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The family of Ben Rowley, c1914, west of Winnipeg

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bob Stokes, MGS #432

As I mentioned in my last report, the South West Branch of MGS will host the 2003 Seminar in Brandon in October. Watch the summer issue for details and be prepared for an informative and enjoyable time in mid-October.

Speaking of South West Branch, Kathy and I attended their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner in February in Brandon. In spite of the very cold and windy weather, there were approximately 80 members and friends in attendance. The interest in that corner of the province is remarkable. Well done, South West!

And speaking of interest in genealogy, Outreach Committee Chair Myrna Mackey has been holding beginner sessions in the Portage la Prairie library. She reports a keen interest and attendance of more than 30 for each session. This area of Manitoba has not been as well served by MGS as it might have been but we are now working to rectify that situation. Congratulations Myrna.

*Generations* needs your help and your articles. It is NOT the responsibility of the editor to personally write all of the articles which appear on our quarterly. Her job is to make sure that the journal is adequately filled and that it appears on time. We have heard so many members mention that they have something that they would like to put in *Generations*, be it an interesting family story, a 'how I found my long lost third cousin' tale or a write-up in a library or archives which has things of special interest to family historians. But talk is all it is. Please take some time to write your articles and send them to the editor. She should have enough each month to choose from to make a well balanced quarterly. A journal without information reflects badly on the entire society.

## A HISTORY OF THE SOUTH WEST BRANCH

In January of 1978 something very special happened in the Brandon area. That marked the beginning of a relationship between the Brandon and District Genealogy Society and the Manitoba Genealogical Society.

It all began when two local genealogists decided it was time to form a group which would give Brandon and District families the opportunity to

record their past for future generations. So it was that RUTH TESTER and GERTRUDE GROSS put an item in the Brandon Sun inviting anyone interested to attend a meeting where the Speaker would be ERIC JONASSON, President of the Manitoba Genealogical Society. The Society had been formed in June of 1976 in Winnipeg. The Brandon meeting held on January 11, 1978 was well attended by 42 people, 18 of whom signed a Petition to form a Branch - Brandon and District. This was the beginning.

BLAIR LOREE was chosen as the First Branch President. He and his wife, Betty, were dedicated genealogists as well as being well versed in hosting Family Reunions. Over the first year organizing and cataloguing of material was foremost along with organizing workshops of "how, when and where". Publicity on TV and radio and in newspapers brought much information from around the province and added to the membership of the Branch.

In 1979 JOHN GROSS assumed the role of President. John had an extensive background in Family Records and he stressed we must not forget to record current family information for future generations. Transcribing cemeteries began in 1978 and in 1979 was a highlight of the work accomplished. A guide map of grave locations was suggested to the City for Brandon Cemetery and was later erected. This was a major accomplishment for the Branch.

TOM STACEY followed in 1980-81. More cemeteries were transcribed in 1980 but the highlight of the year was a yearly project begun by Tom - a course on Genealogy to be conducted by Tom in conjunction with Brandon University. This course was to continue for several years and brought a number of members into the Branch.

1982 brought ERNEST McCALLUM to the presidency of the Branch. Ernest had started on his Family Tree at the age of 10 and before his death in 2002 had completed at least 4 books of 4 separate families. Beside all his writing, Ernest was also an excellent seminar chair and he proved that in 1982 when the branch hosted the yearly MGS Seminar here in Brandon. That first seminar hosted by the Branch had about 160 participants.

In 1983, a distaff member, MURIEL BREMNER became President. It was in this year that the Branch began their library. A library committee

was set up to check on space available the Brandon City Library, however, no compromise could be reached and so began the period when the branch library (which was beginning to grow) became housed in boxes - a fact which would continue for some time.

ALVARETTA McMANNIS followed as President in 1984. With the help of Tom Stacey some shelf space was found in the Brandon University Archives building for our records. Under Tom's guidance abstracting obituaries from the *Brandon Mail* and *Brandon Sun* got under way and has proved to be one of the best resources the Branch has.

Continuing with a female in the chair, GERTRUDE GROSS assumed the duties of President in 1986. With this being the 10th anniversary of MGS, there was a lot of planning to do as the annual Seminar was once again to be held in Brandon. Records were moved to the Archives at B.U. and were sorted and filed by members. The Genealogy courses continued at the University with an excellent attendance.

In 1987 KEN HYNDMAN took over the leadership. It was with great sadness, just 10 days after receiving her Ten Year Membership Certificate from Manitoba Genealogical Society, RUTH ELIZABETH TESTER, the founding force behind the Branch, passed away. Ruth had been in attendance at the Anniversary supper and been honoured with the presentation of her certificate. It was indeed a sad moment in our 10th Anniversary year.

In 1987 more emphasis was placed on obtaining out-of-town members and aiding these members with their problems, requests for information etc. Ken continued as our leader into 1988 when once again the Fall Seminar was held in Brandon. This was the first to be conducted at the Brandon Ag Centre and drew a large attendance.

When 1989 began, Ken was again in the President's chair. March of 1989 saw issue Vol. 1, No. 1 of *The Leaf of the Branch*. Margaret Goodman and Beth Wall put together that first issue as an asset to the Outreach Programme. (Can you believe those same two people continue to this day to collect, write, edit and put together that same quarterly journal 15 years later?)

1989 was the beginning of our Heritage Dinners. These have proved to be a highlight of the year's

activities and have given us the opportunity to enjoy speakers with expertise in many different areas of our common interest.

TOM STACEY once again returned to the Branch presidency in 1990. We were fortunate in that year to receive a money donation from Mrs. Ethel Shine. The money was invested in "The SHINE HERITAGE FUND" with the interest to be used for Branch projects. Seminar 90 was another great success netting a profit of \$825.00. Unfortunately our President, Tom was unable to be present due to illness.

In 1991 JIM WALL began his first term as President. Over the next three years several things would happen. It was in this year that the Branch began to explore interesting historic sites in the area. The Branch family picnic was held at the Ab Chapman museum northwest of Brandon. It was a delightful day enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

1992 saw a visit to Carberry where we were able to visit the Carberry Archives, the Carberry Museum and the Ernest Thompson Seton museum. We finished with a pot luck supper at the home of Eleanor and Bill Burch. Throughout the rest of the year, Branch members continued to abstract information from local newspapers and index the information. Each year the Heritage dinner produced new speakers who gave us insight into many topics. One of these was the 1993 Heritage Dinner speaker, Connie Howey. Connie has written several local histories and she was able to give us an insider's view on how to interview our elders in order to gain information for our family history books. The culmination of Jim's 3 year term as president was Seminar '93, another excellent programme well attended and much enjoyed.

WAYNE DIGBY, a long time member of the Branch, was elected to the Branch presidency in 1994. During Wayne's time in office travelling workshops became a norm for some of the executive. Several trips have been made to Melita over the years and these one-day workshops have been advantageous not only to those attending, but to those doing the presentations as well. One day workshops have been given at Melita, Gladstone, Minnedosa, and Holland, as well as in Brandon. We were fortunate to be able to visit one of our member's homes at Isabella for our picnic in June and then in July we gathered with our American friends from the Wally Byam

caravan to enjoy a time of genealogical exchanges. It was an extremely interesting day and gave us an opportunity to expand our horizons south of the border.

JIM WALL returned to the President's chair in 1996. It was during this time that the Branch began a project which would take approximately five years to complete - the indexing of the 1901 Census for the southwest area of Manitoba. Under the leadership of Marg Goodman and Beth Wall, the project began and by the end of 1996 the first three sections were ready for publication. A "Treasure Garage Sale" in the spring of 1996 gave us the nest egg to purchase a binding machine which would eventually prove to be extremely useful for the binding of our 1901 census indices.

As 1997 began we were sorry to have to report the death of our TOM STACEY. Tom had been such an integral part of the Branch and had done so much to maintain the Branch and its place in the framework of this area.

Workshops, the annual Heritage Dinner, *The Leaf of the Branch*, the indexing of the 1901 Census and so much more were helping to place the Branch's name in the forefront here in the area. However the Branch had extended well beyond the local Brandon area and it should be noted that in the late 1980s a name change had taken place. After asking for permission to change the Branch name from Brandon and District, it was decided to go with the SOUTH WEST BRANCH to indicate the area which we drew upon and served. All of these many events have aided in melding the Branch membership into a friendly group who looked forward with great joy to celebrating the Branch's 20th Anniversary on February 4, 1998. It was a great evening with special presentations, a guest speaker, and the first of the Silent Auctions which have come to be much enjoyed by Branch members.

As the year progressed the emphasis was placed on the continuing publication of the 1901 Census index. There was a concerted effort to sell the publication which was becoming such an excellent aid for anyone looking at the census. The prospect of finally completing the task was now on the horizon although it would take another year before the final copy would come off the presses. It should be noted that although there was considerable work completed on the index, the final drawing together of each individual

volume had to be set up, checked through to make sure everything was lined up properly and no sections had been missed before the printing of the master copy could be done. Then it was a matter of having to put the disk into the computer and begin the printing. The printing of the master copy often took 4 to 5 hours depending on the number of pages. It is hard to believe at this distance, we completed much of the final stages on a 286 computer system using a dot matrix printer. Oh, how times have changed in five short years.

As the year continued so did conversations within the Branch about a new location for the Branch library and in what direction the Branch would take in the future. A committee was appointed to look into a location for the library, however, after looking at other locations, costs involved, etc. it was decided that the library would have to remain where it was for the time being.

With the election of LORNE HILL as President for 1999, a By-Laws Review committee was formed. The completion of the committee's work was presented to the Branch in December of 1999 and accepted.

The millennium year saw Lorne Hill continuing in the President's chair. The 1901 Census Indexing committee made it their goal to see that the index was available in every municipal office represented in the work. This called for letters to go out to all the municipalities and then for the shipping of the indices when the orders came in. It is interesting to note that in some of the smaller municipalities, copies of the index were placed in each school as well as in the municipal office. Orders came for anywhere from one index to as many as twelve. It is also interesting to note that the municipalities to the north of # 1 highway have all purchased copies; however, not the same can be said for those municipalities south of the highway.

During June of 2000 the Wawanesa Cemetery was transcribed. This cemetery had been started several times by other than Branch members but had never been completed. Lorne Hill was to complete the printed transcription for MGS and would submit it when it was finished.

In October the Branch was privileged to have a visit from Lady Teviot from England who conducted a one day workshop on researching in

England. This workshop was open to the public and was well attended and informative.

Several new awards have been instituted by MGS and one of them is the "Florence Cox Award". In 2000 one of the recipients was Beth Wall. The presentation of the award was made to her at the December Branch meeting. This award is presented by MGSI for service to the Society over a period of time.

JIM WALL once again returned to the President's chair in 2001. During the year the Deloraine Cemetery was finally transcribed by a group of members from Brandon and Deloraine. This cemetery has been one of the last in the region to be completed; however, on a lovely day in June the transcribers were able to complete both Old Deloraine as well as the new cemetery. Once again, Lorne Hill took on the completion of the final transcribing of the cemetery and it was sent to Winnipeg by year's end.

We were privileged to have a display window at the Brandon Public Library feature the South West Branch for about four months in 2001. The window displayed books, the 1901 Census Index, *The LEAF of the BRANCH*, and pamphlets showing the work of the branch and MGS to the public who use the Library and Arts Building on Princess Ave. It was good that the display was not up earlier as there would have been just a month's exposure but since the Library was going to be moved, the display was kept up for the four months.

One of the most interesting programmes we have had in many years was a visit to Brandon's Court House in November. Donna Scinocca, Clerk of the Court, was our guide and she gave us a most interesting tour, taking us through the old building and then into the new which had only recently been completed. We not only saw the court house, but we learned a good deal about our justice system along with it.

In 2001 Branch Member Margaret Goodman was chosen by MGS as the recipient of the "Eric Jonasson Award" for outstanding meritorious service to the Society. We were most proud to have had Marg chosen for this award.

With 2002 and the 25th Anniversary of the Branch fast approaching, Jim Wall continued as President of the Branch. Marg Goodman led the Branch in its support to Senator Lorna Milne and

the committee fighting to have post-1901 census released to the general public. The branch, along with individual members, supported the committee with a money contribution when such was required. We thank you, Marg, for your continuing work in this area.

Perhaps the most trying event of 2002 concerned the change in our meeting place. In January we arrived at the Ag Centre only to be told the facility would no longer be available for our meetings. We worked quickly and are now meeting at Neelin High School. Our only problem here is school holidays which can affect our April meeting in particular. But we are enjoying our new meeting place and look forward to a continuing agreement with the Parks and Recreation Board to use these facilities.

As we looked toward our 25th anniversary, the members agreed to host a Genealogical Seminar in 2003. Under the chairmanship of Marg Goodman, the committee is well on the way to achieving a successful seminar in October of 2003.

The decision was also made to continue the 1901 Census index to include the R.M.s of North and South Norfolk and Westbourne. This will give us a natural border for the area the Branch has been serving.

2002 also saw the opportunity for the Branch to present itself and genealogy to the general public. The opportunity arose for a weekly column to appear in the *Brandon Shopper News* which is delivered weekly to 27,000 homes in the Westman area. With some trepidation, Beth Wall accepted the challenge of producing a weekly column of some 400 to 500 words. To date, we are happy to report there has been an excellent response from the community to the column. There are many people interested in genealogy in the area and our challenge will be to interest them enough in the subject that they will realize the tremendous support which genealogical groups can be when deciding to trace family roots.

In all, the first 25 years of the Brandon and District/South West Branch of the Manitoba Genealogical Society, Inc. has been an interesting, rewarding time for all the members who have been a part of it. We sincerely look forward to continuing to preserve the history of the area, aid those working to trace their family

roots and supporting each other in this addictive hobby.

(Excerpted from the SOUTH WEST BRANCH'S 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Booklet)

## ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

By Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

The February/ March issue of *The Beaver* magazine contains an article on the first Miss Canada and the competition which she won in February 1923 in Montreal. There were contestants for the crown from Winnipeg, Quebec City, Montreal, Sherbrooke, Regina, Halifax, Edmonton, Ste. Anne de Bellevue and Saint John, all of whom had accepted invitations from the organizing group.

The Montreal Winter Sports Festival, inspired by a contest in the United States, organized the event and made it clear that it was NOT to be a beauty contest, but an attempt to find a Canadian girl with an interest and involvement in winter sports. In Winnipeg, assurance was given that money would play no part in selection of Miss Winnipeg, that personality alone would determine the winner. Winnipeg was the first city to accept the Montreal invitation to participate in the contest and the *Free Press* noted that "the fixed thought uppermost in the minds of people in each city is to try and find a girl that will measure up to the standard taken for granted that Winnipeg will set."

The *Winnipeg Free Press* sponsored the local contest at which the first Miss Winnipeg was crowned, thus guaranteeing complete coverage of all the events which led up to the selection of the perfect young woman to represent the city. Because it was the first event of its kind, the rules were unclear and changed somewhat during the month of January 1923 when the local competition took place.

The original idea in Winnipeg was to have organizations such as sports clubs nominate young women who would fulfil the criteria of the Montreal group. Later these rules were changed, so that anyone, group or individual, could nominate appropriate candidates. In the end there were 67 "girls" entered in the Winnipeg contest, many of them supported by winter sports clubs. If their brief biographies are to be believed, a number of them were also possessed of

considerable athletic skills in many sports. There was some concern that a candidate skilled in ski jumping would win in Montreal, as this activity played a large part in the Sports Festival and that this would put a candidate from hill-challenged Winnipeg at a disadvantage, but this proved to be a groundless fear.

Each candidate had her photograph taken professionally. Over several days in January 1923, all of these photos were published in the *Winnipeg Free Press*. Brief biographies of each young woman also appeared. Indeed, it is seldom that so much notice was taken, and so much information offered about individual, ordinary women in the newspapers of the day. The candidates were as follows:

Marjorie Armstrong of Glenwood Crescent, Ella B. Atkinson, Annie Baker of 213 Edmonton, Eleanor Barber of Douglas Park Road, Dimples Barry, Ethel L. Berg of 315 Edmonton, Villa Bessason of 525 Maryland, Marguerite Bouttell of 138 Leighton, Emily Broster of 152 Aubrey, Isabell Brown of Ste. 11 Lanark Apts., Audrey Burns of 476 Agnes, Norma Burton of 22 Touraine Apts., Freda Bjornson of 10 Walhalla Apts., Edyth Chapman of 233 Langside, Gyda Colbert of 334 Nairn, Violet Conley of Cornish Court, Billie Crombie of 405 Kennedy, Florence Cross of 275 Wellington Crescent, Juliette Cusson of 482 Wardlaw Ave., Myrtle Dahl of Frank St. Tuxedo, Ada Dott of 110 Horace, Nora Ferguson, Nella Geraldine Foley of 22 Bellevue Apts., Annie Freeman, Betty Garvin, Ruth Garrett, Mabel C. Gerien of 181 Balmoral, Annie M. Gilroy of 169 Ruby, Gratia Gray of 287 Garry, Muriel Gray of Westminster Block, Marjorie Halling, Muriel Harper of Theodora Apts., Mary Harvie of 800 Beverley, Marian Henry of 65 Dunsmuir, Marion Halley of 544 Maryland, Ina House, Florence Howden of 125 Ethelbert, Florence Johnson of 1012 Paris Building, Alma Johnson of 524 ½ Sargent, Hazel Kessler of 540 Sherburn, Phyllis Lane, Gladys Leonard of 505 Camden Place, Sadie Mc Cormick of 5 Sharpe Building, Marjorie Mc Donald of 697 Strathcona, Helen Mc Enemy of 15 Bettes Block, Gertrude Mc Kay of Smith Court, Mary Mc Kush of 556 Anderson, Margaret Mc Laren of 291 Spence, Margaret Marr, Hazel Moffat of 15 Verona Apts., Kathleen Ogilvie of 468 Clifton, Ethel Owen of 517 Balmoral, Cecelia Pearce 1558 Pacific, Augusta Rea, Hazel Richardson, Lillian Ruff of 187 Mayfair, Mae Rutledge, Irene Simpson of 436 Maryland, Dorothy Slater of 8 Beresford Block, Nora Smith

of 650 Furby, Margaret Tait of 115 Hargrave, Beatrice Taylor of 21 North Panama Court, Lillian Teller of 37 Campbell Block, Edith Turnham of 1 Walldorf Apts., Stella Van Horne of 314 Colony, Irene M. Willis, Christine Womersley of 193 Roseberry.

The *Free Press* noted that, "each girl is young, each is winsome, each girl in her own way beautiful." Many of these women were clerks or stenographers in business offices. Several worked in millinery shops. One was a dental assistant, another a student. A number were sales clerks. Almost all lived in what we now refer to as the downtown area and the west end.

The competition began with a gala introduction to the public at the *Free Press Social Club* dance at the Fort Garry Hotel in mid-January. There were 2000 in attendance, among them the cream of Winnipeg society. The *Free Press* gushed, "the candidates presented a pretty picture in their filmy gowns of delicate hues, faces slightly flushed with the excitement of the moment as they passed down the stairway into the great ballroom through an aisle of interested and cheering spectators." During the following weeks, many of the candidates were feted by various social groups which used the opportunity to introduce their favorites to the public.

The selection process involved having the candidates appear before two separate juries, called the Elimination Jury and the Ladies' Jury. The Elimination Jury comprised five men, all bachelors, (their photos also appeared in the *Free Press*) whose job is was to pick about a dozen of the candidates who would be the finalists. These latter would then appear before the Ladies Jury, headed by Lady Aikins, who would make the final selection. The names of the finalists were not published, only the winner.

The *Free Press* hosted a dinner dance on January 20 for the candidates, their escorts and the Elimination Jury. Jury members circulated among the tables with the change of each course of the dinner, sitting one course at each table. Each of the candidates received a gift from the *Free Press* - a cut glass smelling salts vinaigrette with sterling silver top.

On January 24, all of the city knew who had been chosen Miss Winnipeg. Muriel Harper, known as Peggy, a 20 year old comptometer instructor, born in Rosser, Manitoba, was the selection of the Ladies' Jury. She lived with her mother in

Winnipeg, her father, G. Minto Harper, having died when Miss Winnipeg was but two years old.

Frantic activity followed. A poem, rather smarmy by today's standards, was written especially for Muriel. It began, "All Hail! Miss Winnipeg, our prairie flower," and ended, " Go east sweet maid and be Miss Canada."

A Durant sedan was loaned to Miss Winnipeg to facilitate her shopping spree which was eagerly promoted by the merchants who were donating the various pieces of her wardrobe. There is a photo in the newspaper of Muriel standing in front of the car, wearing an attractive snowshoe costume which was among the many outfits donated to her for the Montreal trip. Insurance policies were donated to cover loss and theft while she was in Montreal. A pin with the Winnipeg coat of arms was presented by the mayor of our city.

On the trip itself Muriel was to be chaperoned by Mrs. J. W. Sifton, accompanied by her husband, Major Sifton, the assistant to the president of the *Free Press*. The C. P. R. provided a private railway car to take Miss Winnipeg, Miss Regina, and their entourages to Montreal for the competition.

The great day arrived in Montreal after a week of activity which contained no opportunity for the contestants to demonstrate their athletic skills. Teas and other social events were the order of the day, much to the frustration of some. At the Saturday evening ball, Miss Winnipeg wore a geranium red dress with gold lace insert and a gold tissue scarf. Excitement was high as the young women awaited the results. The newspapers noted that the contest was between Miss Winnipeg and Miss Montreal.

But wait. When the announcement came, it appeared that neither of the favorites had won. Instead, Miss Saint John, New Brunswick, Winifred Blair, had been selected. According to the newspapers, this was not a popular decision. Apparently the judges, five men, had not wanted to offend the newspaper sponsors of both Miss Winnipeg and Miss Montreal by choosing one of their candidates over the other so they compromised with Miss Saint John.

On her return to Winnipeg, Muriel Harper expressed regret that she had not been chosen Miss Canada. She noted that she had fond thoughts of the people of Montreal and hoped to

visit that city again because she found it so different from the west. Then she slipped back into anonymity.

There were no more Miss Canada contests held until 1946. Such contests ended in 1992.

Sources: *Winnipeg Free Press*, January & February 1923; *The Beaver* February/ March 2003.

### **United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada**

The United Empire Loyalists' Association was formed in 1914 by the descendants of those who were forced to leave the Thirteen Colonies at the time of the American Revolution 1775-1783. Contrary to much current belief, these first refugees came from all walks of life, different ethno-cultural backgrounds and religious denominations. They gave our country bilingualism, our judicial, parliamentary and land-holding systems.

It is estimated that there are hundreds of thousands of descendants in Canada and, with the perpetual migration west, their descendants greatly contributed to the settlement of the western provinces.

The Manitoba Branch is actively involved in researching its members' Loyalist ancestry, studying life in Revolutionary times, and promoting the knowledge of the contributions of this group, estimated at over 35,000 people, to the foundation and growth of Canada.

### **UELAC Conference**

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada will hold its National Conference, hosted by the Manitoba Branch, at the Viscount Gort Hotel, Winnipeg, June 4-8 2003,

The Crossroads Conference will include the following activities:

Wednesday: registration and reception  
Thursday & Friday: "How To" workshops in the mornings and bus tours in the afternoon to Canada's Costume Museum and/or Winnipeg City tour with tea at Dalnavert. Thursday evening will see a debate by students of Saint John Ravenscourt school on whether Benedict Arnold should be recognized as a Canadian hero. (This

event is open to the public at a cost of \$10.00 per person and includes refreshments.)

Friday evening there will be a dinner at Fort Gibraltar with an 18<sup>th</sup> century fashion show and period dance.

Saturday: Association meetings during the day and an evening banquet at the Fort Garry Hotel with Dr. Michael Payne speaking on Loyalists in the Fur Trade.

Sunday morning: historic Westminster United Church will host a Loyalist church service, followed by lunch at the St. Charles Golf and Country Club.

For more information about the Crossroads Conference, please see our web site at [cbrary@uwinnipeg.ca/loyalist](mailto:cbrary@uwinnipeg.ca/loyalist) or contact Registrar Helene de Wit at (204) 633-1145 or [hgdewit@mts.net](mailto:hgdewit@mts.net)

For general information call Margaret Carter at 489-6954 or [jmcarter@mts.net](mailto:jmcarter@mts.net)  
Your call will be returned.

### **Essay Contest**

The Manitoba Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association and the Manitoba Historical Society want to hear why high school students LOVE CANADA. We are sponsoring an essay contest for S3 students in Manitoba schools with a prize of \$150.00.

The prize will be awarded and all essays will be displayed on the evening of Thursday June 5th, 2002 at the UELAC Dominion Conference at the Viscount Gort Hotel. The evening will feature a debate, **Benedict Arnold - A Canadian Hero?** with teams from St. John's Ravenscourt School.

### **Contest Rules**

1. **Eligibility** - All Grade 11 History Students in Manitoba are eligible to enter.
2. **Subject** - *Why I Love Canada*.
3. **Deadline** - April 30, 2003.
4. **Length and format** - The essay must be 600 - 700 words in length (3 to 5 pages) and typed or printed on standard 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper, double-spaced.
5. **Documentation and Presentation** -
  - a) The theme must be developed in a logical manner, using current and historical facts and data.
  - b) Legibility, style and grammar will be considered in the judging of these written entries.

- c) All entries must include a bibliography, title page and footnotes.
- d) Students are encouraged to use a variety of sources.

Send your entry to:

Essay Contest  
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## MEETING YOUR EXECUTIVE

Vice-President, Communications  
**Daryl Dumanski**, MGS#1031

I think I joined MGS just about 20 years ago & haven't stopped being involved in the society since. In 1983 my rather eccentric Aunt Mary who lived in Victoria, B.C. called me and asked if she could 'will' her genealogy to me as she had no children. Hesitantly I replied, "Sure, what is it?" After learning what she had enthusiastically been doing for years I agreed to take care of her work on my mother's Skene side & questioned my parents if anyone had ever done any research on the McCowan side. They said help yourself – there are two trunks full of stuff in the basement & I'm sure some of your grand aunts could help. Not knowing what to do with all this stuff I called my wise Aunt Mary. Her advice: "Join the local genealogical society, go to their meetings, get involved – it's not what you know, it's who you know!" And I've heeded her advice ever since. I've been an active member of M.G.S. & served in many capacities including President for the society & for the Winnipeg Branch of the Society.

I'm Daryl Lynn Dumanski. My maiden surname is McCowan. I have a lot of fun with my names when I'm giving beginners workshops. Not knowing me - my name reads as a Ukrainian or Polish man. Meeting me I'm suddenly a female with Scottish ancestry. I was born in Winnipeg on September 6, 1955 and raised in East Kildonan. I have 2 brothers, one older & one younger, both living in Winnipeg, & one younger sister living in Toronto. I've been married for 23 years & my

husband Edward & I have one daughter, Kyla who is 17 years old.

I don't yet have as much time for my genealogy as I'd like to have but I've already made a pretty good start on it in the last 20 years. I work part-time as an administrator for an art school – The Forum Art Institute (another non-profit organization) & having my degree in Interior Design I also do some design consulting. I am also a member of the East European Genealogical Society, the Tay Valley Family History Society in Scotland & belong to an active women's organization called P.E.O. that raises funds to assist women in completing their education. My other interests are ceramics & gardening. Life is full & I've been up against some health challenges over the years but with good family & friends I'm apt to keep getting involved in anything I have a passion for. Genealogy is one of them & I hope to continue my affiliation with the many people I've met in our heritage community.

Having said that please feel free to contact me if you have any recommendations for the society or would like to get involved in any of the Communications departments – the journal *Generations* that you have your hands on, Publications, Outreach, Publicity & of course in any capacity for our Branches of the society. I can be reached at home at 668-9366 or [ddportfolios@shaw.ca](mailto:ddportfolios@shaw.ca).

Vice-President, Finance  
**Nellie Larocque**, MGS #2297

I have had membership at MGS since about 1991. Like all of you it began with a quest to learn about all the people who had gone before me. Like many of you there are still mysteries.

I am married, mother to 3 adult children & grandmother to 3 grandsons. I am a hockey grandma since the two younger boys are hockey nuts. My education & background is Early Childhood Education. Since 1997 I have been affiliated with the Métis Resource Centre first as an employee and since Feb 1990 primarily as a volunteer.

In October 2001 I agreed to accept a position on the Board of Directors at Manitoba Genealogy Society. It has been, and continues to be, a learning experience.

## On a Recent Mailing List

----- Original Message -----

From: "Finance, Minister"  
<MINFIN@leg.gov.mb.ca>

To:

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2003 12:58 PM  
Subject: FW: MB Vital Statistics Index

February 13, 2003

Dear Ms.

Thank you for your inquiry about access to historical Vital Statistics information.

Manitoba Vital Statistics is developing a new web site. Along with information on its forms and services, the web site will include a searchable database with all vital statistics electronic records for births over 100 years, deaths over 70 years and marriages over 80 years.

These electronic records contain key pieces of information but not all fields of information are available. If clients wish to obtain copies of records identified through the electronic data, copies can be ordered from Vital Statistics. The web site will allow clients to choose records they wish to order and print an order list. The order list can be faxed or mailed to the Agency.

The web site is near completion. I am advised that staff is working towards a launch in early March.

Sincerely,  
"Original Signed by"  
Greg Selinger

Source: CAN-MANITOBA-D Digest V03 #41, Fri 14/02/2003

## Some Facts from the 1901 Scottish Census (Source: <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>)

3104 people held in prisons and police cells.  
4023 spent the night in barns, sheds, tents or caravans.  
The minimum age for marriage was 12 years for a girl and 14 years for a boy though such marriages were extremely rare.  
13,001 husbands absent from Scotland on the night of the Census.  
Over half the female population of Linlithgow was under 20 years of age.

41 people were 100 years of age and above (44 in 1891, 57 in 1881).

13,194 people lived in asylums as Lunatics or Imbeciles.

11,797 people took shelter in poorhouses.

## PERIODICAL POTPOURRI

Lori Walker. – MGS #1145  
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## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

*New Zealand Family Tree*, Vol. 34, #4

- Jackson brothers; Crimean War medals.

## CANADA

*Chinook*, Alberta FHS, Vol. 33, #1

- the Orange Society.

*Anglo-Celtic Roots*, Vol. 8, #5

- land registry records.

*B.C. Genealogist*, Vol. 31, #4

- some B.C. pioneers.

*Connections*, Quebec FHS, Vol. 25, #2

- military roots of 'dit' surnames; St. David's Lane of Montreal.

*Families*, OGS, Vol. 41, #3

- John Courtney; black settlers.

*Generations*, NBGS, Vol. 24, #4

- 98<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot 1803-18; cemetery MI's; 1764 Land Grant; William Wright.

*Halton-Peel Newsletter*, OGS, Vol. 27, #4

- Woods family; Harold Jackson.

*Lanark Co. GS*, OGS, August 2002

- Munro family.

*Leeds & Grenville Br.*, OGS, Nov/Dec 2002

- descendants of Elizabeth Martin and descendants of John Butterfield; some registered wills.

*Loyalist Gazette*, Vol. 40, #2

- tracing history in the Mohawk Valley; history of Buckingham Palace.

*Newfoundland Ancestor*, Vol. 18, #4

- Supreme Court of Newfoundland; Leblanc families; Huxter family.

- Nova Scotia Genealogist*, Vol. 20, #3  
 - Mikmaq genealogy; early Pictou Co. marriages; St. Allans, Vermont border crossing records.
- PEI Genealogical Society*, Vol. 27, #4  
 - "Spencer" passenger list of 1806; Colonsay & Oronsay census 1881.
- Relatively Speaking*, Alta FHS, Vol. 30, #4  
 - Harrison Fletcher Peters; Drysdale family; ship passenger lists.
- Saskatchewan GS*, Vol. 33, #4  
 - church records; 1901 census Doukhobor village index.
- COMPUTERS**  
*Genealogical Computing*, Vol. 22, #2  
 - family history on the Internet.
- EASTERN EUROPE**  
*East European GS*, Vol. 11, #1  
 - Ukrainian pioneers.
- Galizien German Descendants*, #33  
 - several articles on Josefsberg; several pedigree charts.
- ENGLAND & WALES**  
*Cleveland FHS*, Vol. 8, #9  
 - Staindrop parish; Turnbull; Register extracts.
- Cornwall FHS*, #106  
 - the hanky panky factor; medics.
- Derbyshire FHS*, issue 103  
 - Altree surname; John Lynam.
- Devon Family Historian*, #104  
 - Plymouth Huguenots; Luxton family.
- Family Tree Magazine*  
 Vol. 18, #12: - Burke's peerage; Channel Island migration; Kenning family; Charles Angus.  
 Vol. 19, #1: - Sir Henry Stapley; 1901 online census; Singapore records.  
 Vol. 19, #2: - surnames of N. London; looking for an unknown twin; marriages at sea.  
 Vol. 19, #3: - Tithes and their records; railway towns; ragged schools in Scotland; will of Samuel Bryant. (Editor's note – a very interesting article).
- Glamorgan FHS*, #68  
 - Royds/Entwistle families.
- Hampshire Family Historian*, Vol. 29, #2  
 - Dean family; plaques of ship manifests.
- Lancashire*, Vol. 24, #4  
 - 19<sup>th</sup> century schools in Ireland.
- Norfolk Ancestor*, Vol. 3, #4  
 - Parrinders of Walpole, part 2; Walston village; Robert Monument.
- Northumberland & Durham FHS*, Vol 27, #4  
 - Orman family.
- Oxfordshire Family Historian*, Vol. 16, #3  
 - Hornsey, Ell, Woodford, Harris/Cooper families; Pricket sisters.
- Suffolk Roots*, Vol. 28, #3  
 - Great Barton church; Quaker Records in NE Suffolk.
- Sussex Family Historian*, Vol. 15, #4  
 - Isaac Veness; James an Lade families.
- West Middlesex FHS Journal*, Vol. 20, #4  
 - lunatic records.
- IRELAND**  
*Irish Roots*, issue #44  
 - Irish in Italy; Powerscourt, Co. Wicklow.
- North Irish Roots*, Vol. 13, #2  
 - war memorials; vestry records; Lemon family; some Belfast business families.
- The Septs*, Vol. 23, #4  
 - Co. Roscommon; Carrick births 1840-81; surname list.
- ONE-NAME**  
*Journal of One-Name Studies*, Vol. 8, #1  
 - making use of the 1901 census; postcards.
- SCOTLAND**  
*Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS*, #85  
 - military history.
- Scottish Genealogist*, Vol. 49, #4  
 - battle of Glen Fruin; parish of Leswalt; Clan MacKellar, part 7.
- UNITED STATES**  
*Family Chronicle*, Jan/Feb 2003  
 - tracing an orphan; paternal DNA; ancestors careers.

**Minnesota Genealogist**

Vol. 33, #1: - guidelines for research; 1900 census of Bowbells Township, Burke Co., ND.  
Vol. 33, #2: - Owatonna State School orphanage and cemetery.

**New England Ancestors, Vol. 3, #5-6**

- disease and our ancestors; haemophilia; Springfield, Massachusetts records; Jason Howell.

**New England Historical & Genealogical Register,**

Vol. 156: - Middlebrook sisters; Reyner family; Edward Garfield; Martha Ellsworth; David Cheesborough.

**Oregon GS Quarterly, Vol. 41, #1**

- Thayer bros.; Lane Co. school records 1850-59.

**Seattle GS, Vol. 52, #1**

- Sager family; a revolutionary war record; the seven daughters of Eve.

**Using the 1906 Census**

By Bill Burland, MGS #3727

[http://www.archives.ca/08/08\\_e.html](http://www.archives.ca/08/08_e.html)

will open the National Archives site. Click on Archivia-net on-line resources. This will give you a list of what is available from the Archives. Here is a current list of research tools available:

General Inventory

Colonial Archives

Courts-Martial of the First World War (on-site only)

Diaries of William Lyon Mackenzie King

Documentary Art/02/020121\_e.html

Census Microfilm Reels from 1666 to 1901

Census of Ontario, 1871

Census of Canada, 1901

Census of the Northwest Provinces, 1906

Electoral Maps of Canada

Film, Video and Sound

Government of Canada Files

Cabinet Conclusions

Métis Scrip

Home Children (1869-1930)

Immigration Records (1925-1935)

Philatelic - Postal Archives

Philatelic Library

Photographs

Post Offices and Postmasters

Prime Ministers' Fonds

**Soldiers of the First World War (1914-**

**1918)**

**Western Land Grants (1870-1930)**

Several of these are of interest in using the 1906 census. Notice the "Post Office and Postmasters" entry as well as the "Western Land Grants" entry. Reference will be made to these later. To start using the 1906 census, just click on "Census of the Northwest Provinces, 1906".

Assuming that you have looked at the 1901 census on site, you should be familiar with how to manoeuvre the site. But, how to organize your search is different.

How do I search? Keep in mind that no census is complete with an index until someone prepares one. That can be a long and expensive process. Unless you want to wait, you'll have to be prepared to search line by line for your ancestors. To cut the work down, do a bit of preliminary preparation.

Try to figure out approximately (or even exactly) where your ancestors would have been in the spring of 1906, when the census was taken. If they were rural dwellers - farmers, etc. - they would most likely have been at home. So dig into your notes to see if you can find the land description of the farm. You will need to know the section and range numbers and relation to the meridians. Although this sounds confusing, I'm certain you've seen a farm site given as "NW 24 11 14 W". Given a land description like this, you are concerned with the last 3 groups - "W" (sometimes "W1") means west of the first meridian, 14 is the Range number (how far west of the meridian), and 11 is the Township number (how far north of the U.S. border).

The census is divided into provinces (only Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta), and each province is divided into Districts. Each district is subdivided into sub-districts. What you want to do is to locate which sub-district your ancestors were likely to have been in.

On the 1906 census site, there is an option: Census Districts and Maps. Click on this to bring up a search form. Their notes here explain the use of the land descriptions. Simply click on the province where your ancestors were living. You will be given a list of the Districts of the province (Alberta had 5, Saskatchewan had 7, and Manitoba had 10). If you know the district your

ancestors lived in, you will search that section. If you don't, you will search them all. What you search for is the land description you worked with above.

Under each District is a list of numbered sub-districts and a description of which regions each contains. For the site mentioned above ("NW 24 11 14 W"), W would likely be in Manitoba. (The first meridian runs roughly through Emerson and the second is basically along the border with Saskatchewan.) If I didn't know which District, I would scan them all looking for range 14 W1. When I found that, I would check the same sub-district for Township 11. When I had a match, I would mark down the sub-district number and the district number and name.

An example: In Manitoba, I would scan down the districts, looking for Range 14, then Township 11. I would eventually come to this:

District: 6 - Portage la Prairie [[view map](#)]

**Sub-District Number: Sub-District Description:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 | Townships 7, 8 in ranges 13, 14, 15, 16 west   |
| 2 | Townships 9, in ranges 13, 14, 15, 16 west, township 10 in ranges 14, 15, 16 west and the Town of Carberry |
| 3 | Townships 11 in ranges 14, 15, 16 west   |
| 4 | Townships 12 in ranges 14, 15, 16 west   |

Here, I am west of the 1st meridian (W1), in

Range 14, and Township 11. This is sub-district 3, of district 6. I would write those numbers down, and go back to the National Archives web site, 1906 census, and click on [Search the database](#). This brings up a search form in which I would simply enter the district number (6) and the sub-district number (3). The screen that results will give a description of what is on the pages made available. In this case, there is one section to search which has 21 pages. Each page may have up to 40 names on it, so there is still searching to do - but you have cut it down to a reasonable amount.

If you don't know the land description of your ancestors' farm, you can use a local history book, or the Crown Lands Index (available at MGS or in the Provincial Archives). (You should do this anyway to get the homestead papers - a source of much information on your ancestor.)

If you can't do these, but you know the post office

they used, the National Archives web site has a list of all Canadian post offices (mentioned above), complete with when they were established, who the postmasters were, and where they were located (land description!!) Using the land description you would locate the District and sub-district, as above, for the logical area to search. If that fails, search the sub-districts around the one containing the post office. For example, if I know someone was a storekeeper in Crandall, Manitoba in 1906 I could check the post office website for Crandall. I would find the Crandall, Manitoba, post office information and see that it was located in Township 13, Range 25 W. I would then check the Manitoba Districts to see where 25 W is and find it in Marquette District - number 5. Checking the Marquette sub-districts I would find Township 13, Range 25, is in sub-district 5. So, I would return to [Search the database](#), and enter District #5 and sub-district #5. This would bring up a list of about 43 pages to search.

Another source for land descriptions is also on the National Archives site as mentioned above. Use the Western Land Grants (1870-1930) entry to find the land description for your ancestor. If your ancestors were not in a rural area (farm or village) in 1906, your search method is slightly different. Try to locate a street address for them in the town or city where they lived. Then locate the Ward where that address would be (we have an appropriate map on the wall in the MGS Resource Centre). Knowing the city and the ward, go to the provincial list of Districts on the 1906 sites as above, and look for the District and sub-district numbers. For instance, suppose your family lived on Nassau Street in Winnipeg. A check of the map showed this was in Ward 1. The Manitoba District list gives Winnipeg as District 10, and Ward 1 as sub-district 1. So you would enter the District name as Winnipeg, and the district number as 10 to search in the Search the database form. This brings up information on all of Winnipeg. Look for sub-district 1 (you'd find there are 1A and 1B).

If the town is not subdivided into wards, it will be listed as a sub-district (or part of a sub-district) in the lists. Locate the sub-district number and use it. So, if your ancestor lived in Neepawa, Manitoba, you would scan the districts of Manitoba until you found Neepawa. It is in District 6 (Portage la Prairie), sub-district 18 (Town of Neepawa). There you would find 49 pages to search.

Some aids to simplifying your search for a District or sub-district number are provided on the Archives web site. There are maps of regions (just click on the sub-district number) which will show geographic features and main towns of the time. This can help you confirm you are in the right region. For the city of Winnipeg, for instance, the map shows boundaries of the Wards. Orienting yourself from the rivers and railway tracks, you can locate where the ancestors' street would be, and thus the Ward number to search.

Another aid is the computer you are using. Do a search for the nearest town and read the web site. Many of them give land descriptions of the original town site. To search around Olha, Manitoba, I did a search for St. Michael's Church in Olha (an Historic building) and got its land description. That gave me a starting point. Be prepared to use your knowledge of history and geography in doing a search.

When you get to the right page of the census, what can you expect to find? The detail is not as great as that on the 1901 census. There should be entries for Family number, Name, Sex, Relation to Head, Marital status, age, year of coming to Canada, Ethnic Origin, Post Office, Address (street & Number or Sec. Twp. Range), and info on livestock. Although not as detailed as the earlier census, this information can be an invaluable aid to locating more about your ancestors. The year of immigration, for instance, may help you narrow your search of ships' passenger lists. Place of birth will help with earlier searches. A child born in the region may lead you into church records and vital statistics.

Remember, most immigrants came with family members. When you locate your particular ancestor, look carefully at his household, and in neighbouring houses or farms. You may find siblings, parents, children, in-laws, nearby.

**The Swan Valley Branch  
has increased their fee  
from \$5.00 to \$10.00,  
effective January, 2003.**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Lynn Francis, MGS #2656, on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Kayla Jade, born October, 2002. A cousin for Angelica and Thayden.

#### **LIBRARY LINES**

By Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L

The following books have been put into the MGS Library - all have been donated by members and other interested persons. This is not a typical 'review' column and often the publisher is not even noted - many are no longer for sale. They will not be listed in any particular order. Names of donors are listed in the copies of the books.

*A Biography of Doctor Stepanie Petryk Potoski on the occasion of the Canadian Ukrainian Centennial 1891-1991*

by Paul Maluga C.Ss.R. Dr. Potoski was born in Winnipeg of immigrant parents. She received her M.D. from the University of Manitoba but with her husband, Dr. Peter Potoski, practiced medicine in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Interesting reading on medicine and the Ukrainian settlers to Canada.  
MGS # 947 Bio EUROPE

*A Small book of grave humour*  
ed. by Fritz Speigl. Comic and curious memorial inscriptions.

MGS #929.5 Sma GB&IRE

#### *A Journey together*

A history of the parish of St. Catherine Anglican Church, Bird's Hill, Manitoba 1914-1989. However, the era 1889-1914, the Beginning, is also covered.  
MGS #283 Easp Jou MANITOBA

*Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church. Oakburn-Brandon Parish 1984.*

A photographic directory of members through the years.  
MGS #283 Ukr MANITOBA

*Le Chaînon Vol. 19, #1, Printemps 2001.*  
Journal of the Société Franco-Ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie. One issue, in French.  
MGS #944 Cha EAST CAN

*The Michael Kirk at Gordonstoun School, Parish of Drainie, Morayshire* (Memorial inscription)  
MGS #929.5 Sco Mor GB & IRE

3 new indexes of Irish records (all GB & IRE):

*Index to Ardagh Wills.* MGS #929.3 Ire Ard  
*Index to Raphoe marriage licence bonds, 1710-1755 and 1817-1830* MGS #929.3 Ire Rap  
*Indexes to Clonfert marriage licence bonds, wills and administration bonds"* MGS #929.3 Ire Clo

*Black Hand at Sarajevo*  
by Henry Gilford. On the conspiracy that plunged the world into World War I.  
MGS #940.3 Gil GENERAL

*The Scotch-Irish: a social history*  
by James G. Leyburn. The book is divided into three parts: The Scot in 1600, The Scots in Ireland, The Scotch-Irish in America. The author says the history of the coinage of the term 'Scotch-Irish' is obscure. He explores this in some 8 pages in Appendix I.  
MGS #941.6 Ley GB & IRE

*Under Northern Lights*  
A local history book of the Saskatchewan R.M. of Nipawin covering Brentwood, Codette, Inkster, Nipawin Rural, North Armley, Pontrilas, Redwood, Sandwell, and Sunnybrook School Districts.  
Family histories. MGS #971.24 Und WEST CAN

*Gifts to create from your research materials.*  
A booklet with lots of suggestions as to the great variety of gifts you can create from all your family stories, anecdotes, and facts. MGS GENERAL

*Organizing the mountains of paper*  
Many suggestions and also ideas for forms to use. One sentence caught my eye - and one I need to adhere to 'First of all, consistency is most important'.  
MGS GENERAL

*Directory of members and surnames interests 2002" Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia.* A new directory for their 20th Anniversary.  
MGS EAST CAN

A number of telephone books -

Manitoba: *Interlake 1998. South West Manitoba 1988. West Central Manitoba 1993. Brandon 1993.*

Ontario: *London, St. Thomas, Goderich 1993-4. Owen Sound 1993-4. Stratford 1993-4. Brant,*

*Oxford, RM Halldimand-Norfolk 1993-4. Barrie, Orillia, Collingwood, Midland 1992-3.*

**Microfiche from the North Yorkshire and South Durham FHS:**

1. British Isles Genealogy Register 2000 - Address list and index for Yorkshire
2. British Isles Genealogy Register Index for Scotland
3. British Isles Genealogy Register 2000 - Address list and Index for Durham
4. British Isles Genealogy Register 2000 - Address list and index of Northumberland region

**Four Manitoba Local History books added to our collection are:**

MacDonald RM, *Sanford-Ferndale 1871-1987*  
MGS #971.27 MacD San MANITOBA

Riverside RM, *Riverside Heritage, 1896-1996.*  
MGS #971.27 Rive Riv MANITOBA

Riverside RM, *St.Felix de Valois, Dunrea Parish.*  
MGS #971.27 Rive StF MANITOBA

Winchester RM, *Deloraine scans a century, ... 1880-1980.* MGS #971.27 Winc Del MAN

From a gleaning of our journals I noted this for March. From New Brunswick *'Generation'* issue 39, March 1989, page 19:

"Nine Famous Irishmen". Condensed from the complete paragraph, this is about nine Irishmen who were transported to the Colonies after their death sentences for treason had been commuted by Queen Victoria. This was in 1848. In 1874 word was received by the Queen that one of the men, St. Charles Duffy, had been elected Prime Minister of Australia. Further research revealed that the other men did as well. Thomas Francis Meagher became Governor of Montana. Terrance McManus and Patrick Donahue both rose to the rank of Brigadier General in the United States Army. Richard O'Gorman became Governor General of Newfoundland. Morris Lyene became Attorney General of Australia, to be succeeded by Michael Ireland. Thomas D'Arcy McGee was a member of Parliament, Canada and became Minister of Agriculture. John Mitchell only became a prominent New York politician but his son was Mayor of New York at the outbreak of World War I. May I add that it is quite amazing

what one finds as they browse through the journals and newsletters we receive? I urge you all to take a look at our collection the next time you are in to the Library: Remember, the journals and newsletters may be borrowed for three weeks. They make great recreational reading as well as often providing us with clues to our research.

New materials received / reclassified materials:

## REFERENCE

### Books

REF 971.27 Came Ris Cameron RM. *Rise and fall of a prairie town. ...Lauder.* 1 vol. There is a complete 5 volume set in the circulating stacks.

Microfiche (all microforms are Reference)

MF 929.3 Bri. *British Isles genealogical register 2000. for Cleveland, North Yorkshire and South Durham only*

## MANITOBA

### Books (yellow section)

025.17 Win *Winnipeg City Archives.*

371 Wan Woo Woodlands RM. *Woodlands school memories.* 2000 reunion

947 Rad Radchuk. *I chose Canada.* A memoir.

971.004 Sea Sealey. *Métis: Canada's forgotten people*

971.127 Fri Friesen. *Guide to the study of Manitoba local history.*

## WESTERN CANADA

### Books (purple section)

370 Sha *Shaping the schools of the Canadian West.*

947 Kir Kiriak. *Sons of the soil*

971.24 Cha *Chain of memories.* Maidstone, Saskatchewan

971.24 Unk *Under northern lights.* Codette, Saskatchewan

## EASTERN CANADA

### Books (blue section)

929.5 Ont Wen Wentworth Co., *Hamilton city. Bartonville Cemetery*

929.5 Ont Wen Wentworth Co., *Hamilton city. Eastlawn Cemetery*

971.3 Ken Lak Kenora district. *Lake of the Woods Historical Society newsletter.* n.d.

971.3 Ken Ina Kenora district. *In a small way: Lake of the Woods Museum newsletter.*

971.4 Abs *Abstracts and index to 'Connections' 1978-1995* (Quebec FHS)

## CANADA

### Books (maple leaf section)

364.1 Pir *Pirates and outlaws of Canada*

## GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

### Books (red section)

355.1 Thi *Thin yellow line. WWI 1914-1918*

914.1 Ill *Illustrated guide to Britain's coast*

929 Han Handy book of family history addresses. 2000

929 Iri *Irish Genealogist* [periodical] of Irish Genealogical Research Soc.

929.5 Sco Abe Aberdeen. *Monumental inscriptions of New Machar*

940.1 Gro *Growing up in the Middle Ages*

941.4 Boo *Book of Dumfriesshire: history ....worthies*

942.3 Old *Old Devon*

## EUROPE

### Books (orange section)

944 Gen *Genealogy of the kings of France*

949.5 Gre *Greek Americans*

## **GENERAL**

### Books (green section)

808 Our *Our family tree*. On authorship - technique

907.2 His *Historians and the living past*

929.1 Tra *Trace your own roots workbook*

929.6 Wor *Wordsworth complete guide to heraldry*

978 Fro *Frontier living*

## **FAMILY HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY**

### Books (pink section)

929.2 Col 2 *Cole family. Salem, MA, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba*

929.2 Rei 2 *Reive family history*

## **MAPS**

Individual maps are usually shelved in large grey boxes within their geog'l area. Larger books of maps, atlases, are shelved as regular books.

### Manitoba:

912 Man Alex Alexander LGD. *Pointe du Bois*

912 Man Cold Coldwell RM. *Lundar*

912 Man Erik Eriksdale RM. *Eriksdale*

912 Man Int *Interlake region.*

912 Man Lang Langford RM. *Neepawa*

912 Man SAAA St. Andrews RM. *Selkirk*

912 Man *South Winnipeg and southern Manitoba*

### Ontario

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## **SOUTH WEST BRANCH REPORT**

By Beth Wall, MGS #1622

The past quarter has been extremely busy for the South West Branch. In December, despite a very

cool evening a good number of members turned out to listen to our own Marg Goodman speak once again on the proper etiquette for writing research letters. As usual Marg had something new to add and included in her talk some of the dos and don'ts when using email. At the conclusion of Marg's talk, the group enjoyed some Christmas baking and hot apple cider courtesy of some of the members.

January saw the committees for the 2003 Seminar and the 25th Anniversary busy with their individual projects. However, the regular meeting was one of the more interesting of the year with each member bringing some memorabilia from their family's story or some other historic item. It was a delightful evening and produced some new angles for members to check when doing their research.

But the highlight of 25 years association with the Manitoba Genealogical Society occurred on February 5, 2003 when some 70 members and friends gathered at the Canadian Inn in Brandon to celebrate. Under the chairmanship of Beth Wall, assisted by Shirley Erskine, Vivian Private and Joyce Limner, a delightful evening had been planned. The presence of MGS President Bob Stokes and wife Kathy added a special note to the evening. The cutting of the Anniversary cake by two early members of the Branch, Reta McMannis and Bemice Still, was followed by Grace given by a Past President Wayne Digby. There followed an absolutely delicious dinner with scrumptious desserts. The ohs and ahs from the diners certainly left no doubt as to how the attendees felt about the meal.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the RUTH TESTER MEMORIAL AWARD. This is presented annually to a member who, in the opinion of his/her peers, exemplifies the spirit of service to genealogy and the Branch. The recipient for 2003 was Margaret Cochrane. MGS #2661. We regret that Marg was unable to be with us for the presentation due to illness. However, Margaret Goodman in her short speech spoke of the work done during the compilation of

the 1901 Census Indices and her continuing column in *The LEAF of the BRANCH*. Marg Cochrane is truly a worthy recipient of the award."

The Designated Historic Sites of Brandon was presented by Heather Ewasuk. Heather is the Heritage Coordinator for the City of Brandon and has collected and edited a programme on the historic homes and sites of the City. The amount of detail she has been able to gather and include in the presentation added greatly to the knowledge we gained from her talk. The presentation included several buildings in the downtown area along with a number of homes and a stone wall which is located on the south side of 18th Street between Rosser and Princess Ave. It was indeed a far-reaching programme. She also included several sites that have been designated Heritage by the Province and this added to the whole evening.

Following the major presentation, the Branch Executive took over and presented a short fun time with a display of hats for use in researching your relatives. They ranged from a visor and magnifying glass to a gorgeous Persian lamb hat. All in all it provided some fun and showed the Executive at something other than their normal efficient business like selves.

The evening concluded with a Silent Auction which included everything from fresh baked buns to a gorgeous crocheted bed spread and included books a hand knit afghan, a hand knit shrug and a delightful child's blanket featuring a clown. All in all, the auction concluded a terrific evening under the chairmanship of the President, Jim Wall.

It has been a busy quarter but we look forward to our annual meeting in March at which time new officers will be elected for the coming year.

**The next MGS Council meeting will be held April 12, 2003. This is a change of date.**

#### **IN SYMPATHY**

To the family of Barrie Cochrane, MGS #3216, on the death of Marg Cochrane, MGS #2661, on February 8, 2003 in Brandon, Manitoba.

To Adele McDonald, MGS # 951, and family on the death of her husband, Donald McDonald on December 3, 2002.

To Linda White, MGS #2129, and family on the death of Linda's father, David Proctor, on November 28, 2002 in Winnipeg.

To the family of Joan Curle, MGS #4144, and husband, Reg, on the death of Reg's brother, Wade Curle, on January 2, 2003 in Winnipeg.

To the family of Blane Ryan, MGS #1816, who passed away October, 2002.

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### **PATTERSON**

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### **McPHAIL/BARNUM**

Looking for descendants of Maria (McPhail) Barnum, b March 31, 1834, Murray Twp, ON. Maria died November 14, 1911, Keys, MB. Married Almon Barnum 1857 in Ontario. They had 5 children: 1) Ida m Erwin Brown 2) John "Jack" m Mary Craig 3) Hugh m Delilah Boice 4) Phoebe m George Finlay 5) Malcolm m Esther Sanders.

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### **RAYMOND**

William J. Raymond, son of John and Amelia, b. March 10, 1852 in Toronto, m March 7, 1877 to Mary McDonald, dau of Donald and Frances; d. February 10, 1901, Scarborough, ON. William worked as a station agent in Scarborough. Chn: John (Jack), 1880, Fanny, died young, 1882, William jr. 1884, Victoria (Vicki), 1878 – died in 1908 as a result of a fire near Alexander, MB. After his wife's death, William senior and family moved to a farm near Alexander, MB. William jr may have lived in Winnipeg.

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### **MOLLAND**

James Molland, son of Philip and Jane, b 1844 England. Md 1) Agnes Conn, dau of James and Ann, in 1865 in ON. She died 1873 in ON; Md 2) Ellen Sutherland, dau of William and Margaret, in 1875 in ON. She died 1891 Neepawa, MB; Md 3) Emmeline Pogue, dau of George and Mary Ann, in 1892 at Lucan, ON. They lived near Neepawa, MB. George died March 18, 1900 near Neepawa. Family included James, William, Ethel, Eva Nary, Olive (1894) and others.

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### **MAELBRANCKE**

Searching for Irene Maelbrancke, born May 11, 1911 in Wingene, Belgium, daughter of Sylvere Albert Maelbrancke and Elizabeth Roose. Irene came to Canada with brother Odiel on April 21, 1920 and was naturalized at the same time as her father in December of 1922. Her parents had arrived earlier in 1914. The family lived in Napinka (1914-1918) and Guynemer (1919-1923). It was about this time that Irene left the family and was never heard from again. The family later moved to Essex County, Ontario.

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### **TREFFRY**

Looking for John Treffry, spouse Margaret Elizabeth Colbert, Edwin post office area, 1906 census places at 16/11/8/W1. Seeking marriage c1900; John's death between 1906 and 1930.

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### **McCARTHY**

Thomas Henry McCarthy (b May 29, 1864, Peterborough, ON and d July 18, 1938, Winnipeg, MB), married Jane Estella (Jennie) Morgan (b

May 29, 1864, Peterborough, ON and d June 25, 1947, Winnipeg, MB). He was president of Portage la Prairie hockey club between 1918 and 1921. Is anyone aware of any sources regarding this club?

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#### HARRIS

In 1904, Alfred Harris emigrated to Canada and settled in Winnipeg. Worked for many years for MTS as a cableman. Married Nell and had 3 daughters/2 sons. One daughter, Joy, married KD McDonnell in 1938/9 and went to live in BC. One of Alf's brothers, Fred, also emigrated late in life, just after WW 2, possibly to join his son Frank.

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We have invited Representatives from the Molecular Genealogical Project in Salt Lake to come to the MGS Seminar October 17-19, 2003 in Brandon. They will come at their own expense if we can guarantee them 200 participants each with a fully complete 4 generation pedigree chart. We knew that was highly unlikely but in collaboration with the Family History Centres in Brandon and Winnipeg, we are optimistic that we can.

### **What is the Molecular Genealogical Project?**

The Brigham Young University Molecular Genealogical Research Group is building a genetic-genealogical database intended to be a valuable (indirect) resource for genealogical investigation. The MG study links individuals together in "family trees" based on unique identification of genetic markers. This can be done by using the information in individual's or population's DNA, to determine the relatedness of individuals/families/tribal groups/populations, pedigrees based on genetic markings can reveal relationships not visible in genealogies based only on names, written records or oral traditions. A genetic identification is unique and can discriminate between closely related individuals or those with the same name. Since DNA is inherited and each individual is the product of his/her progenitors, DNA can be used to identify members of the same family, the same clan/tribal group/population. In order to make the database as informative as possible, more than 100,000 people from at least 500 worldwide populations will be included in this study over several years. Persons over 18 years and older from all geographic and ethnic backgrounds may participate in this study. Each participant will need to provide:

- a) at least a complete 4-generation biological pedigree chart with names dates and places of birth
- b) a DNA/saliva sample
- c) a signed consent form, which will be available in advance at the seminar.

The entire process takes less than 10 minutes. Participant privacy and confidentiality is ensured throughout all

aspects of the study. Representatives from the project will be at the seminar and will present an overview, answer questions and collect samples. While it won't provide tangible benefits to individual genealogists participating in the project, it has great implications for future research.

For more information, there are a number of sites on the Internet under genetics + genealogy.

**LOOK IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF GENERATIONS FOR MORE INFO ON THE UPCOMING SEMINAR IN BRANDON IN OCTOBER.**

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