1846

Times Lines (Manitoba Historical Society) (Jul-Aug/09) News about Manitoba’s heritage sites.

WESTERN CANADA

Ancestry (Nanaimo FHS) (summer/09)
passenger list project

British Columbia Genealogist (June/09) A name marvelously changed: Udell.

Relatively Speaking (Alberta GS) (May/09) The story of a homestead (part 4); the search for Samuel Finch

Okanagan Researcher (June/09) Former mayors of Kelowna buried in Pioneer Cemetery; names from Kelowna cenotaph (WWI)

Roots Around the World (Abbotsford) (summer/09) The will of Ebenezer William Vans.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (June/09) Finding aid for Doukhobors in Canada 1911 census; diary of Elizabeth McFadden Coombs

The Treehouse

(Campbell River, BC) (June/09) Captain Hector McLean; list of ships' passenger lists to Canada before 1865

Victoria Gen. Society Journal (June/09) Heritage farming

NEW BRUNSWICK

Generations (summer/09)

Daniel Smith's ancestors and children; land grant to Queen's Rangers

NEWFOUNDLAND

Discovering Family History (July/Aug/09)

Newfoundland & Labrador genealogy

Newfoundland Ancestor Vol. 25 no.2

Summerford-Moretons Harbour United Church burials 1874-1891

ONTARIO

Anglo-Celtic Roots (Ottawa) (summer/09)

Chattie's diary – a fascinating look at the life of a young woman in the 1870s

BRANTches (May/09) Early Catholic priests in Haldimand County

Bruce & Grey Branch (May/09) William Gunn from Scotland

Bruce Bulletin (May/09) (Bruce Co.) Northern Ireland research trip

Kingston Relations (May/June/09) This issue has an excellent article about the Canadian Penitentiary Museum in Kingston which holds records both for convicts and staff. It focuses on the oldest of Canada's correctional institutions, one of which is Stony Mountain Penitentiary in Manitoba. The records are not open to the public, but the "Friends of the Penitentiary Museum" will research requests for a fee.

Lanark Log (May/09) (Lanark county) Ramsay Township 100 years ago

London Leaf (May/09)
Ailsa Craig voters' list 1934

Leeds & Grenville News & Views
(May/June/09) Bass family; Herald Angels Anglican Cemetery a.k.a. South Lake Cemetery, Leeds Co.

New Searchlight (June/09) (Quinte branch OGS) 225th anniversary of the arrival of Loyalists in Ontario; Quinte settlers in Revolutionary War pension records

Nipissing Voyageur (June/09) Official telephone directory – North Bay 1905; family chart of Memault & Jewell families from the Sturgeon Falls area

Norfolks (May/09) (Norfolk County) List of persons from Norfolk who died in WWI and WWII

Notes from Niagara (May/09) Swayze bible pages with entries from 1772 to 1926; Thorold town meeting 1803; St. Mark's Anglican Church memorial plaques

Ottawa Branch News (May-July/09)
Toussaint-Gédéon Coursolles & James Gillmor (early residents of Ottawa's Sandy Hill neighbourhood)

Past Tents (June/09) The Finnish community in Thunder Bay

Perth County Profiles (Aug/09) List of constables for the county of Perth 1863-64; Charles Bertram Matthison WWI veteran

- Rooting Around Huron*** (May/09) Info about column 18 of 1911 Can. census.
- Roots Branches & Twigs*** (Kent county) (vol. 32, no. 2, 2009) John Waddell & the wreck of *The Explorer*
- Sault Channels*** (June/09) Impressions of Algoma written 1882.
- SCAN*** (Simcoe County) (May/09) History of the House of Industry & Refuge, Beeton, Ontario, with details from a 1907 inspector's report.
- Talbot Times*** (June/09)
Elgin County wardens 1852-1927
- Timberline*** (Ottawa Valley) (June/09) Adoption Information Disclosure Act
- Toronto Tree*** (May/June/09) Memories of a POW of Stalag Luft III and the great escape
- Trails*** (Essex County) (spring/09) Letters home from World War I.
- York Region Ancestors*** (May/June 2009) York region estate files; *Markham Economist* BMD index 1864
- QUEBEC**
Connections (Quebec Family History Society) (spring/summer/09) Legend of William Doleman; Lower Canada in the 1790s & early 1800s
- L'Ancêtre*** (été 2009) Jean Dangeuger dit le Chasseur; des Duplessis en Louisiane
- Memoires*** (été 2009) Les familles de Damien Berrube et de Jeanne Savonnet
- GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND**
Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS (May/09) Fordyce parish; Saint John Ogilvie of Keith
- Bristol & Avon FHS*** (June/09)
East Harptree parish; memories of Easter Compton village
- Cleveland FHS*** (July/09)
225th field company, Royal Engineers; Catterick burials
- Cornwall Family History Society*** (March/09) Persons tried at the assize courts in Cornwall & Exeter 1882 to 1887 (with trial date, name, age and occupation of each person).
- Derbyshire FHS*** (June/09) Derby scholarships 1914; Derbyshire wayside burials (Romany Gypsies); Jodrell family 1423-1828
- Devon Family Historian*** (May/09) Pyne families; Falconer family
- Discovering Family History***
(July/Aug/09) 35 top sites for Scottish research
- Dumfries & Galloway FHS***
(July/09) Scottish poor laws from 1845; Carter family
- Family Tree Magazine***
(June/09) D-Day landings; irregular marriages; health-related history
(Aug/09) British forces POWs WWII; WWI military ancestors
- Genealogists' Magazine***
(June/09) New developments in medieval genealogy
- Glamorgan FHS*** (June/09)
Porthkerry parish profile; working in a post office late 19th century
- Glasgow & West of Scotland FHS*** (June/09)
Allan Pinkerton of Glasgow
- Hampshire Family Historian***
(June/09) Prohibitions of marriage; memories of a wartime evacuee; monumental inscriptions on microfiche
- Irish Roots*** (2009 2nd quarter) 1911 census records for Belfast; Guinness archives in Dublin
- Norfolk Ancestor*** (June/09) Letters from a British prisoner of the Napoleonic War
- North of Ireland FHS*** (June/09)
British convicts database
- Northumberland & Durham FHS Journal***
(summer/09) Shipley family; John Richardson, Quaker

Oxfordshire FHS (April/09) Names of some Oxfordshire militia 1795; *Cataraqui* passengers lost at sea

Practical Family History (Oct/08) Merchant navy records; 16th century

Scottish Genealogist (March/09)
Sir William Graham of Montrose

Scottish Genealogist (June/09)
Clan Chattan; David Carment & Margaret Stormonth of Rosskeen

The Septs (July/09) (Ireland)
Researching forenames (Bernard, Brian)

Sib Folk News (Orkney) (June/09)
Thurvo 1654-1933; Shearer brothers

Soul Search (Sole Society) (Apr/09) Finding Frank Solley; Thomas & Lucy Soal, New Zealand

Suffolk Roots (June/09)
Rattlesden families 1630-70; Passchendaele archives

West Middlesex FHS Journal
(June/09) Two evacuees to Canada; 1641-2
Protestation returns for MDX

Who Do You Think You Are? (May/08) Wills and testaments; South African ancestors
(July/08) RAF ancestors; tracing early Jewish family

Wiltshire FHS (July/09)
The Candy family; Wm. Fishlock – from Averbury to India (WWI)

USA

Dakota Homestead Historical Newsletter
(June/09) Morton county naturalization records index

New England Ancestors (spring/09) New York Quaker records online

New England Historical and Genealogical Register (April/09) Three men named Isaac Phelps; Humphrey Blake & his descendants

Oregon Genealogical Society Quarterly
(summer/09) John Murray's journey from Illinois to Oregon 1853

Red River Valley Gen. Society (Apr-Jul/09)
Vital records of Sheldon

Seattle Genealogical Society
(Spring/summer 2009) Extracts from register of Broadway Baptist Church, Spokane, 1850-1913.

OTHER

****NEW** Ancestor**
(Victoria, Australia) (June/09) Wills & probate records; Victorian registry of BMD

East European Genealogist (spring/09) An extensive article about name changes of Polish people, not just when they came to North America, but also changes when living in Poland.

Family Chronicle (July/Aug/09) World War II veteran memories captured

The Genealogist (Australia) (Jun/09) Founders & Survivors Project; list of Bendigo tramways employees

Internet Genealogy (June/July/09) South African research; Slovak sites
(Aug/Sept/09) Norwegian genealogy; Hamburg passenger lists

Palatine Immigrant (June/09)
Immigrant ancestor register

Two publications have featured articles about Quaker records: **Family Tree Magazine** (July/09) tells how to get the most from old Quaker BMD documents, and **Ancestors** (Aug/08) tells about online Quaker records.

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Volunteer Bio

By Jacki Azure-Townsend #5071

Joan Whiston has been a valued member of MGS for 22 years. In October 2009, she will be wrapping up her position as President of the Society; a position she has held for the past three years. She is looking forward to continuing on with the executive as Past President. Additionally, she has held the positions of Treasurer (10 years), Vice President Administration (one year), as well as Secretary and Vice President for the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch (approximately four years). In total Joan has been on the executive for 14 years.

Joan's favourite part of being a volunteer is getting to know the other volunteers and their backgrounds.

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Contributing to the everyday running of MGS is also close to her heart. She has nothing but fond memories of her time with the Society and values all the experience she has shared with other members and volunteers. She is proud to say that the rewards she has received as part of the MGS far exceed what she expected when she started out.

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Branch News

Submitted by Gordon McBean #3033

Southeast & Winnipeg Branch activities

We have the fall schedule lined up and Kelly Southworth and I are working on some exciting new ideas for programs.

Fall Branch meetings

All meetings start at 7:30 and are held at the MGS Resource Centre on St. James Street, unless otherwise noted

Date	Title	Presenter
Monday September 14, 2009	General Meeting What I did on my Summer Vacation	Gordon McBean
Monday September 28, 2009	Computer SIG Tips and tricks – Microsoft Word	Gordon McBean
Monday October 19, 2009	General Meeting Relax - Writing it Down isn't that Hard	Susan Wellman
Monday October 26 2009	Computer SIG Getting the most out of databases	Kelly Southworth
Monday November 9, 2009	General Meeting Military Research	Kelly Southworth
Monday November 23, 2009	Computer SIG Legacy family tree software	Gordon McBean et al
Monday December 14, 2009	General Meeting Christmas sharing	Those attending
Monday January 11, 2010	General Meeting Let's Get Serious - Writing in a More Formal Setting	Susan Wellman

SIGlets

We are currently looking for individuals who would be willing to co-ordinate/present small SIGs or SIGlets. They could be run once or one evening a month for two or three months. Contact Gordon McBean if you have a topic and/or a presenter in mind, or are willing to coordinate an event, or even present one yourself.

Sign up for the Southeast & Winnipeg Branch e-Zine.

The Branch's main communication vehicle is our e-Zine. If you are not currently signed up use the form on the Branch web page that can be accessed from the MGS web site at <http://www.mbgenealogy.com/>. You will also find the Branch's programs and activities listed there. If you do not have a computer please contact Gordon McBean 786-3033 to have your name added to the phone list to get reminders.

Phone Committee

Once again our volunteers will call individuals on their list to remind them about upcoming Branch Programs. If you do not have access to e-mail ask to have your name added to the phone list.

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*Author unknown: found on Roots web
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vahenry/addicted.htm>*

New Information for Genealogists

By Elizabeth Briggs #484L

Here are the recent updates on web sites mentioned in earlier copies of *Generations*.

1911 Census UK

The map illustrates that all the counties of England and Wales, the dependencies of the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands together with Ships of the Royal Navy and Overseas Army bases are all available to view through this database <http://www.findmypast.com/home.jsp>

Please remember there is a cost to view these records. However, from personal experience, the index is excellent, one of the best on the Internet and I have been successful locating most of my relatives. I have had a few surprises when people were not always at home on census night and locating missing individuals has been tricky. This could be due to the individual completing the census return is not always familiar with personal data, actual year or place of birth.



Immigration Records from the UK

If you are searching for a family member leaving Britain and you do not know the name of the ship or the time period try searching www.findmypast.com/migration.jsp

This information will give you the name of the ship, and you can check the passengers sharing the same name as the individual you are searching. Payment is required to view the full entry. If you know the ship and the date of sailing, the date and port of arrival, you can view the digital image from Library and Archives Canada at:

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html

The UK passenger lists are dated from 1890-1960 and the Canadian images from 1865-1935. The Canadian site is free.

LDS Record Search - Pilot Web Site

There are 10 Canadian resources in the list, census, Ontario deaths 1869-1947 and Quebec parish registers. There are 141 new regions listed around the world, not many for the UK but many additions for the USA, Mexico and other countries not listed on the IGI.

Canada

- [Canada Census 1851 \[No images \]](#)
- [Canada Census 1871 \[No images \]](#)
- [Canada Census 1891 \[No images \]](#)
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Winnipeg Estate Indexes 1870-1983

Visit Archives Manitoba and you will access the Winnipeg Estate Index from 1870-1983 www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/probate/wpg_estate.html It is not easy locating this site if you first approach Archives Manitoba so this web reference might be useful.

Estate files may give access to Wills and Grant of Probate. They are very useful documents and will indicate the property, personal possessions and debts a person held at the time of his or her death. The Winnipeg [Eastern] Judicial District will give information on those people who died

in Winnipeg or the adjoining cities before 1983. It will not cover Dauphin, Brandon and more distant regions of the province. These areas are in the process of being indexed but are not on the website. However, a visit to Archives Manitoba will give access to an estate index that is alphabetical by first letter only. Thus, Smith could be followed by Sinclair and Sadler, so this index must be checked carefully by year and letter.

The first index from 1870-1930 covers sixty years but some of the later indexes only cover a few years and it may be necessary to consult a number of the entries. This Winnipeg Estate File Index is identified on the website as follows:

- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1870-1930](#)
- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1931-1939](#)
- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1939-1945](#)
- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1945-1949](#)
- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1949-1953](#)
- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1953-1957](#)
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- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1969-1974](#)
- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1975-1978](#)
- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1979-1982](#)
- [Winnipeg Estate Index, 1983-1984](#)

When the appropriate years are selected search for the name of your ancestor by selecting the letter from the group.

Winnipeg Estate Index - 1969-1974

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Mc	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	Y	Z

Finally search the list for the entry you are seeking.

Name of Deceased	File No.	Book	Folio
1969			
Barrett, Edward	15/69	E70	117
Brakel, Frens (infant children of)	1834/69	E70	121
Brakel, Hillechien	1884/68	E70	137
Barton, Mary Laura	131/69	Y89	145
Barrie, Christina M.	142/69	Y89	154
Bagu, Alice	148/69	Y89	159
Balicky, Vincent	193/69	B67	179
Barnett, Ernest R.	138/69	Y89	152
Blackie, Palmy G.	243/69	B67	195
Barker, Amy	269/69	Y89	240
Baldner, Carena E.	277/69	Y89	246
Black, Samuel	304/69	B67	208
		E70	375

Keep a record of the reference to obtain the documentation.

After 1973 the Will with the legal instrument such as the Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration are held in the same folder. Prior to 1973 these documents are separated and it is necessary to search for the will and using the book and folio number reference check of the legal instrument. The reference numbers will allow the researcher to complete the Archives form and request the estate documents from off site. This will take a few days.

Wills are a boon to genealogists. They frequently identify family members with their addresses, heirs to the estate, wealth, family conflicts and much more. Information gleaned from estate records will put *flesh* on the bones of an ancestor. I always search for estate records of family members and those of spinster aunts and bachelor uncles. These relatives often named their siblings, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Next time I will discuss how records from 1983 can be accessed from your home computer.

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**UPDATE TO GENERATIONS V34 #2,
June 2009, page 23:
Submitted by Marilyn Boyle #3473
To Bill MacDonald:**

Regarding your observations on the portion of my September 2008 article that deals with the John Newman Rickards families, you are correct in that the eldest of their English-born children, Isabella Ann, did not marry George Fortney. In 1857, she married John Tait with whom she had (officially) six children.

To quote Heather M. Hallett,[1] “[Tait was] a hard arrogant Scotsman, ten years older than Isabella, and he liked to fool around with Indian women.” He went out hunting in 1871 and did not return. His body was found the next spring. Isabella and Frederick Hallett[2] had fallen in love. They were married on February 2, 1872, “almost immediately” after Tait’s body was found, and moved from St. James to Lisgar Rural Municipality. Heather Hallett writes that Isabella’s youngest son, Andrew, born in 1869, resembled none of the Tait children. She is convinced that he was Fred Hallett’s child. Isabella and Fred officially had a son, James Frederick Hallett, who lived only 19 days.

A glance at the Rickards family listed on the 1870 census for St. Charles Parish illustrates the problem when you have three James Newmans and three Hannahs (and two Marys, when you come right down to it). Obviously, Isabella Ann is listed with her husband and family, not with her parents and younger siblings.

It was the Rickards’ younger daughter, Hannah Elizabeth (age 19 in 1870),[3] born in Manitoba,

who married George Fortney. As a member of the Canadian Party, he was among the group arrested by Louis Riel on December 10, 1869. According to the 1870 census, he was born in Ontario. On later censuses he declared that he was Irish, Roman Catholic, born in 1850 in the United States. He reported that he immigrated in 1853, but I have found no census record of his parents. In 1891, he gave his occupation as Steamboat Pilot. In 1901, he was a Steam Boat Captain and was an Anglican. He died in Winnipeg on March 11, 1925.

Witnesses to James Rickards Jr.’s and Mary Irwin’s wedding, in Poplar Point on February 10, 1866, were his father-in-law James Irwin, Ann Stodgell and Charles Fidler. Mary Irwin’s parents were James Irwin and Matilda Tait/Tate who were married November 20, 1848. Matilda’s parents were William Tait and Mary Bear. William’s parents were James Tait and Catherine Metisse.

Hannah III was James, Jr.’s and Mary Irwin’s first child, born February 22, 1867 and baptised on March 24, 1867 in the Parish of St. James, Diocese of Rupert’s Land. She married Tom Ramsay, who was born March 22, 1859, on August 1, 1883 at St. James.

Sources:

- [1] Children of the Rivers, Volume 2, Heather M. Hallett, page 184
- [2] Frederick Hallett, 1837-1906, was a son of James Hallett and grandson of Henry Hallett.
- [3] Accurate dating of births can be complicated when the census asked what will be your age on your next birthday. A variation of a couple of years from census to census is common.

Table 1 1870 Census for St. Charles Parish

Name	Born	Age	Father's Name	Race
Rickards, James Newman	England	57	James Rickards	White
Hannah	“	61	Wm. Willstead	“
Fortney, George F.	Ontario	61	? Fortney	“
Hannah E.	Manitoba	19	Jas. N. Rickards	“
Rickards, James Newman	England	25	Jas. N. Rickards	“
Mary	Manitoba	21	James Irwin	Métis
Hannah	“	4	Jas. Rickards, Jr.	“
Mary	“	3	“	“
James Newman	“	1	“	“

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