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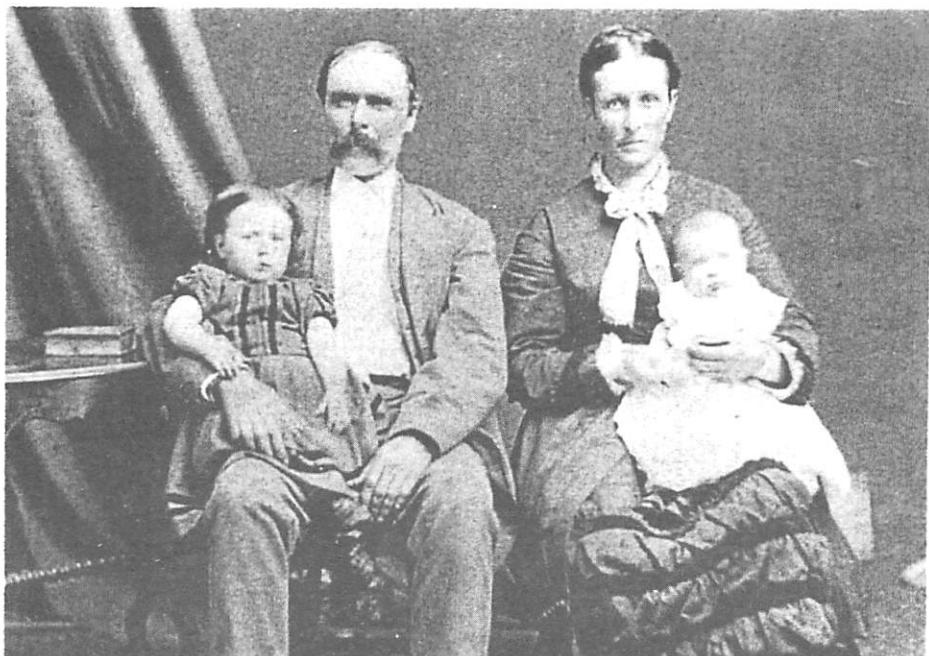
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Ephraim & Sarah (Hawthorn) MacNeill  
with daughters, Mary and Margaret  
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## **Unearthing Clues in Manitoba**

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A little over a year ago, I began searching for my great grandmother Emma MacNeill's ancestors. For starters, all I knew was that somewhere back in the beginning a commoner MacNeill married the Duke of Argyll's daughter in Campbellton, Scotland, then paid for passage to the Carolinas. According to family history, the ship's captain was bribed to take the Scotsmen and their families to Prince Edward Island to help settle the unsettled land.

In addition to this oft told tale, I knew too, that Emma MacNeill had a baby sister named Helen, who had married John Paton Davies and they had been missionaries in China. During the Boxer Rebellion, Chinese servants had actually saved their lives, carrying Helen to safety as she had just delivered a son. Another sister had married a Scott and lived in Winnipeg for some time.

Then there was a sister named Sadie who married Samuel Wood, a tailor in Alberta. And I knew that the family lived in Treherne, Manitoba for many years. Somewhere back in the line, a Hawthorn had married into the family, but that was all that I had knowledge of.

I felt that the story of the Duke's daughter might have been known by other family members of one of the

branches, so I posted a message on the Prince Edward Island Rootsweb.com message board. To my delight, I received a response from a distant cousin right away! He had a copy of a letter in his possession that listed Emma as a daughter of the writer of the note...Ephraim MacNeill "Was she married to a Leroux?" he asked. "And who were her siblings? Was there any connection to a Hawthorn?"

I hurriedly wrote back all that I knew, which was to say, very little, however it was enough to make the connection. Sarah Hawthorn was Ephraim's wife and they were my Great-grandmother Emma's parents. Afterwards, I found Ephraim's marriage to Sarah through a posting I made on a Hawthorn message board. Someone responded saying that there was an excellent Canadian Hawthorn webpage. And there, I not only found Ephraim's marriage to Sarah, but also that the webpage owner was a distant cousin, but this would take considerable digging before learning that.

So now I knew that Ephraim and Sarah had married in Greenock Twp, Bruce County, Ontario in 1859. Ephraim and Sarah and their growing number of children were listed in censuses for Greenock from 1861 through 1871. I'm still not certain when Ephraim and Sarah and their children moved to Manitoba, but by the 1901 census, Sarah and son, Edgerton, were listed.

Ephraim was listed in *Lovell's Directory of Manitoba and Northwest*, for 1901, but not on the census, listed with her husband, Charles Roux, and twin daughters, Louise and Loretta. Loretta Wayne Roux was my grandmother. Either Mary or Margaret married Thomas Scott and when Loretta was about 17, she lived with them in Winnipeg while attending stenography school. They had a daughter named Elizabeth, who was Loretta's first cousin.

Great-grandmother Emma MacNeill had married Charles Roux around 1896. He was listed as having immigrated to Canada in 1891 according to the 1901 Canadian census, but further research revealed that Charles had actually lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana until 1895 where he had first settled with his family after emigrating there from France in 1878. Emma had worked as a domestic for a well-to-do family in Chicago and had attended the World Trade Fair there in 1893. Supposedly, she met Charles in Chicago while he was dressed in the uniform of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. They married in Manitoba, we assume, as there's no record of a marriage for them in Chicago or for Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their twin girls were born in Portage la Prairie in 1898, where Charles was a successful butcher. By 1901, they had joined Emma's parents and brother, Edgerton, in Treherne.

Charles loved to gig race and would take buying trips to Montreal for his butcher business. There, he bought French porcelain dolls for his daughters and chocolates for their mother. Emma and Charles also had a son, Gordon, born

five years after the girls. When Charles was out of town, Gordon, known as Don, brought goats into the house to chase his older sisters. With the girls screaming and Emma scolding, they would finally get Don and the goats back outside. In 1912, Charles ran off with Emma's cousin and later, it was learned by his daughter, my Great-aunt Louise, that he had ended up in Calgary with the cousin and two more children...a boy and a girl.

The problem I've run into in determining who Emma's cousin was is that I can find no record of siblings for her father, Ephraim MacNeill. His parents, Duncan MacNeil and Jane Campbell, vanished! Duncan was born in Prince Edward Island, and was either the son of Charles MacNeill and Elizabeth Matthews or James MacNeill and Elizabeth MacLean. One of Charles's sons, Malcolm MacNeill, and his wife, Margaret Taylor, and their five sons and daughter, all ended up in Greenock Twp at the same time that Ephraim lived there. But there's no record of any other MacNeills living in the town. I do have a list of all of Sarah Hawthorn's siblings, but none of the daughters were unaccounted for! So that leads me to believe that the cousin was a MacNeill. And in Treherne in 1901, there are more MacNeills living there, one who was also born in Prince Edward Island, and who was about Ephraim's age, possibly a brother.

Then, I discovered Charles living back in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1918...with a wife, Mary Jean F. Burgess, a year older than Emma and born in Ontario also. Could she have been the cousin?

Mary Jean died in 1925 and her obituary indicated she was survived by sisters, F.T. Hinch and Ada Gillies and brother, George Burgess...but no children were listed. If she had a child by Charles in 1913, he or she would have been only 12 at the time of Jean's death. It would have been odd that they were not living with the mother at the time of her death. I found Charles's son, Gordon, living in Calgary from 1933-1935. Charles himself lived there from 1930-1932, and another Roux, Samuel, in 1935. Perhaps he was the son of Charles and Emma's cousin.

During WWI, Emma's daughter, Louise, took training to become a nurse and while working at the local hospital, she came down with the flu that was in epidemic proportions already. When she didn't return home, Emma and her daughter, Loretta, (Louise's sister) hurried over to the hospital to see what had happened to her. They found her lying in one of the hallways on the floor on a makeshift mattress as all of the hospital beds were already full. Emma and Loretta took Louise home and nursed her back to health and that was the end of Louise's nurse's training! It would come in handy later, however, as she took care of Ephraim before he died in Treherne.

Loretta worked as a secretary for a general officer for a Military Police Unit in Winnipeg and while there met Russell Stanley Welsh, a medical doctor who was giving physicals for new recruits. They married a year later and moved to Alberta. Louise also married and moved to Alberta. Edgerton, the only surviving son of Ephraim as three of his sons

had died very early on, took over Ephraim's farm and sometime after 1901, he married Frances C. Drury. The two were buried in Woodlands Cemetery in Treherne. I've never found whether they had any children or anything else about their existence.

Emma had moved to Alberta to be near her daughters. Louise and Russell and their daughter, moved to Oregon so that he could practice medicine in the States. I've never found anything further on Mary/Margaret MacNeill married to Thomas Scott. Sadie, or Sarah as she was listed in all of the censuses, and her husband, Samuel Wood, lived in Alberta and never had any children. Another of the MacNeill girls, Amanda, was married to George Booth, but I've never discovered anything more on them either. It seems as though the eight children who made it to adulthood, vanished along with my Duncan McNeill and Jane Campbell.

And what of the Duke of Argyll's daughter? The Campbell Society assures us there's no truth to the tale, but at least two of the branches of the MacNeill families were approached by Scotland Yard when the last of the Duke's line had died out in Scotland. My great-grandmother, who had set up her home to board folks in Treherne when Charles disappeared said that it was quite a story in little Treherne when Scotland Yard came to see them! Many more descendants of this family that had taken root in Prince Edward Island know of some version of the story of the commoner MacNeill and the Duke of Argyll's daughter. How can so many of us, who have never known one another,

living in places all over Canada and the United States, share the same tale? DNA testing could probably prove the story one way or another, but for now, I'm just as content to find out who Emma's cousin was!

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### **FAMILY DOCUMENTS OF THE PAST AND FUTURE: Part 3, Cards and Letters**

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I have in my possession postcards from my mother's family going as far back as 1905. The oldest is Sept 28 '05 from Mitchum sent to Mrs. Blackwell, 15 Briggs St. Poplar E London, and signed R. Blackwell. He was my great grandfather Richard Blackwell, and the Mrs. Blackwell must have been a daughter-in-law as my great grandmother had died in 1903 and my grandmother, age 19 in 1905, would have been "Miss Blackwell". She had two older brothers who may have been married by 1905.

Another card sent from Beckenham (UK) Dec 11 09 to Mr. E.C. Askew c/o King Edward P.O. Winnipeg, a Christmas greeting signed "Hatty", reflects my grandparents move to Canada in 1907/8 and to Winnipeg in 1909, where they lived in the St. James and Brooklands areas. "Auntie Hat" ('At, Grandad called her) married in 1912 and her new husband George sent a card to Mr. & Mrs. E. Askew c/o Dickens P.O. Weston on Sept 20, 1912. An un stamped card of 11/12/10 to "Will" from "brother & sister Charlie & Kay" would have been sent with a letter. It mentions "your new home". Uncle Bill Blackwell was

Grandma's younger brother who immigrated with her family to Winnipeg in 1908/9 and enlisted in World War I at age 18. This card was sent by an older brother "Uncle Charlie".

Two cards were sent by Grandad to Grandma and to Mom, then age 5, when he was overseas in England with the Canadian Army about 1917 or 18. These cards are not dated or stamped, but were sent with a letter and other cards to each child. You can see that if a person has other information, quite a lot can be deduced from old postcards.

A lot of people don't save cards and letters, but our family has saved a lot, at least from certain periods. I have a collection of my parents' correspondence just before their wedding in July 1938, and when I and my brother Ken were born in July '40 and Dec '42; also some letters from family in Winnipeg, etc., to their farm near Chatfield in the Interlake, between 1938 and 1944, and three letters from my Uncle John in the RCAF in WWII. Most of the other letters and cards run from c.1950 to 2000, chronicling the events of both sides of the family. I have also retrieved copies of letters from both my grandfathers and two of my wife's great grandfathers from the homestead files in the Provincial Archives. Such letters can supply a wealth of family history, e.g., the letter Grandad Askew wrote the Soldiers' Settlement Board in 1920 describing his movements to his homestead and back between 1910 and 1919.

Not all my cards and letters are from our own family. About 1980 when I was in

Thompson I was given a bundle of letters someone had found in garbage: 29 letters addressed to a Mrs Richards in Iowa between 1896 and 1908, which I stuck away with my stamp collection. Then about three years ago I began to collect photographs and postcards I found in antique shops: these opened a neglected social history resource. I try to restrict them to local documents up to 1945, but I have acquired some interesting ones from Saskatchewan. Sometimes a series of cards follow a family for a generation: the Courtlands of Victor St., the Ketchisons of Mulvey Ave., the Fergusons of William Ave., the Howards of Parkview, other families in Morden, Neepawa, etc., some cards written in other languages. I usually avoid the "collectors item" cards priced at \$5, \$10 or more, and I don't care where it comes from or its condition, as long as it's readable and addressed to Winnipeg or southern Manitoba. So far I have over 130 cards, mostly addressed to Winnipeg, almost all identifying the addressee, some dating to c1905. Eventually I hope to document, trace and publish the individuals and families addressed for the purpose of genealogical research.

Once, when I was finding some old cards, my daughter Caroline said, "Dad, you shouldn't be reading other people's private mail." "Yeah? This mail is 80 years old, and the families gave it up to an antique shop. It's fair game."

## ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

Fires are frightening. Today we are fortunate because our heating systems are less fraught with danger, our fire fighting methods are more effective, our buildings are built to modern codes. But this happy situation has come about over many years. We still have in our province buildings which are old and susceptible. And even now, the prairie fire remains a danger, particularly in times of drought.

The latter part of 1895 saw terrible fires of both kinds. The prairie sky lit up with advancing flames and caused the deaths of several people. In Winnipeg the Cauchon Block fire also resulted in loss of life.

Mid October of 1895 was marred by large prairie fires and death. The *Manitoba Free Press* of October 14 describes vividly the destruction. Residents of the western part of Winnipeg thought that a building in the area was ablaze, Abut it was soon evident that the smoke originated from a prairie fire... little did citizens realize that within a few miles of their homes, great damage was being done and lives were being sacrificed to the ruthless flames sweeping over the country.

Baldur and Oakville were very hard hit as were Carman and La Salle. At Blythe-field, Mr. Nellow lost all his hay, as did Messrs Barnes and Ross. Near La Salle, Isaac McIntyre had all his stacks and buildings burned. David Rodgers Sr. had 16 stacks of wheat burned. In the Oak Bluff region, only two farmers, Warrington and Pelly, entirely escaped

the destruction. Mr. West lost hay and grain, a shanty and a stable and, as well, was burned about the hands and face. Other losses of hay and grain were suffered by Messrs. Russell, Casselman, Chapman, Wishart and Buckingham. Such was the power of this fire that it burned out the bridge at the Blythefield turn on the Macdonald grade, along with two culverts.

David Tait of Headingley, accompanied by a young lady, was driving west of the Glenboro branch railway when the fire confronted their wagon. The horse shied and threw the passengers from the vehicle, leaving them to walk, whereupon they were overtaken by fire. Mr. Tait was burned about the hands, arms, face and head; the lady less severely.

Also along the Glenboro line, two men lost their lives. The section gang at Barnsley unsuccessfully attempted to check the fire. Foreman Thomas Honan died on the railway tracks. Edward Lukyn ran to the station, covered with burns to which he succumbed the following morning.

Honan was married and lived with his wife and family in the section house at Barnsley. Edward Lukyn had come from England about four years previously and left a wife and child in England.

Also burned to death in the prairie fires was Arthur, the 12 year old son of Pierre St. Germain. He was at the home of his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. A. Gondrie, on the banks of the La Salle River west of St. Norbert. Arthur and his older brother were attempting to save the hay stacks on the farm, but disappeared in the

evening. The next morning the brother appeared at the farmhouse in terrible condition, his clothes in flames and his body badly burned. Farmers set out to locate Arthur and found his remains near burned over haystacks not far away. The brother was not expected to survive the ordeal.

A spectacular fire blazed through the early morning in the city of Winnipeg and is described in detail in the *Manitoba Free Press* of 17 December 1895. The three storey Cauchon Block on Main Street burned, resulting in two deaths. More than 200 people were caught in the fire, some wearing only night attire. The one staircase in the building was blocked by flames, fed by the draft from the elevator shaft next to it. Thus residents of the building were forced onto their window ledges, from which some leaped before firemen were able to affix their ladders to the building. Members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons assisted firemen in their tasks, and citizens opened their homes to the refugees from the fire. Those who lived in the back part of the block were able to leave over the roof of an adjoining building and were thus able to save their belongings and themselves.

The room at the top of the elevator shaft was occupied by Major and Mrs. Morrice who became the two victims of the fire. Major Morrice apparently left his room and worked his way down the hall, where his body was later found, he having died from smoke inhalation. His wife=s burned body was later recovered. Many people were forced from the building during the blaze, among them, Mr. L. Bickle of the Manitoba Plumbing Company, who did much to assist in rescue efforts. W.L.

Tait, an architect, lived in a suite with his wife and three children. They escaped by ladder. Other residents who managed to escape by various means were Mr. Lawler of the *Tribune*, Major and Mrs. Street, Miss Gouin, Mrs. A. Holloway, A. S. Rowbotham, E.S. Jacques, Miss Turnock, teachers Hattie Lunn, Misses Talbot, Holiday, and Earl, and the families of Joseph Martin, M.P., T.J. Sims, D.M. Calder, and Mr Cranston, picture framer, to name but a few. Mr. and Mrs. Baby also escaped, but Mrs. Baby suffered injuries which, fortunately, did not prove fatal.

The Cauchon Block, itself, was not completely destroyed. Apparently the entire southern part of the building would be saved. It was a miracle that there were only two deaths in the conflagration.

#### Lifelinks Software Questions

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I have just downloaded LIFELINKS and have run across a few problems.

1. When adding illnesses, the notes I input stay the same for ALL the illnesses and I can't seem to create individual notes to go with each illness.

2. Is it possible to add my own illnesses? Not all the illnesses in my family are listed in your pulldown menu so what do I do? For instance, there is no osteoarthritis just rheumatoid arthritis or would OA come under Muscle Skeletal

Disorders as would Fibromyalgia? But then if I can't make notes for each illness what do I do to explain what disorders refer to our family.

I am trying out GeneWeaver right now too and I wish your program would allow GEDCOM imports to save all the re-typing like GeneWeaver does. Hope you can help with the illness questions?

Thanks for your message.

#1. Health Notes do relate to each person. Lifelinks Illness Codes and the Health Notes keep ancestral medical histories brief. They are taken from the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems that is used by the World Health Organization. Medical records in Canada and the USA on the other hand function on a different set of codes. Both are lengthy whereas Lifelinks codes usually avoid variations. See the list on the Internet. Apart from ease of entry, the uniformity of data concept is needed for voluntary participation in professional demographic studies.

#2. We list additional illnesses like osteoarthritis if they are common and would seem to warrant increased family attention or research. An update to existing software will include the code M15. Meanwhile enter the general code "M", Age at onset, then write "M15" or "M/osteoarthritis severe" eg. as part of the Health Notes. Click Family Medical History report and scroll for details and a Summary.

#3. On the question of GEDCOM data imports, some data may be copied into

Lifelinks Genealogy Notes with the highlight, copy and paste commands. These notes may be edited for printing as individual reports most people like for a family binder. Genealogical collections help to build a Lifelinks file that promotes individual and biological focus with space for noting eventual credit to each ancestor.

Lifelinks is not limited to 4 generations, about 75 people records. It just makes sense to set an objective of 4 to 6 levels of biological ancestor history and open separate files for lines that go beyond. We hope you will meet more ancestors with Lifelinks.

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## **OUR SYMPATHY**

Doreen Massie, MGS #3996, and family on the death of Doreen's father, Lawrence Wake on February 10, 2002.

**MGS has noted, with much regret, the deaths of two past presidents within little more than one month.**

Don Hyde, who served as president from 1991 to 1993 and who spearheaded the Resource Centre move from Lombard to Notre Dame, died just as *Generations* went to press in December. He had been ill for several years. Don was an accountant, a quiet man with a great sense of humour. He was only 50 at the time of his death. Our sympathies are directed to his wife, Colleen and his two sons, Chris and Drew.

Ernest McCallum was MGS president from 1985 - 1987. Although he lived in Carberry, he was active in MGS activities, as well as within SouthWest Branch where he chaired a very successful seminar, among other things. He submitted several books of his research to the Resource Centre. After retiring, he lived in British Columbia until moving back to Manitoba to be near his children. He died in Mitchell, Manitoba in January. Ernest is survived by daughters Deirdre and Fiona, sons Ian and Clyde and several grandchildren.

## **NOTES OF INTEREST**

The Manitoba Government issued a press release recently indicating the measures they have taken to improve security for vital records such as birth certificates.

Vital Statistics has strengthened its issuing practices by increasing the amount of information required to validate people=s identity when they apply for vital certificates. VS has also instituted new procedures to verify the authenticity of third party applicants before issuing documents.

Penalties for providing false information when applying for vital documents will be punishable by fines of up to \$ 50,000 and possible imprisonment.

Manitobans were cautioned to protect their vital documents from being lost or stolen by keeping them in a safe place until needed.

Manitoba now has a database of over four million vital events registrations.

The *Globe and Mail* of February 16, 2002 contains a special supplement about the National Archives of Canada. It is an informative and attractive collection of articles about the National Archives, including two pieces about genealogy and family history.

Particularly noted were indexes now on the Internet including the 1871 Ontario census index, a list of home children sent to Canada from Britain between 1859 and 1930, a list of post offices and

others. The digitization of the 1901 census is underway, but does not yet appear.

There is news of a new resource.

The National Archives, in co-operation with Canadian Heritage, is developing a new initiative to better serve Canadian genealogists, the Canadian Genealogy Centre. This Centre will offer services, advice and research tools in both official languages; it will also serve as a portal to all genealogical resources held in Canada using the community-building power of the Internet. It will respond to the rising demand for seamless access to genealogical services and digitized collections. Genealogists, who make up a large part of the National Archives= clientele, will have so much to choose from!

This ambitious project will be carried out over three years. There are already plans to start up a web site in the fall of 2002, when Canada's first national genealogy conferences will be held.

In establishing the Canadian Genealogy Centre, the Archives will be working in partnership with other archives, libraries and historical societies. The Archives will also hold many consultations with its target clientele to ensure that the Centre meets the needs of geographically dispersed Canadians to access records and services from across Canada.

The saga surrounding the release of "post 1901" censuses continues. The Environics polling organization was commissioned to cross Canada to obtain views of citizens regarding the census

release. This was done by two methods - focus groups and presentations before a member of the Environics firm. In Winnipeg, we were able to make presentations.

On behalf of MGS, President Bob Stokes appeared before the facilitator from Environics at the Fairmont Hotel, the most expensive in town (note our tax dollars at work here) to state our views, which are well known to all MGS members. We met in a room which could easily hold more than 100 people. There were no more than 15 in attendance, six presenters and the remainder, observers. MGS made its appeal for speedy release as the first presenter, saying we were very tired of having this matter debated repeatedly. The second and third presenters agreed with our stance. We had to leave before the other presenters came forward.

The facilitator questioned Bob at length, suggesting that information appearing in the unreleased censuses could prove embarrassing to families, information, for example that someone could not read or write. Although the facilitator repeatedly mentioned that he was nothing more than a gatherer of information, he appeared to audience members as more of an advocate for non-release.

Just before the hearing began, a paper was distributed entitled An Option Regarding the Release of Census Records compiled by Statistics Canada. It would allow access to post 1901 censuses only through staff at the National Archives and would allow only basic information to be given about one's direct ancestors. Applicants for this

information would have to identify the individuals about whom they sought information and would be subject to penalties (not defined) should they disclose this information to other than their immediate families. Historians would be subject to peer review before attempting to obtain information.

The facilitator continually pushed this option paper, even though it was the subject of much scorn from the presenters we heard.

Questions arose about the tremendous burden that would be placed on staff at the National Archives and the costs that would arise. Who would pay such costs? Why should Canadians have to go to such lengths to obtain this information? It insults our intelligence.

The option is unworkable. It surely was written by someone who knows nothing about genealogical research. It belongs on a dusty shelf somewhere along with forgotten Royal Commission reports.

In the meantime, we can but hope that the delaying tactics by those opposed to census release will soon cease (along with the waste of public monies on this issue) and that we will be able to view the 1906, and next year the 1911 census, to which, according to several legal opinions, we are entitled.

#### **FAMILY DOCUMENTS OF THE PAST AND FUTURE: Part IV, Photographs** Dan Spurrill, MGS #1345

Old photographs are a necessary part of family history, if you can identify them.

Some are fortunate to have identifiable photos going back 150 years. Most are lucky to have century-old family pictures (or copies!), especially if our ancestors were poor and moved around a lot.

The oldest photos I have are of Dad's paternal grandparents, Margaret Agnes (Johnston) and William John Spurrill. Great grandfather Spurrill died at 60 in 1900 (his gravestone appears on *Leaf of the Branch* Jan.'91) and the picture shows him much younger and so must have been many years earlier. I also have photos of Mom's maternal grandparents, Richard and Emily Blackwell; she died in 1903. His photo shows an older man (he lived till 1935). All four were studio portraits. I also have four photos of Dad's family taken at their farm near Dunrea, MB about 1912/13 (#1). Dad looks about 3 or 4 and he was born in 1909. They got their own camera about 1917 when they moved to St. James and several photos date from those years. Mom's family had only studio "postcard" photographs before 1925. One of them, an unidentified baby, is said to be uncle "Freddy" Askew who died in infancy in Stratford ON about 1909. A baby picture of Mom's is from 1913, and one of Grandad Askew in uniform is from Dec. 1915 when he enlisted (#2). From 1925, when the Askews moved to Winnipeg, there is a continuous collection of family photos to the present. My Aunt Elsie inherited Grandma Askew's photograph album, and after she died her son asked if Mom could identify the older photos. At 86, Mom was still able to recognize most of the subjects although they were "long dead" relatives in England Mom had never seen. Passing on family traditions

and frequent perusal of family albums help fix memories in our minds, but ultimately, writing information on the back of photographs makes it permanent.

How many family photos end up in antique shops! And how many (rootless?) people buy them to display as "instant ancestors"! That's like the old European noble families who traced their ancestors to Roman patricians and to Biblical patriarchs. I started collecting old photographs, and collections, for another reason: local history. I try to get them with names and some Winnipeg connection: at this point I have well over 100, some from estates, some picked up in garbage or found in old houses. The following example shows a WWI era car in front of the Lockport Bridge (#3). The girl second from right is in another picture with "sweet sixteen 1922" on the back, suggesting that she was born c1906. Photographs of her continue into the 1960s as a grandmother. I believe her name was Freda and that she lived until about 1998, when I acquired the collection from an antique dealer. Six of the photos suggest a Winnipeg location, and several cards are for Jewish festivals. Why would a Jewish family allow their heritage to be sold to an antique shop? I expect to scan all the pictures for the Jewish Archives (together with two other Jewish families), and eventually make all this information available to MGS, but it takes time to process.

Here is another example, from a house near the Exchange District. The photo is taken in front of the Wasagaming Museum (#4), I think in the late '30s. I

knew the building from other pictures. Several photos seem to be from the same place and time, judging by the faces and clothes. Eighteen photos are in this collection, dating from pre-1914 to 1950. One says "Port Arthur 1946". Another small collection of "postcard" photos records correspondence between an English family and relatives named Howard on Parkview in St. James between 1919 and 1944. In this case at least the family is named, as is the Taylor family in a 1907 collection from Crystal City. Another collection purports to have come from a house on Rathgar Ave., but it's hard to make any connection between the photos themselves, let alone any location. A few of these photographs I have identified with people in directories, but again that is time-consuming, if engrossing, work.



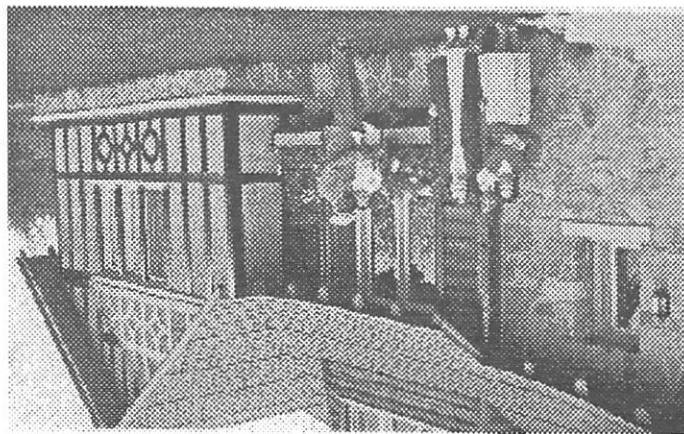
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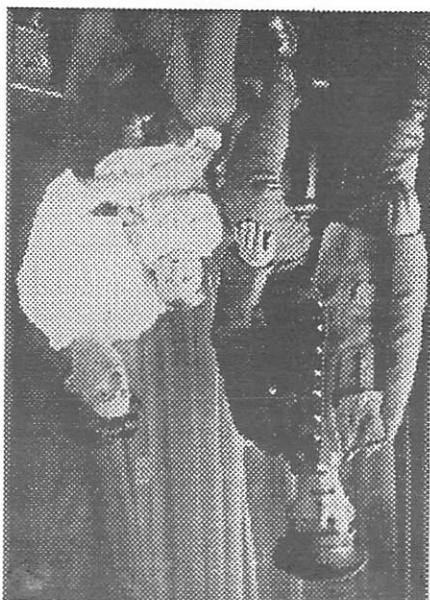
#4) Family picture in front of Wasagaming building, 1930s.



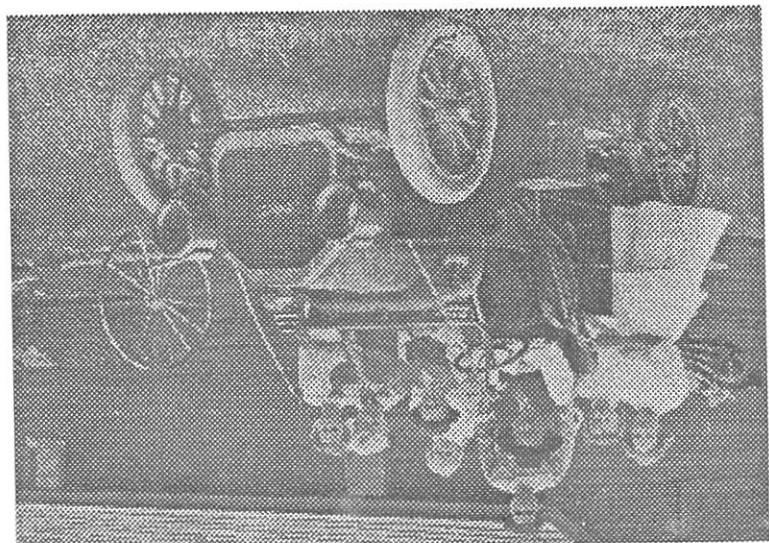
#3) Family picture at Lockport c.1915



#2) Edwin C. Askew, wife Alice, baby Elsie Winnipeg, December 1915



#1) Aiden T. & Kate Spurmill family, Dunrea 1912/1913 Sarah, Kathleen, Alice, Tete, Leo, Cara (l-r)



## **GENEALOGY TOP 50 QUOTES**

Submitted by Barrie Atkinson,  
MGS #2116

1. My family coat of arms ties at the back... is that normal?
2. My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.
3. My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!
4. Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
5. My hobby is genealogy, I raise dust bunnies as pets.
6. How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE??
7. I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.
8. I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.
9. I'm searching for myself. Have you seen me?
10. If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help...
11. Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!
12. It's 2001... Do you know where your Gr-Gr-Grandparents are?
13. A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.
14. A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.
15. A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
16. After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted
17. Am I the only person up my tree... sure seems like it.
18. Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples.
19. Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?
20. FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
21. Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but we love it.
22. Genealogists are time unravelers.

23. Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide... we seek!
24. Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
25. "Crazy" is a relative term in my family.
26. A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor.
27. I want to find ALL of them! So far I only have a few thousand.
28. I should have asked them BEFORE they died!
29. My ancestors are giving me "Bad heir" days.
30. I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the JUNE flower.
31. Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.
32. Share your knowledge; it is a way to achieve immortality.
33. Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!
34. It's an unusual family that hath neither a lady of the evening nor a thief.
35. Many a family tree needs pruning.
36. Shh! Be very, very quiet.... I'm hunting forebears.
37. Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors!
38. That's strange: half my ancestors are WOMEN!
39. I'm not sick, I've just got fading genes.
40. Genealogists live in the past lane.
41. Cousins marrying cousins: Very tangled roots!
42. Cousins marrying cousins: A non-branching family tree.
43. All right! Everybody out of the gene pool!
44. Always willing to share my ignorance...
45. Documentation... The hardest part of genealogy.
46. Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!
47. Genealogy...will I ever find time to mow the lawn again?

48. That's the problem with the gene pool: NO Lifeguards.

49. I researched my family tree...and apparently I don't exist.

50. "So...Luke has a sister." - Darth Vader

## **PERIODICAL POTPOURRI**

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### **CANADA**

*Chinook*, Alberta GS, Vol. 22, #1

- Philip ainty – shipbuilder & smuggler; old causes of death.

*Generations*, NBGS, Vol. 23, #4

- Greenwood cemetery MI's; Charles Peters; Courser family; McKinney family; descendants of Captain John Ford; passengers to NB 1833.

*The Journal*, Victoria GS, Vol. 24, #4

- Colin McKenzie; Loyalists of New Brunswick.

*Manitoba History*, #42

- Duff's Ditch; murals at the Royal Alexandria Hotel; William Kennedy – voyageur.

*Newfoundland Ancestor*, Vol. 17, #4

- Nfld. houses and their people; government records; Edward Warren, Richard George and Hunt families.

*Nova Scotia Genealogist*, Vol. 19, #3

- school records; NS Highlanders memorial; vitals from Kings Co. newspapers 1866-99, O-Z, cont.; Loyalist refugees from NY 1783.

*Ottawa Branch News*, OGS, Vol. 35, #1

- censuses; the Hudson fortune; Lyon family.

*PEI GS Inc.*, Vol. 26, #4

- strays in the 1901 B.C. Census, part 1.

*Quebec FH Connections*, Vol. 24, #2

- Lucy la Tour.

*Relatively Speaking*, Alberta GS, Vol. 29, #4

- John Colthart & family; passports.

*Saskatchewan GS*, Vol. 32, #4

- research in Belgium, part 1; McCormell shipping lines; photography; Irish civil registration records.

*Timberline*, Upper Ottawa Valley Gen. Group, Vol. 12, #6

- Edwards family, part 2.

### **ENGLAND & WALES**

*Cornwall FHS*, #102

- Mary Fowler; Vivian family; Treneer family.

*Derbyshire FHS*, Issue 98

- vine cottage; Slater and Derbyshire families.

Issue 99

- life of St. Chad.

*Devon Family Historian*, #100

- James Thorne; Prothesa as a forename.

*Family Tree Magazine*,

Vol. 18, #1

- Boys Brigade, part 1; Italian ancestry; probate valuations; FTM, version 8.

Vol. 18, #2

- settlers in Grenada; wills in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; Royal Australian Air Force prisoner of war records from WWII; deeds; Boys Brigade, part 2.

Vol. 18, #3

- Walker family; Scottish samplers; Internet resources; Patagonia to Saskatchewan.

Vol. 18, #4

- 1901 census; divorce indexes; asylums; Queen's Lancashire regiment; Michael Sheen, British graves in Eritrea.

*Genealogists Magazine*, Vol. 27, #4  
- wills of Mile End Old Town; Hearth Tax of 1664; convict tattoos; King Simeon of Bulgaria ancestry; Huguenot descendants in Australia.

*Glamorgan FHS*, #64  
- Nicholas family.

*Hampshire Family Historian*, Vol. 28, #3  
- blacksmith William Heighes; Dummer & Hopkins families; West Saxon genealogy.

*Lancashire*, Vol. 23, #3  
- Sarah Bleasdale.

*Metropolitan*, Vol. 24, #1  
- black and Asian Londoners 1536-1840; Clerkenwell explosion; removal orders St. Anne, Soho.

*Northumberland & Durham FHS*, Vol. 26, #4  
- Kipper John Wodger; Stokell, Large & Slater families.

*Suffolk Roots*, Vol. 27, #3  
- Rougham village; St. Mary's Church in Rougham; Gross, Slater and Webb families; Moses Webb descendants, part 2; John Worwell; Thomas Freeston family.

Vol. 27, #4  
- village of Boxford; workhouses, part 1; origins of a surname; Rodrigo family; immigrants to New England 1620-50.

*Sussex Family Historian*, Vol. 14, #8  
- Blast & Fenner family; Daniel Steer.

## EUROPE

*East European Genealogist*, Vol. 9, #4  
- spelling variations in names.

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- Kaczyka, a Catholic Parish in Bukovina.

Vol. 10, #2  
- Korner family.

## IRELAND

*Irish Genealogical Research Society*, Vol. 3, #6, 7, 8  
- early newspaper articles; master shoemakers of Dublin (#7).

*Irish Roots*, #40  
- Lynch sisters of Nanago; refugees and blacks in Ireland; John Steinbeck's ancestry

*N. Irish Roots*, Vol. 12, #2  
- Edgar family in Ulster; Stutt family.

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- Butte, America; Irish immigration pattern; surname list.

## ONE-NAME

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- review of the National Burial Index; Whitehouse surname.

## SCOTLAND

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- clan Mackellar; Anne Murray of Pitfirrane.

## UNITED STATES

*Canadian-American Journal*, #6 & 7  
- list of great grandparents of contributors.

*Galizien-German Descendants*, #29  
- the Jews of Galicia.

*Minnesota Genealogist*, Vol. 32, #2  
- Ernest Oberholzer; gossip columns as a source.

*New England Ancestors*, Vol. 2, #5 & 6  
- photos in your family history; 17<sup>th</sup> century probates in Middlesex Co., Mass.

**Vol. 3, #1**  
- 17<sup>th</sup> century town records of Scituate, Mass; institutional research; the Port of Hamburg.

*New England Historical & Genealogical Register*, Vol. 155  
- William Haswell; Thomas Burnap; Thomas Hett origins; John Robinson; Derehough family; persons at the Home for Aged Colored Women of Boston 1860-87, part 2.

*Seattle GS Bulletin*, Vol. 51, #1  
- researching ancestors from a small town; medical records.

## **LIBRARY LINES**

Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567

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### **Book Reviews.**

Some of these books have been in the library a few months and I apologize to the donors for being so slow to write about them.

*The Stevensons. From Glasgow, Scotland to Ontario, Canada and West, 1842-2001.* ed. by Joyce Stevenson Elias, St. Norbert, Manitoba. ISBN 0-

968381-0-3. Contact Joyce through the MGS Library.

The Introduction acknowledges others who were actively involved in the publishing of this very professionally produced family history, specifically Eric M. Stevenson of Beachburg, Ontario. This book begins with the story of Matthew Stevenson who was born in 1814 to William Stevenson and Margaret Wilson. They were cotton spinners (part of the weaving industry in Glasgow during the Industrial Revolution). Matthew married Grace Bennie and they immigrated to Upper Canada (now Ontario) about 1842 and settled near Beachburg. Their descendants now live in other parts of Canada (including Manitoba) and the United States. Everyone will be fascinated with the story of 'the shipwreck' at the beginning of chapter 1. The book has many photographs, clear charts, maps and a complete name Index. Chapter 8 is devoted to copies of letters which were exchanged between family members in Scotland and North America between 1842 and 1898 - truly an amazing historical, as well as family, record. MGS FH&BIOG 929.2 Ste2.

*A Record of the Descendants of Gustavus and Jane Stevenson, Fermanagh County, Ireland and York Township, Ontario by John Charles F. Stevenson and Louise Mary Stevenson.* originally c. 1993, Rev. 2001. ISBN 0-9694542-4-4.

This is a record of a Stevenson family from Ireland to the fourth generation. It is an accompaniment to 'Stevenson Family Tree' compiled in 1984 by Robert W. Stevenson and his daughter, Darlene. Gustavus and Jane (Stinson) Stevenson arrived in Canada about 1819 and settled in York Twp., York Co., Ontario

where they remained for their lifetime. Each of their nine children and their descendants are dealt with in a separate chapter in this book. These descendants are now scattered across Canada, including Manitoba, and the United States. There are photographs, lineage charts, copies of old letters and various records. There is a complete name index. If a person was born a Stevenson, the Index also shows a reference number which will assist in locating this person in lineage charts, photographs, etc.

MGS FH&BIO 929.2 Stev

*John Taylor Family History of Meadow Lea, 1881-82. and William Taylor, Meadow Lea, 1835-1898*, edited by David E. F. Taylor.

This is a short, very concise, personal history of two brothers and their families who settled in Meadow Lea in the Woodlands area of Manitoba. John was born in Lincolnshire, England in 1832 the son of another John Taylor and Mary Smith. William was his younger brother and in 1854 the two of them immigrated to Canada, settling in Stanley Mills, Gore Twp. North of Toronto. John married Margaret Raine and they had 3 daughters. In 1881 they moved to Meadow Lea. Tragically, all but John died when their house caught fire in March 1882 during one of Manitoba's worst blizzards. William married Marietta Jane Plummer and they moved to Meadow Lea in 1874. William and Marietta raised 10 children. One of their sons, Fawcett Gowler Taylor, was leader of the Conservative opposition in the 1920s.

MGS FH&BIO 929.2 Tay

*McKone-Smith Family History.*  
Robert McKone was born in Thorndale, Ontario in 1864 and came west as a youth to settle in the Neepawa,

Manitoba area, later moving north to Glensmith, later renamed Kelwood. In 1894 he married Emily Jane Smith, daughter of Samuel Smith, born in Arthur, Ontario. They had 12 children, some of whom died in their youth, but in 1967 five daughters were still living. Some of the families these children married into were: Johnston, Madill, Jarvis, Watson and Angus. During the early part of the 20c Robert operated a threshing machine in the fall and went breaking land and into construction the rest of the year. One feature is the colour coding used for each family.

MGS # FH&BIO 929.2 McK3

*Michael Sherbinin in Winnipeg: a preliminary study*, by the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in Canada, Winnipeg. 1994. Michael Sherbinin's name has been briefly noted in various publications. George Woodcock wrote about him exclusively in terms of his pedagogical activities among the Saskatchewan Doukhobors. Some have concentrated on his Ukrainian connection when he taught pre-matriculation classes at Manitoba College, and his granddaughter, Vira, concentrated on his missionary and social work in the poorer sections of Chicago. Then there is Edmund Heirer's book on 'aristocratic Russian religious dissenters' of the 1880s which show him as Count Scherbinin, disciple of Lord Radstock and acquaintance of Leo Tolstoy. This booklet is a start to examining this remarkable personality. Much of his life story and his works are still held by the Sherbinin family archives. He was born Mykhaylo Scherbynin in 1856 in the Ukrainian village of Karachiwka. His father's family was of North Russian extraction but his mother's family was from South Russia. His parents divorced when Michael was 2 and he was raised by his

mother, Barbara Sushkow, in Obozniwka in the province of Poltavas. Sherbinin came to Winnipeg in 1904 to work in missionary work amongst the 'foreigners' in the north end of the city. His mission was located on the east side of Main Street between Magnus and Burrows. This mission was strictly non-denominational and Sherbinin collaborated with any individual or institution who or which shared his Christian cosmopolitan ideals. This will be interesting reading for anyone.

MGS FH&BIO 921 She.

*Huscka, Huska, Huska Family History.* A collection of family historical information. This was printed in 1997 in Menlo Park, California, USA but there have been updates of some sections. This copy was donated by a family member who 'inherited' the book (three ring binder) but due to space limitations decided to see if MGS wanted it. It is a collection of data on the children of Ferdinand Huschka and Johanna Therese Hakala. Ferdinand was born in 1939 in Dittersford, Bohemia (now in the Czech Republic) to Franz Huschka and Barbara Richter. Ferdinand and Johanna immigrated to North America settling near Iowa Falls, Iowa. They and their family first moved to the Dakota Territory, then some of them to Felton, Minnesota, on to near Starbuck, Manitoba, and then to Battleford, Saskatchewan. Most of the 11 children of Ferdinand and Johanna married and raised families - some staying in the United States and some in Canada. The family names having married into the Huschka family are: Kessler, Caroon, Specht, Finn, Hall, Croft, Doolittle, Rexford, Eisenbarth-Arndorfer, Young-Robertson, Philips, Wells, Barr. For some of the 11 children there are biographical sketches of their children

There is no index but there are numerous photographs and copies of various documents.

MGS # FH&BIO929.3 Hus

#### *Redford*

Edited by R. S. Redford, Winnipeg, Manitoba. ISBN 0-9689359-0-7. E-mail Mr. Redford at [rayredford1@home.com](mailto:rayredford1@home.com) (shaw.ca?) for more information.

The book covers the many family names connected to Redford. Divided into 4 main parts, each part begins with a descendant's chart.

Part 1 The Redfords, with charts from John Redford 1740-1809.

Part 2 The Paynters with descendant chart from Thomas Paynter and Edith Carey from 18c.

Part 3 The Bentleys with a descendant chart from George Bentley and Ruth Barbert 19c.

Part 4 The Breitkreitzs, with chart showing the descendants of Johan Kowalski, the grandfather of Karoline Kowalski born 1846 who married Godfreid Breitkreitz. Redfords originated in Lincolnshire, England with the emigrant James Henry going to Springfield, Minnesota, USA. They and the other families moved across Canada and the United States to such areas as Tantallon, Saskatchewan; Moosehom, Manitoba; Omagh, Ontario; Niles, Michigan. There are many photographs, some in colour, a very detailed table of contents as well as a complete name index.

MGS # FH&BIO 929.2 RED

#### *Sutcliffe Chronicles*

by Iva I. Sutcliffe with assistance from Edna Laidlaw, 1994. ISBN 1-55056-282-7.

'The Sutcliffe surname had a locational meaning "Dwellers of the South Cliffs of England" The family here starts with

John Sutcliffe of Yorkshire, England who married, about 1820 to Susan Ingram. One of their sons, Greenwood, born in 1833, immigrated to Canada and settled at Douro, Ontario, near Peterborough. He married in the mid 1850s to Mary Ann Newton Northey, and they had four children before she died in 1866. Greenwood remarried to Mary O'Brien and they had two children. After the early history the book is divided into chapters by family. The names covered are: Tate, Mullin, Hartley, John William Sutcliffe, Forbes, Watson, Cook, Hetherington, Hunter, McWhirter, Pierce, Todd, McGregor and Hopkins - some of these names are, of course, families that married into the Sutcliffes. Many of these persons moved from Ontario to Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Some Manitoba places mentioned are: Reston, Melita, Virden, Pine Falls, Pipestone. Numerous photographs.

MGS # FH&BIO 929.2 Sut

*All in A Row: The Klassens of Homewood [Manitoba]* by Katherine Martens. Published by the Mennonite Literary Society in 1988.

Katherine Klassen Martens, the daughter of David D. Klassen and Susan Heinrichs, was one of 15 children. David D. Klassen was a well known Mennonite minister. The book has charts and some family relationships but it is mainly reminiscences and history of the family. The first four paragraphs outline the 4 different families which were joined when David and Susan married. There are: Susan's maternal families, Wiebe-Harder and her paternal families, Heinrichs-Falk. Then David's maternal families, Abrams-Henrichs and his paternal families, Klassen-Schellenberg. An Appendix does give some detail of the Klassen family as immigrants to

Manitoba. It was written by the author's great grandmother, Maria Schellenberg Klassen in 1933 and starts with their arrival from Russia in 1878. They settled in the East Reserve in the vicinity of Grunthal village and she writes of those early days - all in all an interesting account.

MGS #FH&BIO 929.2 Kla

**Correction.** In December 2001 issue of *Generations* on page 7 I stated that the book 'Back to the land' was in REF 333.3. It is really in REF 912 Bac.

### New Materials received.

### REFERENCE

Some of these are 2nd copies and there may be a circulating copy.

REF 015 *Out Out of the shadows: bibliography of women in Manitoba*

REF 016.971 *Dor Intro. a l'étude des Franco-Manitobians* by Dorge

REF 287 *Pra Prairie spirit: ...heritage of the United Church in the West*

REF 362.16 *Tho 100 years of caring, ...Convalescent home in Wpg. 1883-1983*

REF 610.73 *Per BGH - 100. Hist of the Brandon General Hospital 1883-1933*

REF 615 *His History of the Faculty of Pharmacy (Univ. of Manitoba) 1899-1999*

REF 912 *Man Atlas of Manitoba*

REF 912 *Map Map of Western Canada*

REF 920 *Can Tomorrow's past: a century of Manitoba teachers*

REF 921 Mac Hugh John Macdonald  
REF 921 Ross Charlotte Whitehead  
Ross

REF 971.27 Arth Mel Arthur Mun.  
Melita's tales and trails...

REF 971.27 Corn Bra Cornwallis Mun.  
Brandon Hills story

REF 971.27 Lake Alo Lakeview Mun.  
Along the crocus trail (Langruth)

REF 971.27 Mini Chr Miniota Mun.  
Chronicles of Crandall

REF 971.27 Nort Lak Northern regions.  
Lake Winnipeg: route of adventurers

REF 971.27 Rhin Gre Rhineland Mun.  
Gretna, window on the northwest

REF 971.27 Rive Riv Riverside Mun.  
Riverside heritage, 1896-1996

REF 971.27 Rock Han Rockwood Mun.  
Hands across the Meridian: Brant-Argyle

REF 971.27 Shem Myd Shellmouth  
Mun. My dear Maggie: letters...pioneer

## **MANITOBA**

Books (yellow section)

266.792 Mis Mission to Little Grand  
Rapids: life with the Anishinabe, 1927-  
1938

282 Obl Oblate Father's centenary in  
Western Canada 1845-1945

287 Fif Fifty years of union, hundred  
years of history. (Portage la Prairie  
churches)

289.7 Ber Bergthaler Mennonites

368 Cen Century of service: story of  
Portage Mutual Ins. Co. 1884-1984  
658.8 Bay The Bayonet: ...Hudson's Bay  
Co.

912 Man Atlas of Manitoba

971.004 Riverlots and scrip: elements of  
Metis aboriginal rights

971.27 Nort Gra Northern region. Grand  
Beach: the grand old days

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Winnipeg: route of the adventurers

971.273 Pet Petite historie du voyageur

## **Videos**

Video 971.004 Dan Dances of the Metis

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## **WESTERN CANADA**

Books (purple section)

370.7 Nor The Normal light. Yearbook  
Sask. Normal School 1947

971.004 Fre 'Free people -  
Otgipemisiwak" Batoche, SK 1870-1930

971.2 Wil Wilderness of fortune  
(Northwest Canadian history)

971.24 Dia Diary of Alexander James  
McPhail

## **EASTERN CANADA**

Books (blue section)

929.3 Wat/Wat Waterloo County, ON.  
Waterloo county marriages, births and  
burials 1840-1849

971.3 Ken/Ear Kenora District, ON.  
Early settlers of Rat Portage - an Index

**CANADA**

Books (maple leaf section)

289.7 Jah 2 Jahrbuch des allgemeinen  
konferenz der Mennoniten in Canada

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Bereinigtgen Mennoniten gemeinden in  
British Columbien

289.7 Men Mennonites in Canada,  
1786-1920

289.7 Sub Subjects or citizens?  
Mennonite experience in Canada 1870-  
1925

325 Lis List of passengers per T.S.S.  
"Saturnia" from Glasgow to Quebec and  
Montreal 8 June 1912

325 Rol Roll of transportation in  
Canadian immigration 1900-2000

383 Reg Representatives of all active  
members of the pension plan (Canada  
Postal services)

**GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**  
Books (red section)

016.929 Lib Library section (of the  
'Genealogists Magazine')

274.2 Cha Chapels and meeting houses

283 Com Companion to the English  
parish church

914.28 Dar Darlington (Durham):  
photographic history

941.6 Fam Familia: Ulster genealogical  
review

942.21 Eas East Surrey FHS.

942.3 Wil Wiltshire dissenter's meeting  
house certificates and reg. 1689-1852

942.6 Cam Cambridgeshire

**GENERAL**

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289.7 Smi Smith's story of the  
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977.1 Ohi Ohio lands: a short history

**FAMILY HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY**

Books (pink section)

921 Mac Alexander Mackenzie and the  
northwest

921 Ros Charlotte Whitehead Ross

921 Ruh Reverend Philip Ruh

929.2 Bod Bodle, Claude James, 1886-  
1980

929.2 Kla All in a row: Klassens of  
Homewood

929.2 McK 3 McKone-Smith family  
history

929.2 McL 2 Homespun through the  
years: McLeod, Jackson, Dyck  
chronicles

929.2 Red Redford family history...

929.2 Sut Sutcliffe chronicles

929.2 Wes 2 Westrop family story

## **IMMIGRATION AND/OR EMIGRATION PASSENGER LISTS**

There are few passenger lists available in Canada before about 1890. A recent web site which has come to my attention has the names of some early immigrants to Canada. While the site is primarily for Lanark Co., Ontario, links from the site lead to other counties and even to other provinces. The records, some as early as 1817, have been taken from misc. records at National Archives by various individuals. Even I found it easy to access so give it a try  
<http://www.100megsfree3.com/granny>

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### **HUMOR: SPELL CHEQUER**

Warning to Computer Genealogists:  
Dew Knot trussed yore spell chequer  
to fined awl you're misteaks.

### **A Travelling Fool in Hartlepool**

Jim Rutherford, MGS #2632

In early October of 2001, I left my very comfortable accommodation at the Norton Hotel located at Seaton Carew just steps away from the expansive sands on the beach just down the east coast of Durham County in England. Carrying my shoulder bag loaded with my journal, family history data, camera and the usual traveller's paraphernalia, I headed out well before 9 a.m.

I walked half a mile following the shoreline towards the famous Seaton Carew Golf Course and caught a bus into Hartlepool, which took about 10 minutes before I was dropped off on a

nearly deserted street just up from the Town Hall. My goal that day was to get to Elwick where I wanted to search the cemeteries for possible family tombstones.

The bus driver advised me that a different bus line handled the country routes so I should check the listings in the booth behind the booth he stopped at to let me off. I could not find the name Elwick in the timetables but a young fellow advised me it was close to Hart Town. This was shortly after 9 o'clock on a sunny Sunday morning with a fall chill in the air. The bus I would take was due at 10:37 so it meant I had a lot of time to explore the cenotaph across from the impressive brick Town Hall.

When the bus finally came I asked the driver about Elwick. He said he wouldn't be going there but an elderly lady suggested to the driver that he drop me off at the top of the hill past Hart Town at the junction of A179 and A19. By 11:15 I was left standing on the grassy edge of A19 where every vehicle in England was racing to get somewhere in a hurry. I walked for over an hour keeping as far away from the road on the narrow grass strip so as not to be sucked in by the speeding vehicles. Suddenly, there was a little sign saying "Elwick" and I walked down a short hill and found myself in a little village as tidy and neat as most towns are in the U.K. My journey took over three hours. Beyond the village green, I noted the Post Office/Liquor /Newstand/Grocer and Stationery Store was open. The lady in charge kindly gave me instructions to the old and new cemeteries to which I trudged down the hill and up another to get to. I checked all the stones, took a couple of pictures and made my way back to the "village green". The local bus stop advised no

buses ran on weekends so I entered the premises of the local pub, "The Spotted Cow". The owner obligingly poured me a much needed "suds" and called a taxi.

When the young fellow driving the taxi arrived, I asked him to get me to a bus stop so I could get back to my hotel. He asked where I was staying and I told him The Norton in Hartlepool. "I'll take you right to your hotel". "Sure", says I, "for about 10!" "Nonsense", says my driver, "won't be more than 3". (That was about what I paid for the two bus tickets.) I hardly had time to tell him I was from Winnipeg, Canada where it turned out his in-laws live. Six minutes later, I was in front of my hotel! My hosts at the hotel, Sue and Howard Russon, got a great chuckle out of my story and then introduced me to a gal that works there who had grown up in Elwick and would gladly have told me, had she known, that I should have just taken a taxi in the first place. I should mention that I didn't find any relatives in the Elwick Cemeteries.

I think it's true that men don't like to ask directions any more than they read the instructions before putting something together. Yes, I was the fool from Hartlepool that day! But on the other hand, my experience gave me a little story to tell.

### **FIRST AMONG EQUALS**

Canada's Prime Ministers

By Geoff Lambert, MGS #3591

1. Who was the first Prime Minister of Canada?
2. Who was the oldest Prime Minister?
3. Who was the youngest?
4. Who was the last foreign-born Prime Minister?

5. Who was the first Prime Minister born in Western Canada?
6. Who was the longest serving Prime Minister?
7. What are Kim Campbell's real Christian names?
8. Which Prime Ministers do we associate with the following
  - a) Prince Albert
  - b) Kingsmere
  - c) Mount Royal
  - d) Baie Comeau
  - e) St. Lin
9. Which Prime Ministers died in office?
10. Which Prime Ministers came back to office after having been defeated?
11. Who served for the longest consecutive term?
12. Whose term was the shortest?
13. Which party has provided the most Prime Ministers?
14. How many Francophone Prime Ministers have there been?
15. How many Prime Ministers can you name?

Answers on page 28.

### **SOUTH WEST BRANCH NEWS**

Beth Wall, MGS #1622

It has been sometime since a report for the South West Branch has appeared in *Generations*, however this does not say that the Branch has not been busy. Over the past year, some extremely

interesting programmes have been presented at Branch meetings and the Branch has also transcribed one of the larger cemeteries in the Westman area of Manitoba.

In the spring, the resources of our own members were used to bring interesting programmes to the members and when the fall season began, the Outreach and Education Committee once more called on the experience of Branch members to present interesting programmes. In September, we encouraged beginners with a special programme led by Beth Clark. Then in October, Wayne Digby directed us on the proper way to keep records. In November, we had a visit to the newly renovated Brandon Courthouse where Registrar Donna Scinnoca showed us through the courthouse and spent a good deal of time answering our questions about records and registers. Our programme in December was slightly curtailed by typical December weather, however a goodly number of members came out and brought their family trees for display and discussion. Then, as the new year began, President Jim Wall gave us a talk on extracting ALL the information on documents. (He opened some rather interesting new points for one member to research as a result.)

February, of course, has become the month when the Branch celebrates heritage with a special event in the form of a dinner. This year's dinner was held at the Canadian Inn in Brandon with 55 members and guests present. The room was delightfully decorated in red, white and blue to compliment our speaker, Peggy Galloway. Peggy has recently edited and published the book *Women of the War Years*. This book contains the recollections of women from the years of World War II and contains

stories of service women, holocaust victims, factory workers and those who just stayed home and worried and prayed.

A feature of the Heritage Dinner was the presentation of MGS long service pins to members as well as the presentation of the Ruth Tester Memorial Award. This award is made annually to a member of the Branch who has, in the estimation of his/her peers, contributed significantly to the Branch, the Society and the furthering of genealogy in general. The awardee for 2002 was Lloyd Duncalfe, long-time Branch Treasurer and compiler of the *Duncalfe Dossier*, a newsletter sent world wide regarding the Duncalfe ancestry. Congratulations must go out to Outreach and Education Chair, Sheila Shearer, and her committee of Eleanor Burch and Denise Bromley, for a wonderful evening and for their most interesting programmes over the season.

In June under the leadership of Past President, Lorne Hill, several members travelled to Deloraine to transcribe the cemetery there. In one day, the group was able to complete the transcription and Lorne then did the data entry for this extremely large cemetery. The transcription is now available both in the MGS Resource Centre as well as the South West Branch Library.

Before the summer recess, Branch members can look forward to a programme on computer add on's, such as the scanner, CD writer etc. in April, and Researching in the Maritimes with Glen Johnson, editor of the *Brandon Sun* at the May meeting.

The Branch is also looking forward to a one day workshop which will be held May 4, 2002 at the Valleyview

Community Centre in Brandon.  
**"ROOTING OUT YOUR ANCESTORS"**  
with Ken Aitken of Regina. Sessions will begin at 9:30 am and are entitled:

- The Genealogy Research Cycle
- Keeping Research Notes and Research Logs
- Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors on Canadian Ship's Passenger Lists
- The Genealogist's Guide to Romancing the Librarian

For further information, you can contact the Branch Coordinator at 204-728-2857 or write to:

The South West Branch, MGSI  
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Brandon, MB R7B 1A2

Registration for the workshop is \$25.00 and lunch will be included.

Sad to say the South West Branch must also report that their meeting place will no longer be the AgCentre on Queens Ave. **Effective with the March, 2002 meeting, the South West Branch will meet in the library of the NEELIN HIGH SCHOOL just north of the AgCentre.**

For any of you who have attended Seminars in Brandon at the AgCentre, you will recall the excellent facilities we were able to use there. The South West Branch members will certainly miss climbing those beautiful marble stairs to the Conference room for their regular meeting. An era in the Branch history is passing.

## GENERATIONS GAPS

### CROCK

I am trying to find out more about the family of my mother, Blanche Rosanne Crock. She was born in 1901 in St. Boniface or Kenora and had 14 siblings. Some of the siblings are Lillian, Violet, Omar and Stanley.

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### SOMERSET(T)

Robert, born 1842 Barrie, ON, married Jane Rowen, born 1845, Illinois, US, to Sharon, ON. Children, Debra born c1863, George, born c1867, Charles William, born c1877. Robert was Irish and Methodist, a carriage maker. Moved west in 1887. Brother John in Walhill, ND to Winnipeg. Did Robert and family live in Manitoba?

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### PARSONS

I am trying to trace any living descendants of my great-grandfather, Clement John Parsons (b. September 7, 1865 Dulwich Surrey, England) and his son, Bernard Clement Arthur Parsons (b. July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1907 West Wickham, Kent, England by Clement's second wife, Ada, nee Ranson). The family immigrated to Canada in 1911 and were in Winnipeg by 1915. Clement died on November 14, 1935 and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery. In 1944, Bernard and wife,

Elsie (maiden name unknown) and Ada were living at 50 Cobourg.

I am descended from Clement's first marriage to Elizabeth Oliver. Elizabeth died in 1897 and family hearsay has it that Clement went to the Yukon in that year for the gold rush. He didn't have any success and returned to England sometime before 1902 when he married Ada.

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**ANSWERS to FIRST AMONG EQUALS**

1. Sir John Alexander Macdonald became Prime Minister in 1867.
2. Sir Charles Tupper and Louis St. Laurent both served until the age of 75.
3. The youngest PM was Joe Clark, who was sworn in the day before his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1979.
4. The last PM born outside Canada was John Turner, who was born in England in 1929. His mother, a Canadian, brought him back to Canada when he was three.
5. The first Western-born PM was Joe Clark, born in Alberta in June 1939. (In case you were wondering, the other Western-based PMs before him were all born elsewhere; Meighen and Diefenbaker in Ontario, Bennett in NB.)
6. The longest serving PM was William Lyon Mackenzie , who served from 1921-1930, with a short interval in 1926, and 1935-1948.

7. Kim Campbell is Avril Phaedra Douglas Campbell.
8. (a) John George Diefenbaker was MP for Prince Albert.  
(b) Mackenzie King had a country retreat at Kingsmere.  
(c) Montreal Mount Royal was the seat held by Pierre Trudeau from 1965-1984.  
(d) Baie Comeau was the birthplace of Brian Mulroney.  
(e) St. Lin was the birthplace of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.
9. Two PMs have died in office. Sir John A Macdonald in 1891 and Sir John Thompson in 1894.
10. "Second comings" occurred for Macdonald, Meighen, King and Trudeau.
11. The longest consecutive term of office is 15 years, the tenure of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from 1896 to 1911.
12. Sir Charles Tupper served for 57 days in 1896. Other administrations were a few months by Meighen in 1926, John Turner in 1984 and Kim Campbell in 1993. In comparison, Joe Clark's nine months from June, 1979 to March 1980 seem like a positive eternity.
13. The Francophone PMs were Laurier (1896-1911), St. Laurent (1948-1957), Trudeau (1968-1979 and 1980-1984), and Chretien (1993-).
14. There have been 12 Conservative and 8 Liberal PMs.
15. Well, here's a list:  
Sir John A. Macdonald 1867-1873  
Conservative  
Alexander Mackenzie 1873-1878  
Liberal  
Macdonald 1878-1891  
Conservative  
Sir John Abbott 1891-1892  
Conservative  
Sir John Thompson 1892-1894  
Conservative  
Sir Mackenzie Bowell 1894 -1896  
Conservative

Sir Charles Tupper 1896  
Conservative  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier 1896 -1911  
Liberal  
Sir Robert Borden 1911 -1920  
Conservative  
Arthur Meighen 1920 -1921  
Conservative  
Mackenzie King 1921 -1926  
Liberal  
Meighen 1926  
Conservative  
King 1926 -1930  
Liberal  
RB Bennett 1930 -1935  
Conservative  
King 1935 -1948  
Liberal  
Louis St. Laurent 1948 -1957  
Liberal  
John Diefenbaker 1957 -1963  
Conservative  
Lester Pearson 1963 -1968  
Liberal  
Pierre Trudeau 1968 -1979  
Liberal  
Joe Clark 1979-1980  
Conservative  
Trudeau 1980 -1984  
Liberal  
John Turner 1984  
Liberal  
Brian Mulroney 1984 -1993  
Conservative  
Kim Campbell 1993  
Conservative  
Jean Chretien 1993-  
Liberal

## Third Annual Wine and Cheese!!

Our third annual Wine and Cheese will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Resource Centre. Tickets will be \$10.00 and will be available at the Resource Centre. Please phone Jayne at 254-6926 for more details.

## HELP WANTED

Currently we are working on several re-organization projects in the MGS library for which we need help. One of these is to prepare a computer index to our cemetery transcriptions. This involves typing out a spreadsheet from each of the transcription booklets – name, date of birth (if given) and date of death. As well, it involves proofreading what has been done by others. Currently we have several volunteers working on this, but the more we have the quicker it will be done. All you need is some time, and a computer!

The second project also involves computerization. We are trying to get a master computer index for our index of Winnipeg obituaries. Currently, we have about 30 binders, each containing one year's index. We have some of the originals on disk, and I hope we can collect others. Unfortunately, we don't have all of them and some need to be re-typed (or scanned in and re-formatted). We need help with this, as well.

So, if you have time . . .  
Contact Bill Burland on Wednesdays at the MGS office, or by phone at 233-2111 or by e-mail at [burland@shaw.ca](mailto:burland@shaw.ca).

The following was found in an old book purchased at a garage sale by Pat Thomaszewski. (If anyone recognizes the names, the original is at the Resource Centre.)

Rev. J. R. Kennedy.

123 Trinity Road,  
Edinburgh.

March 21. 55

Dear Mr. Winram.

I have just had a letter from Dad Hicks, and among the news he says you are not so well this Winter. I am sorry to hear that, and I thought I would write and tell you so. I hope the Spring will bring a new lease of life to you, and that you will get strong again. You are far from being an old man yet, in spite of your years, and the Wnram family will have you tp preside over the annual Christmas gatherings for many years yet.

Whenever I think of you that Christmas tree, which I was always privilege to see the night before, always comes to my mind. It was the one perfect Christm~~as~~ tree I ever saw. There are other things, of course. I remember the long years you have given to the service of Christ and His church in Pilot Mound. Year in and year out you have been a silent witness to God in the town, though I am sure you would never think of it in that light. But I have often thought of it. And it is men like yourself who have kept the ~~light~~ light burning when bigger lights have burned themselves out. I should like to have the testimony of that quiet, steady witness over a long number of years for myself. that you have. There is sure reward from the hand of the our Good Father in Heaven for such service as yours, Mr. Winram. I am not preaching. It is a thing I have often thought of, especially as the years go over my own head.

One sees what really counts. "In my Father's House are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you." I would like to die with that thought in my mind.

I hope Mrs. Winram is fairly well. Does she still shake that old broom at you? I guess so. You know I always promised that when she died I would place that old broom in her coffin, because she would not be happy in heaven without it.

How are Bill, Clarke, Hartley, Bea, Phyl. Gordy and all of them? Well, I hope, and carrying on the old Winram tradition in the Mound. Some day, I hope to take a trip to Canada., but I am afraid it is just hope. Remember me to them all. Ask Phyl to drop us a line if she is not too busy.

Kitty completes her training as a children's nurse next month. Tom is still at school. He is wearing my old trousers now, and you know what that means. We are all well, though getting a little older.

Yours very sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. K. Karsay".

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## MEETING

Speaker: Jim Burant  
National Archives of Canada  
Topic: The Use of Photographs for Historical Evidence  
Date: April 11, 2002 at 7:30pm  
At: Winnipeg Art Gallery

Presented by  
Association of Manitoba Archivists

All welcome. No charge  
Reception following



Loretta Wayne Roux and Louise Perlet Roux, mentioned in the article, *Unearthing Clues in Manitoba*, on page 2.

## **RESOURCE CENTRE SUNDAYS**

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