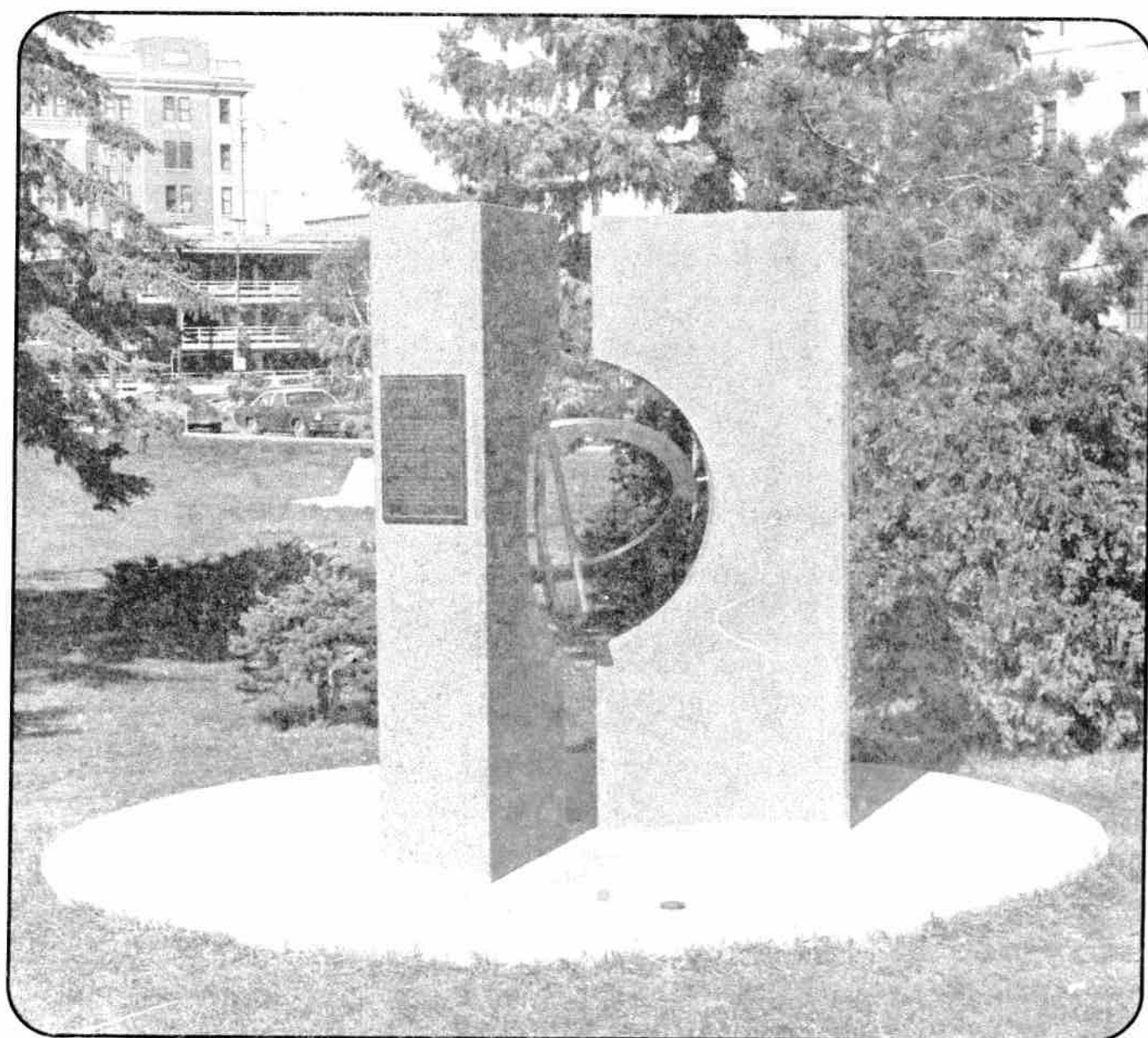


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The Manitoba Cemetery Index

by Eric Jonasson (001)

In Volume 3, No. 3 (1978) and Volume 4, No. 2 (1979) of generations, the first two installments of the Manitoba Cemetery Index were printed. These previous pieces included Winnipeg and surrounding area and the southern portion of the Interlake district. The material included here now completes the index for the extreme southern areas of the province.

Indexing is now complete all across the southern portion of Manitoba, from the international boundary in the south to a line parallel to and 136 miles north of the boundary, encompassing a total of more than 37,500 square miles. Within this area have been found 873 cemetery sites or potential sites, 419 of which were included in the two previous articles.

THE INDEX

A full description of the methods used in compiling the index can be found in Volume 3, No. 3 of generations, and readers are referred to it if they wish further information.

The primary purpose of these series of maps and listings is to provide a complete list of cemeteries in Manitoba along with their geographic locations so that those members wishing to transcribe cemeteries for the MGS Cemetery Transcribing Program will have a ready reference to known cemeteries. It also assists the Program itself by providing the means to file transcriptions received under a common reference system.

In the listing for each index sheet, locations are arranged in alphabetical order and the legal description of each cemetery site is given. If the cemetery number is prefixed by an asterisk, this signifies that only a church was indicated on the reference map used in compiling the index. These church sites are included in the index because there is the likelihood that a cemetery may be located along side the church but was too small in area to be shown on the map. Numbers without asterisks indicate that the site is definitely a cemetery. In some cases, the names of towns follow the legal description of the cemetery in order to facilitate identification.

Although every effort has been made to make this index as complete as possible, the reference maps used to compile the material presented here do not show every cemetery in the province. Many of the smaller family plots or the out-of-the-way cemeteries are often not shown because of the size or inaccessibility. Therefore, members are invited to inform the compiler of any omissions and errors so that the index may be updated and corrected. Please address any correspondence to Eric Jonasson, Box 205, St. James P.O., Winnipeg R3J 3R4.

MGS CEMETERY TRANSCRIBING PROGRAM

The MGS Cemetery Transcribing Program was instituted to co-ordinate the transcribing activities of MGS members, and to ensure a uniformity in the transcripts produced. As a second function, it was charged with indexing all the entries alphabetically in a central index for the entire province in order to make the transcribing results more useable.

Members wishing to participate in the program should contact Cemetery Program, Special Projects Committee, Manitoba Genealogical Society, Box 2066, Winnipeg R3C 3R4 for more information.

ABBREVIATIONS

In order to conserve space, a number of abbreviations have been used in the cemetery lists. These include:

- nw = indicates the north-west corner of the section
- ne = indicates the north-east corner of the section
- sw = indicates the south-west corner of the section
- se = indicates the south-east corner of the section
- ssc = indicates the centre of the south side of the section
- wsc = indicates the centre of the west side of the section

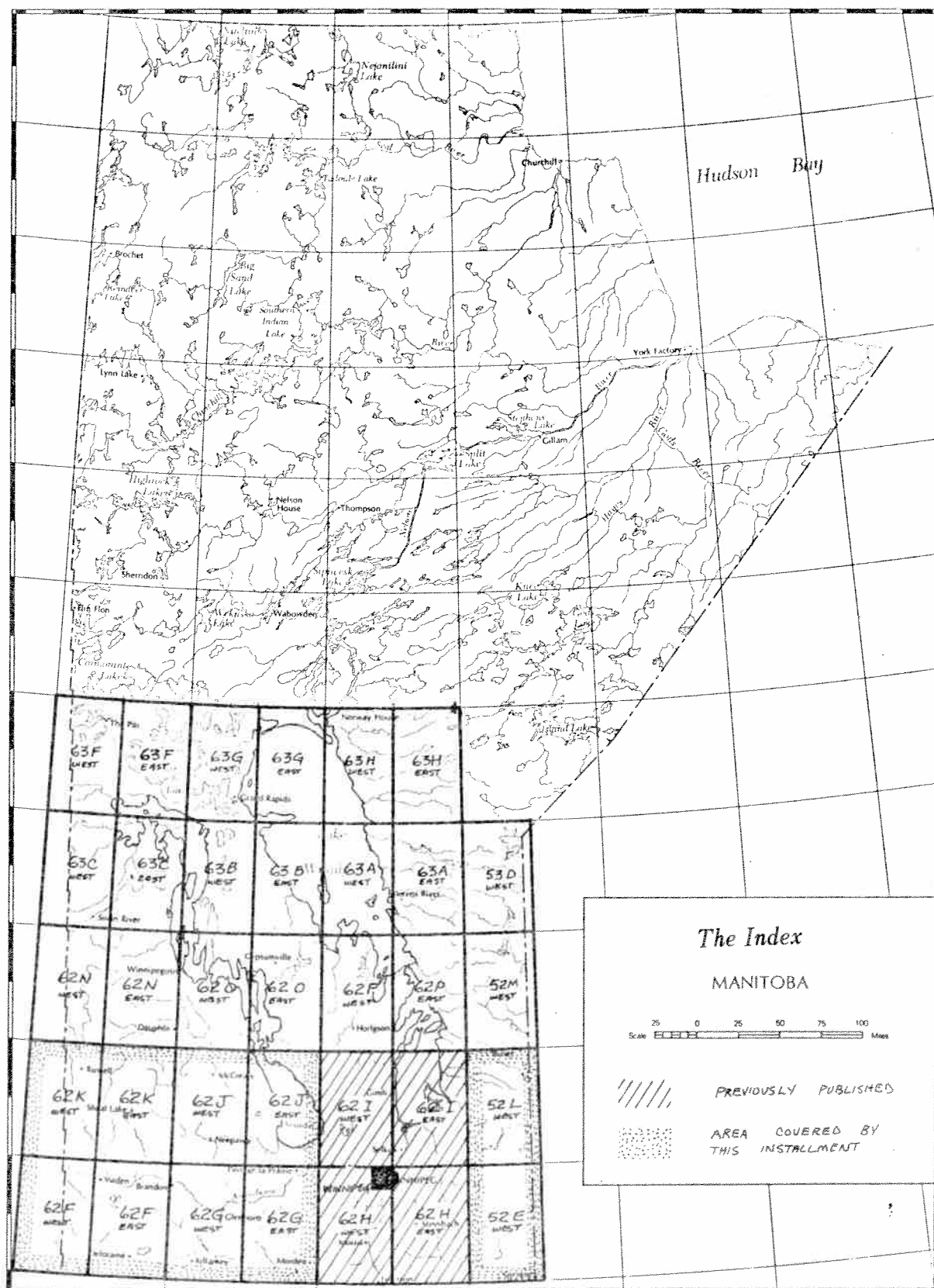
An example of the listing: nw 28-1-4e signifies that the cemetery is located in the north-west corner of Section 28, Township 1, Range 4 east of the Prime Meridian. On the maps, T indicates township and R indicates range.

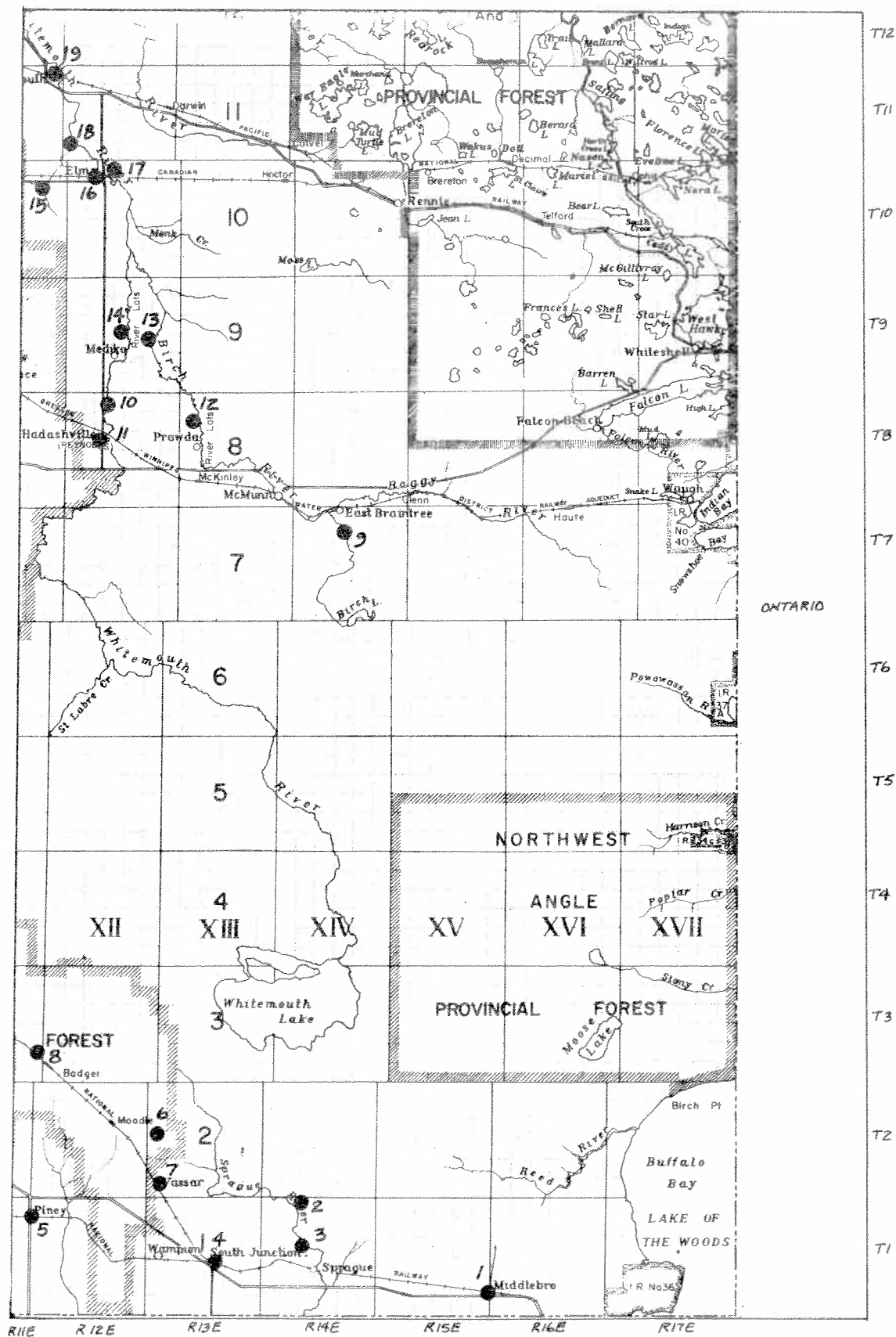
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| * 1. sw 7-1-16e Middlebro | 12. (ne 30-8-13e) River Lot 29-Birch |
| * 2. nw 33-1-14e | River |
| 3. wsc 21-1-14e | 13. (14-9-12e) River Lot 61-Whitemouth |
| 4. 15-1-13e South Junction | River |
| * 5. sw 31-1-12e Piney | * 14. (nw 15-9-12e) River Lot 13- |
| 6. ssc 19-2-13e | Whitemouth River |
| 7. 6-2-13e Vassar | 15. ne 26-10-11e |
| 8. esc 12-3-11e Badger | 16. se 32-10-12e Elma |
| 9. esc 28-7-14e East Braintree | 17. 33-10-12e Elma |
| 10. (sw 33-8-12e) River Lot 25- | * 18. nsc 7-11-12e |
| Whitemouth River | 19. 36-11-11e Whitemouth |
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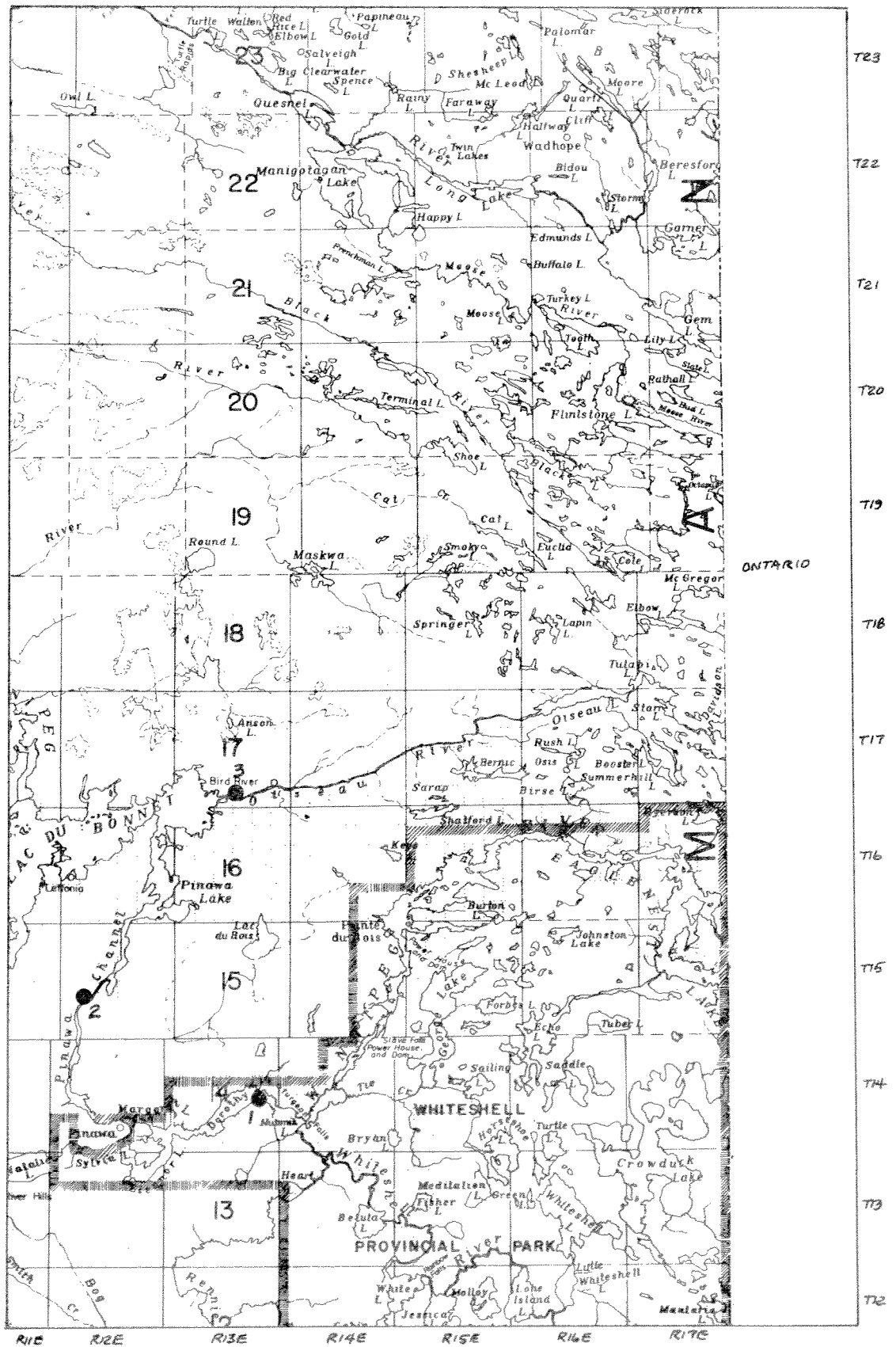
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| * 1. ne 14-14-13e | 3. wsc 3-17-13e (n. side river) |
| 2. sw 17-15-12e | |





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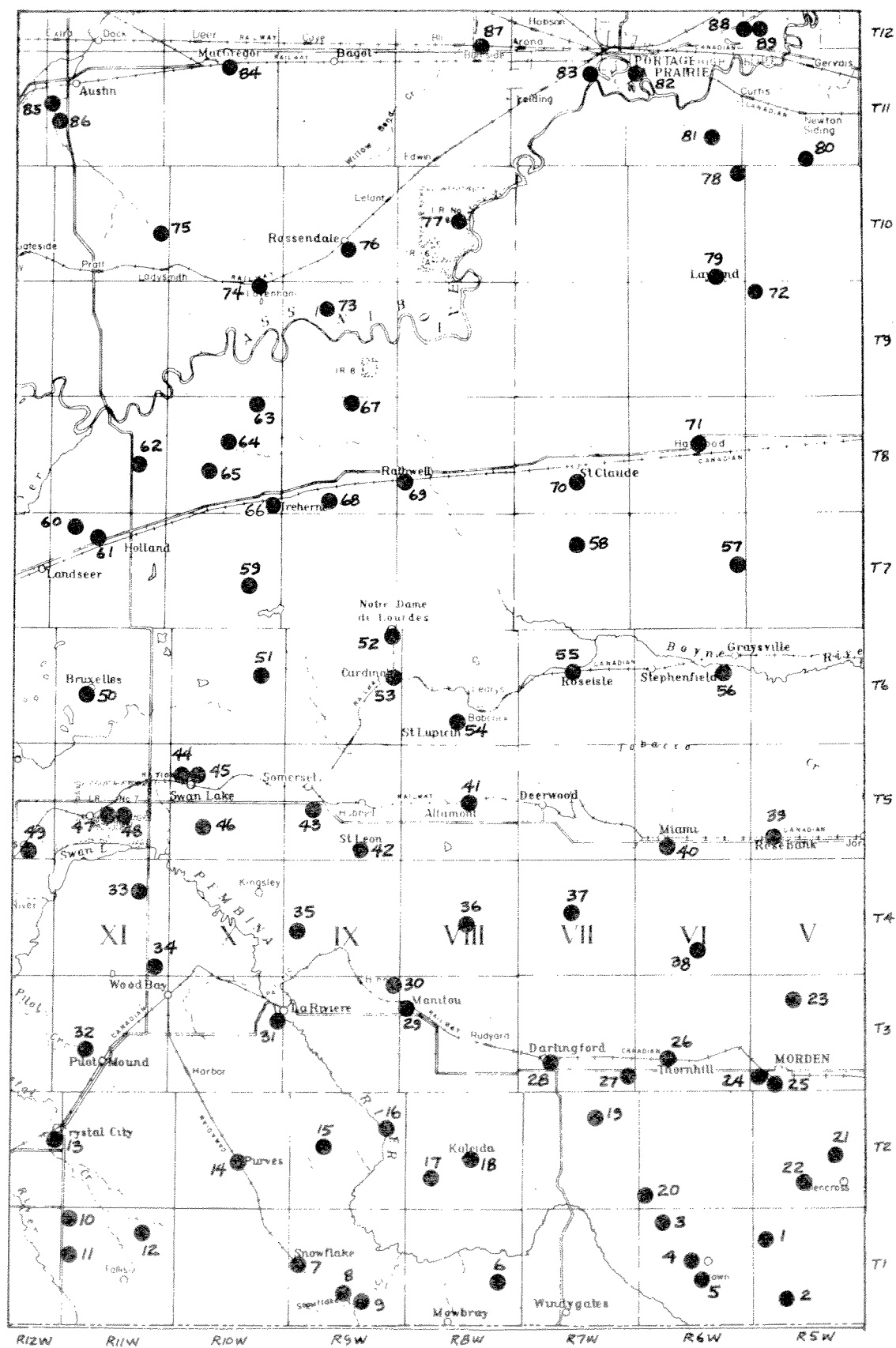


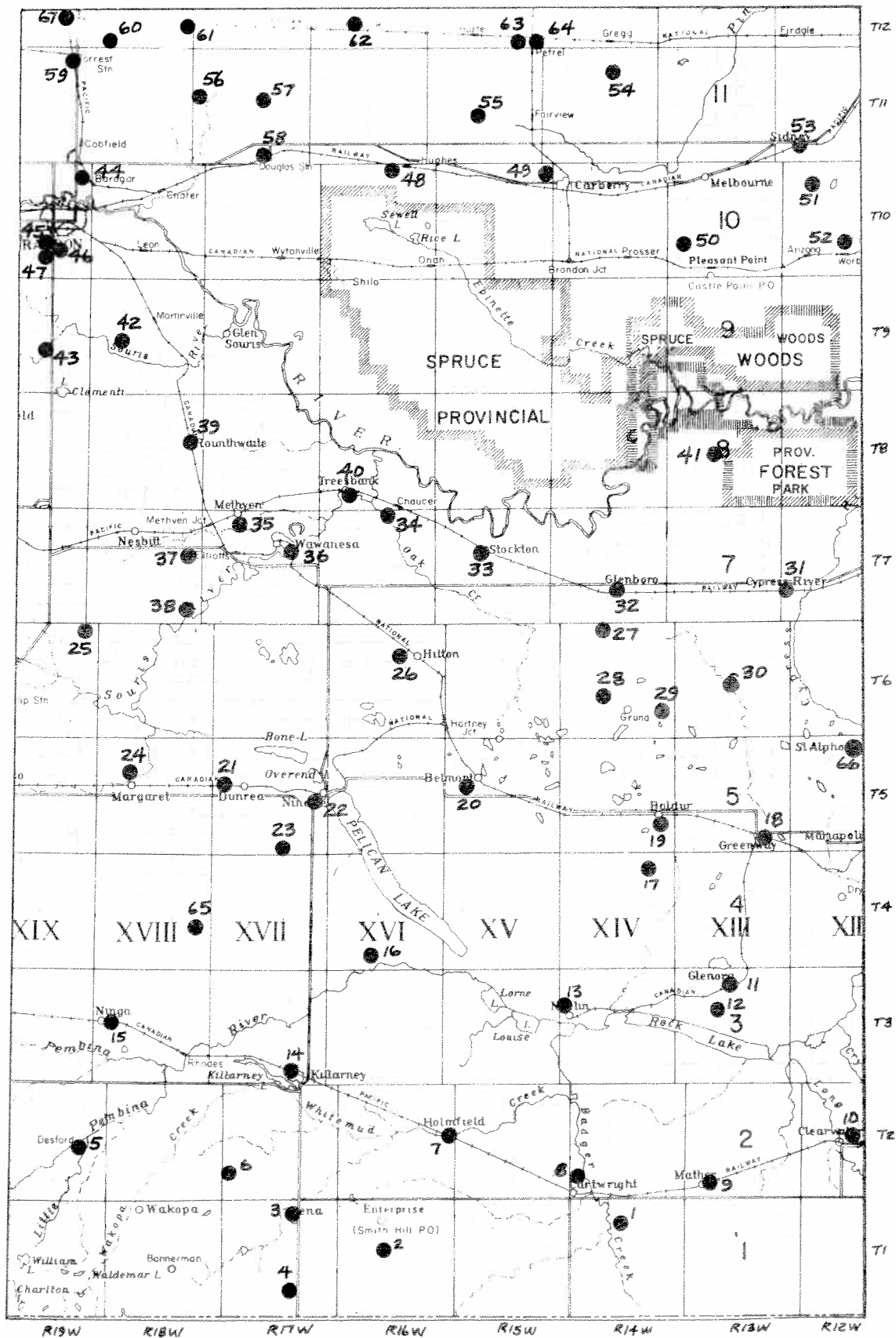
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| 2. | se 8-1-5w | * 48. | sw 15-5-11w |
| * 3. | sw 32-1-6w | 49. | 2-5-12w Mariapolis |
| 4. | se 21-1-6w | * 50. | nsc 17-6-11w Bruxelles |
| 5. | sw 15-1-6w | 51. | ne 23-6-10w |
| 6. | se 14-1-8w | 52. | nsc 36-6-9w N-D des Lourdes |
| * 7. | ssc 19-1-9w | * 53. | 24-6-9w Cardinal |
| 8. | nsc 9-1-9w | * 54. | se 9-6-8w St Lupicin |
| 9. | se 10-1-9w | * 55. | ne 21-6-7w Roseisle |
| * 10. | wsc 31-1-11w | 56. | ne 23-6-6w Graysville |
| * 11. | nw 19-1-11w | * 57. | se 24-7-6w |
| * 12. | nw 26-1-11w | 58. | sw 27-7-7w |
| 13. | 24-2-12w Crystal City | 59. | sw 14-7-10w |
| * 14. | 15-2-10w Purves | 60. | sw 32-7-11w |
| * 15. | se 20-2-9w | 61. | 28-7-11w near Holland |
| 16. | se 26-2-9w | * 62. | nsc 14-8-11w |
| 17. | nw 8-2-8w | * 63. | ne 35-8-10w |
| * 18. | nw 15-2-8w Kaleida | * 64. | nw 22-8-10w |
| * 19. | ne 27-2-7w | 65. | sw 16-8-10w |
| * 20. | nw 6-2-6w | * 66. | 1-8-10w Treherne |
| 21. | nw 14-2-5w | * 67. | ne 34-8-9w |
| 22. | esc 9-2-5w | 68. | nsc 4-8-9w |
| 23. | nsc 28-3-5w | * 69. | nw 7-8-8w Rathwell |
| 24. | nsc 6-3-5w Morden | 70. | nw 10-8-7w St Claude |
| 25. | wsc 5-3-5w Morden | 71. | 22-8-6w |
| * 26. | ne 8-3-6w Thornhill | 72. | ne 31-9-5w |
| 27. | ne 1-3-7w | 73. | wsc 28-9-9w |
| 28. | Centre 8-3-7w Darlingford | * 74. | nsc 35-9-10w Lavenham |
| * 29. | sw 30-3-8w Manitou | 75. | esc 24-10-11w |
| 30. | esc 36-3-9w | * 76. | nw 10-10-9w |
| 31. | ne 24-3-10w La Riviere | * 77. | sw 22-10-8w |
| 32. | se 17-3-11w Pilot Mound | * 78. | ne 36-10-6w |
| * 33. | se 26-4-11w | * 79. | se 2-10-6w Layland |
| 34. | wsc 1-4-11w | * 80. | sw 3-11-5w |
| * 35. | esc 18-4-9w | 81. | ssc 11-11-6w |
| 36. | nw 15-4-8w | 82. | Portage la Prairie Parish - in |
| * 37. | se 21-4-7w | | Portage la Prairie |
| 38. | sw 10-4-6w | 83. | Portage la P. Parish - in |
| * 39. | sw 8-5-5w | | Portage la P. |
| 40. | ne 5-5-6w Miami | 84. | ssc 34-11-10w MacGregor |
| 41. | ssc 22-5-8w | 85. | sw 19-11-11w |
| 42. | esc 3-5-9w St Leon | 86. | ne 18-11-11w |
| 43. | nsc 17-5-9w near Somerset | 87. | sw 2-12-8w |
| 44. | esc 30-5-10w | 88. | High Bluff Parish - on #4 hwy |
| 45. | wsc 29-5-10w | | 3.5 m east junction #1 |
| 46. | ne 8-5-10w | 89. | High Bluff Parish - on #4 hwy |
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| * 1. | ne 28-1-14w | * 4. | ssc 10-1-17w |
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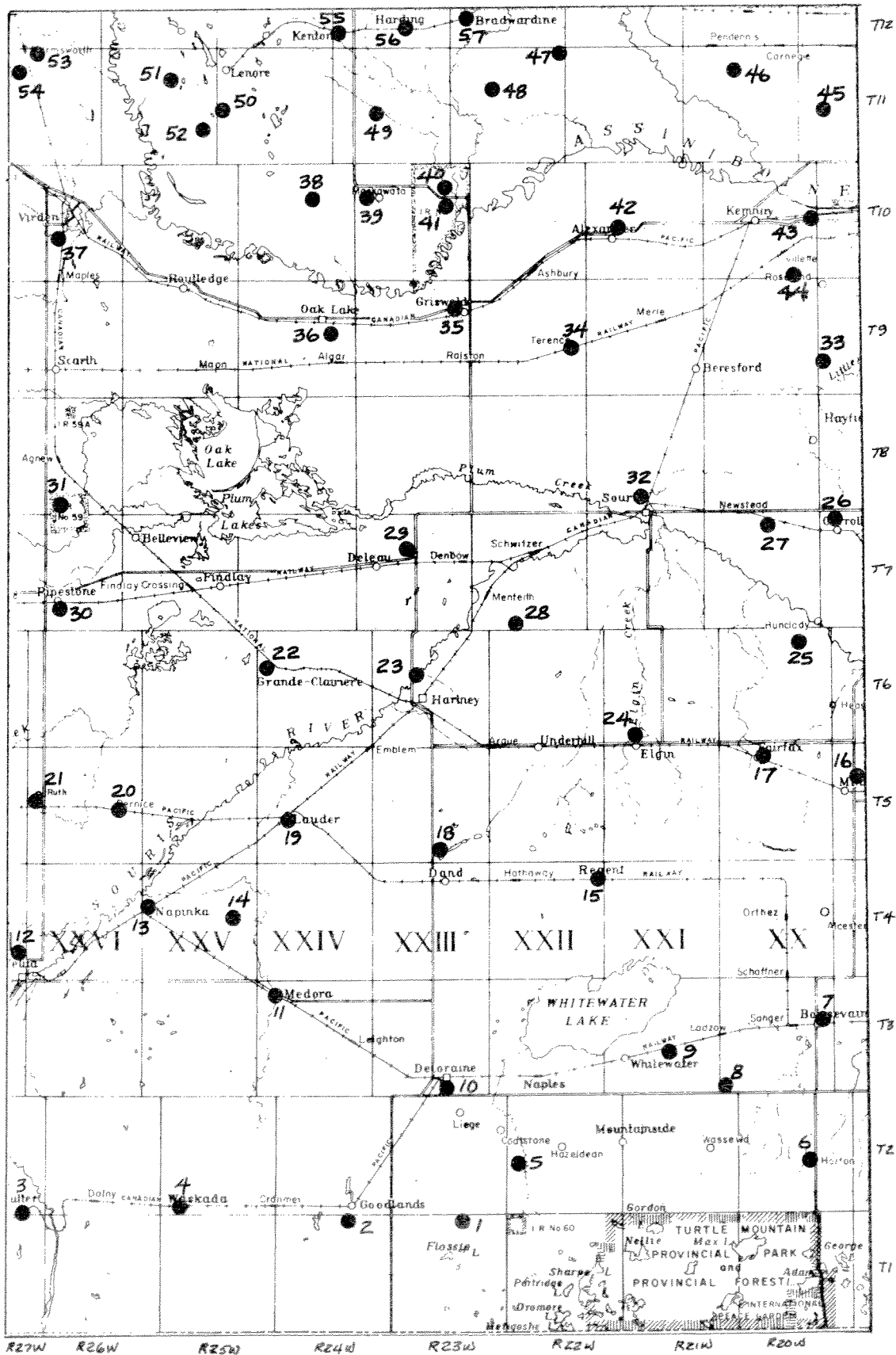




- * 7. se 24-2-16w Holmfield
- 8. ssc 7-2-14w Cartwright
- 9. nw 5-2-13w Mather
- 10. se 21-2-12w
- * 11. sw 34-3-13w Glenora
- 12. nw 21-3-13w
- 13. nw 19-3-14w Neelin
- 14. wsc 2-3-17w Killarney
- 15. se 19-3-18w Ninga
- * 16. nw 4-4-16w
- 17. se 35-4-14w
- * 18. ne 2-5-13w Greenway
- 19. wsc 12-5-14w Baldur
- 20. wsc 20-5-15w Belmont
- 21. esc 19-5-17w Dunrea
- 22. nsc 13-5-17w Ninette
- * 23. se 3-5-17w
- 24. se 29-5-18w Margaret
- * 25. nsc 36-6-19w
- 26. se 27-6-16w Hilton
- 27. nw 33-6-14w
- * 28. sw 16-6-14w
- 29. centre 12-6-14w
- 30. ne 16-6-13w
- * 31. 7-7-12w Cypress River
- * 32. 10-7-14w Glenboro
- * 33. nw 21-7-15w Stockton
- 34. nsc 34-7-16w
- 35. sw 33-7-17w
- 36. ne 23-7-17w
- * 37. wsc 24-7-18w
- 38. nw 1-7-18w
- * 39. 24-8-18w Rounthwaite
- * 40. nsc 5-8-16w Treesbank
- 41. nsc 16-8-13w
- 42. ne 17-9-18w
- * 43. se 15-9-19w
- 44. ssc 36-10-19w Brandon
- 45. ne 10-10-19w Brandon
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- 47. esc 10-10-19w Brandon
- 48. ne 34-10-16w Hughes
- 49. esc 36-10-15w Carberry
- * 50. ne 7-10-13w
- 51. nsc 29-10-12w
- * 52. nw 10-10-12w
- * 53. nw 5-11-12w Sidney
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- * 55. esc 16-11-15w
- 56. ssc 19-11-17w
- 57. se 22-11-17w
- * 58. 3-11-17w Douglas Stn.
- * 59. esc 36-11-19w Forrest Stn.
- 60. se 5-12-18w
- * 61. se 12-12-18w Justice
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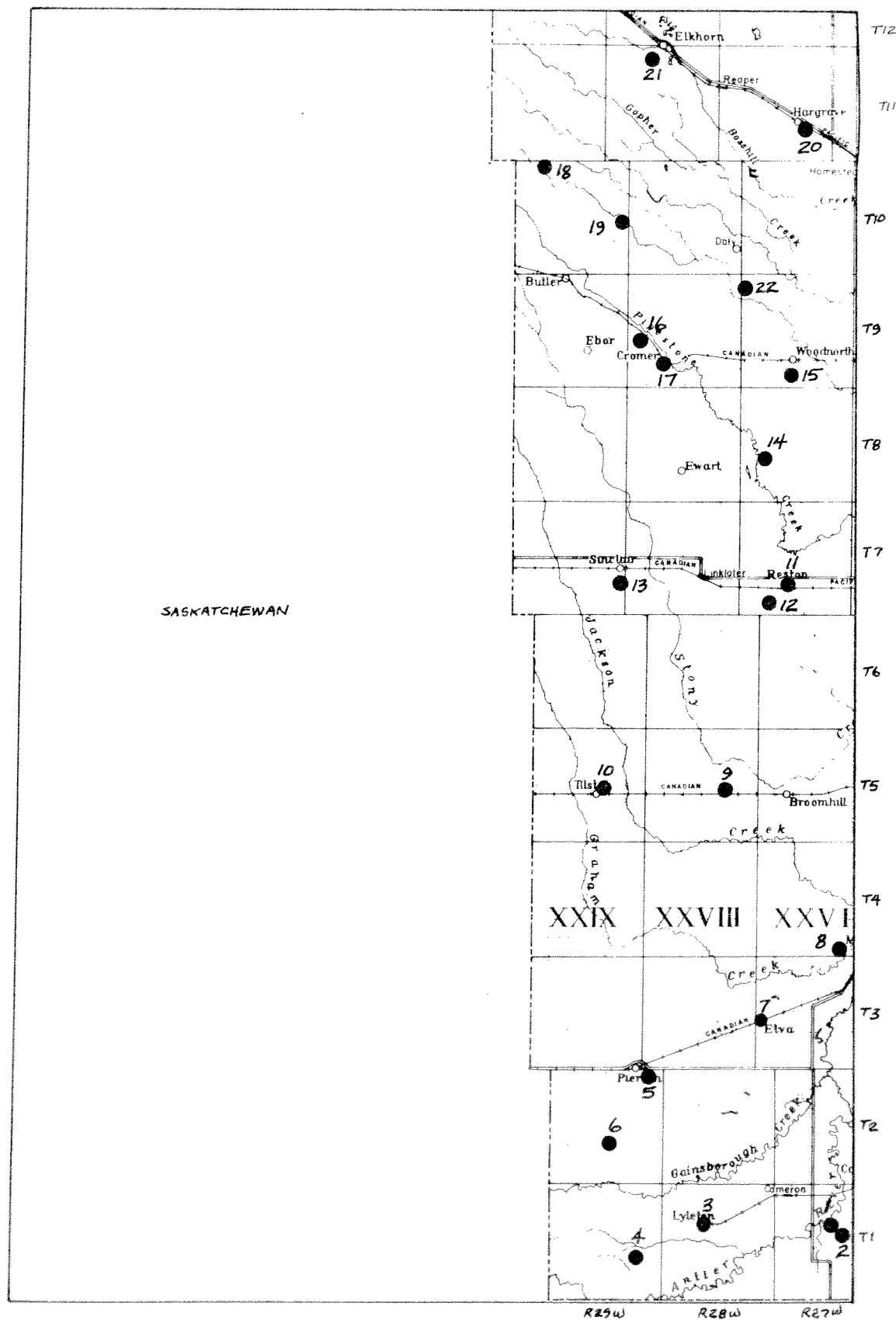
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- 1. ne 34-1-23w
- 2. ne 34-1-24w Goodlands
- * 3. se 2-2-27w Coulter
- 4. esc 5-2-25w Waskada
- 5. ne 18-2-22w (w. side river)
- * 6. ne 15-2-20w
- 7. nw 24-3-20w Boissevain
- 8. sw 6-3-20w
- * 9. sw 15-3-21w
- 10. se 3-3-23w Deloraine
- * 11. se 31-3-24w Medora
- 12. ssc 12-4-27w Melita
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- * 14. se 23-4-25w
- * 15. se 36-4-22w Regent
- 16. ssc 29-5-19w Minto
- * 17. wsc 33-5-20w Fairfax
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- 19. se 17-5-24w Lauder
- * 20. ne 14-5-26w Bernice
- 21. se 19-5-26w Bede
- * 22. ssc 30-6-24w Grande Clairiere
- 23. wsc 21-6-23w Hartney
- 24. esc 5-6-21w Elgin
- * 25. sw 35-6-20w
- 26. esc 31-7-19w Carroll
- * 27. sw 34-7-20w
- * 28. sw 4-7-22w
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- 30. se 9-7-26w Pipestone
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- 32. ne 4-8-21w Souris
- * 33. nw 7-9-19w
- * 34. 13-9-22w Terence
- 35. nw 25-9-23w Griswold
- 36. se 23-9-24w Oak Lake
- 37. se 16-10-26w Virden
- * 38. se 27-10-24w
- * 39. se 30-10-23w Maskawata
- 40. ssc 26-10-23w Oak River IR
- 41. nsc 23-10-23w Oak River IR
- 42. ne 17-10-21w Alexander



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- 43. se 24-10-20w near Kemnay
- 44. se 2-10-20w
- 45. nw 17-11-19w
- 46. ne 28-11-20w
- * 47. ne 36-11-22w
- 48. nw 21-11-22w
- * 49. nw 16-11-23w
- 50. nw 18-11-24w near Lenore

- 51. se 27-11-25w
- * 52. nw 12-11-25w
- 53. ne 33-11-26w Harmsworth
- * 54. ne 29-11-26w
- * 55. nw 6-12-23w Kenton
- * 56. se 10-12-23w
- * 57. esc 7-12-22w Bradwardine

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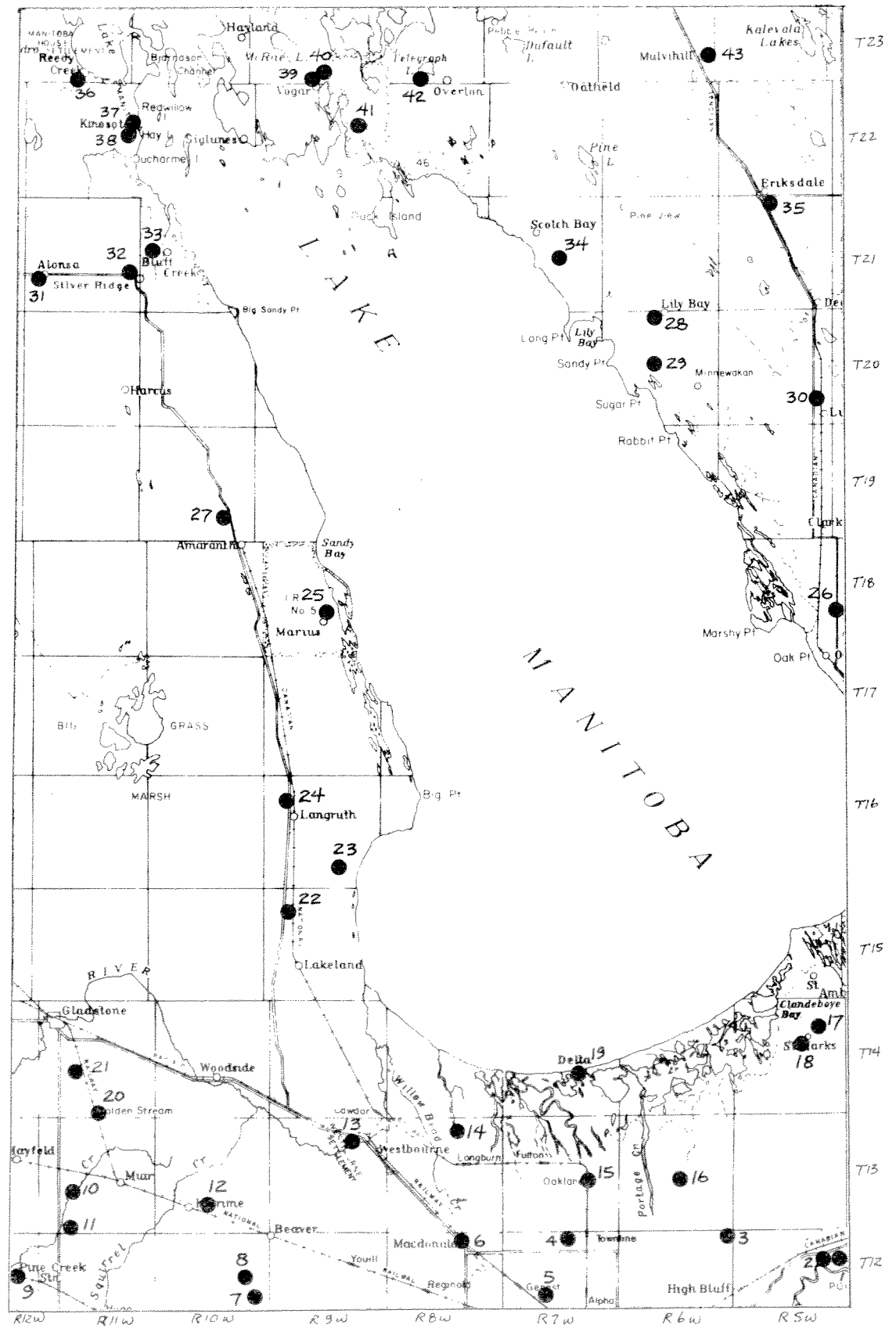
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| * 3. nw 21-1-28w Lyleton | * 14. sw 17-8-27w |
| 4. se 14-1-29w | 15. ne 4-9-27w Woodnorth |
| 5. nw 36-2-29w Pierson | * 16. esc 18-19-28w |
| * 6. sw 15-2-29w | * 17. esc 8-9-28w Cromer |
| * 7. nw 18-3-27w Elva | 18. nsc 32-10-29w |
| 8. ssc 2-4-27w | 19. ne 13-10-29w |
| 9. nw 14-5-28w | 20. ne 11-11-27w Hargrave |
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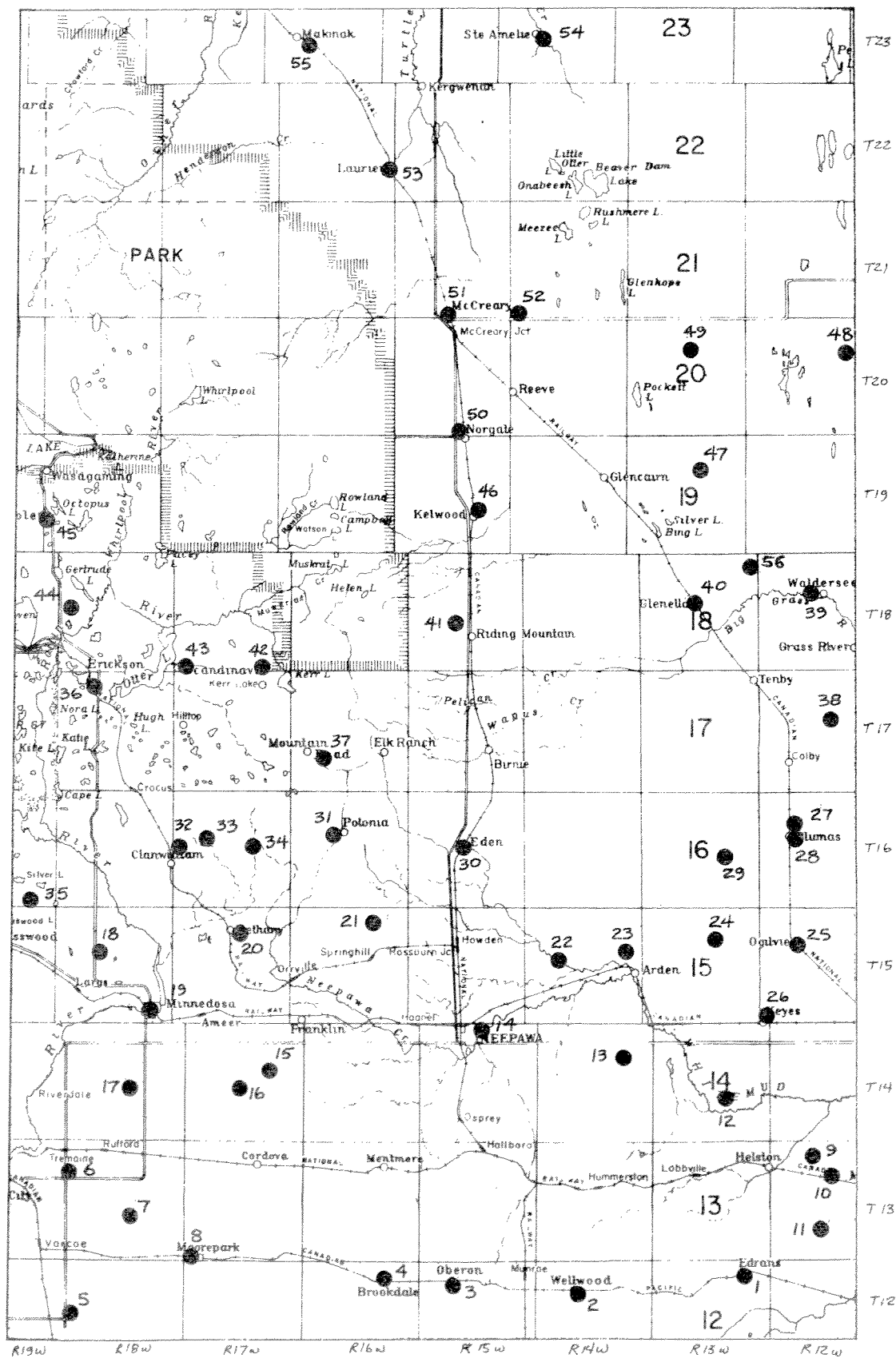
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| 1. Poplar Pt Parish (2m w Poplar Pt) | 24. nw 29-16-9w Langruth |
| 2. Poplar Pt Par (3.5m w Poplar Pt) | 25. ws 21-18-9w Marius |
| * 3. ne 36-12-6w | 26. sw 18-18-4w |
| 4. nsc 34-12-7w | 27. ss 11-19-10w Amaranth |
| 5. ne 16-12-7w Genest | * 28. ne 33-20-6w Lily Bay |
| 6. ne 34-12-8w Macdonald | 29. se 21-20-6w |
| 7. nw 13-12-10w | 30. sw 12-20-5w Lundar |
| * 8. ne 23-12-10w | * 31. ne 7-21-11w Alonsa |
| * 9. ne 23-12-12w Pine Creek Stn. | * 32. ssc 13-21-11w Silver Ridge |
| * 10. se 18-13-11w | 33. se 19-21-10w |
| * 11. se 6-13-11w | * 34. ne 15-21-7w |
| 12. esc 9-13-10w Katrime | 35. ne 33-21-5w Eriksdale |
| 13. sw 26-13-9w Westbourne | * 36. sw 3-23-11w (Lot 1, Manitoba Hse Settlement - Reedy Creek) |
| * 14. esc 34-13-8w | 37. ne 24-22-11w (Lot 13, Manitoba Hse Settlement) |
| * 15. 14-13-7w Oakland | 38. sw 24-22-11w (at Kinosata - on Lot 10, Manitoba Hse Sett) |
| * 16. nw 15-13-6w | 39. sw 3-23-9w Vogar |
| 17. se 26-14-5w | 40. centre 3-23-9w Vogar |
| 18. esc 22-14-5w St Marks | * 41. wsc 24-22-9w Dog Creek IR |
| * 19. 14-14-7w Delta Beach | * 42. ssc 4-23-8w |
| * 20. sw 3-14-11w Golden Stream | 43. se 12-23-6w Mulvihill |
| 21. esc 18-14-11w Gladstone | |
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| * 23. se 10-16-9w | |

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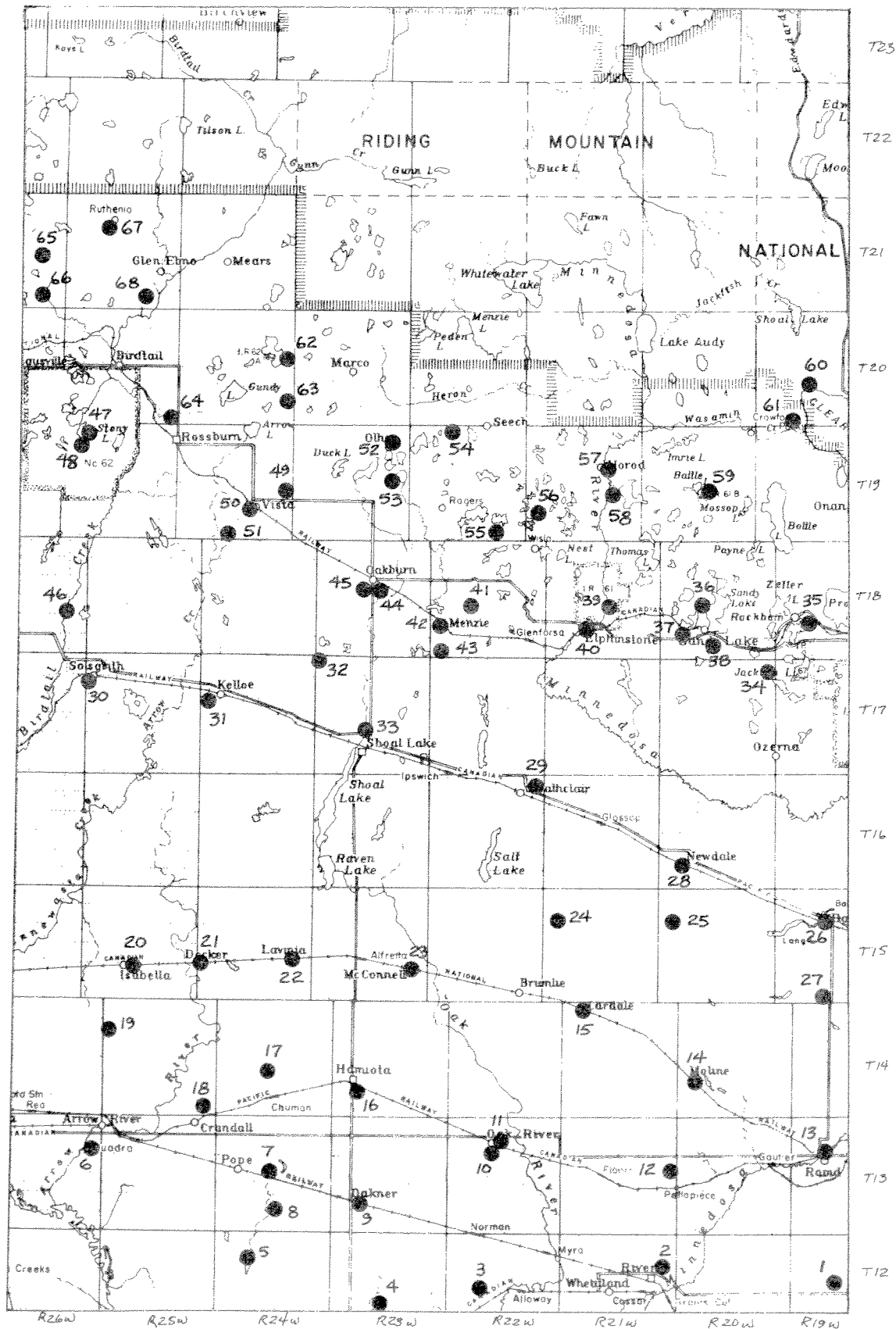


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| * 3. ne 29-12-15w Oberon | 32. sw 19-16-17w Clanwilliam |
| 4. nw 26-12-16w Brookdale | 33. esc 20-16-17w |
| * 5. sw 19-12-18w | * 34. sw 23-16-17w |
| * 6. sw 30-13-18w Tremaine | * 35. se 2-16-19w |
| 7. sw 15-13-18w | 36. se 32-17-18w |
| 8. ssc 6-13-17w Moorepark | 37. ne 8-17-16w Mountain Road |
| * 9. esc 9-13-12w | * 38. ne 22-17-12w |
| * 10. sw 27-13-12w | 39. ne 21-18-12w Waldersee |
| * 11. se 33-13-12w | * 40. 22-18-13w Glenella |
| * 12. se 15-14-13w | 41. centre 16-18-15w Riding Mtn. |
| * 13. ssc 35-14-14w | * 42. se 2-18-17w Kerr Lake |
| 14. ne 34-14-15w Neepawa | 43. ssc 6-18-17w near Scandinavia |
| * 15. wsc 23-14-17w | 44. se 19-18-18w |
| * 16. ne 16-14-17w | * 45. nw 7-19-18w Onanole |
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| 2. ssc 25-12-21w Rivers | * 22. se 14-15-24w Lavinia |
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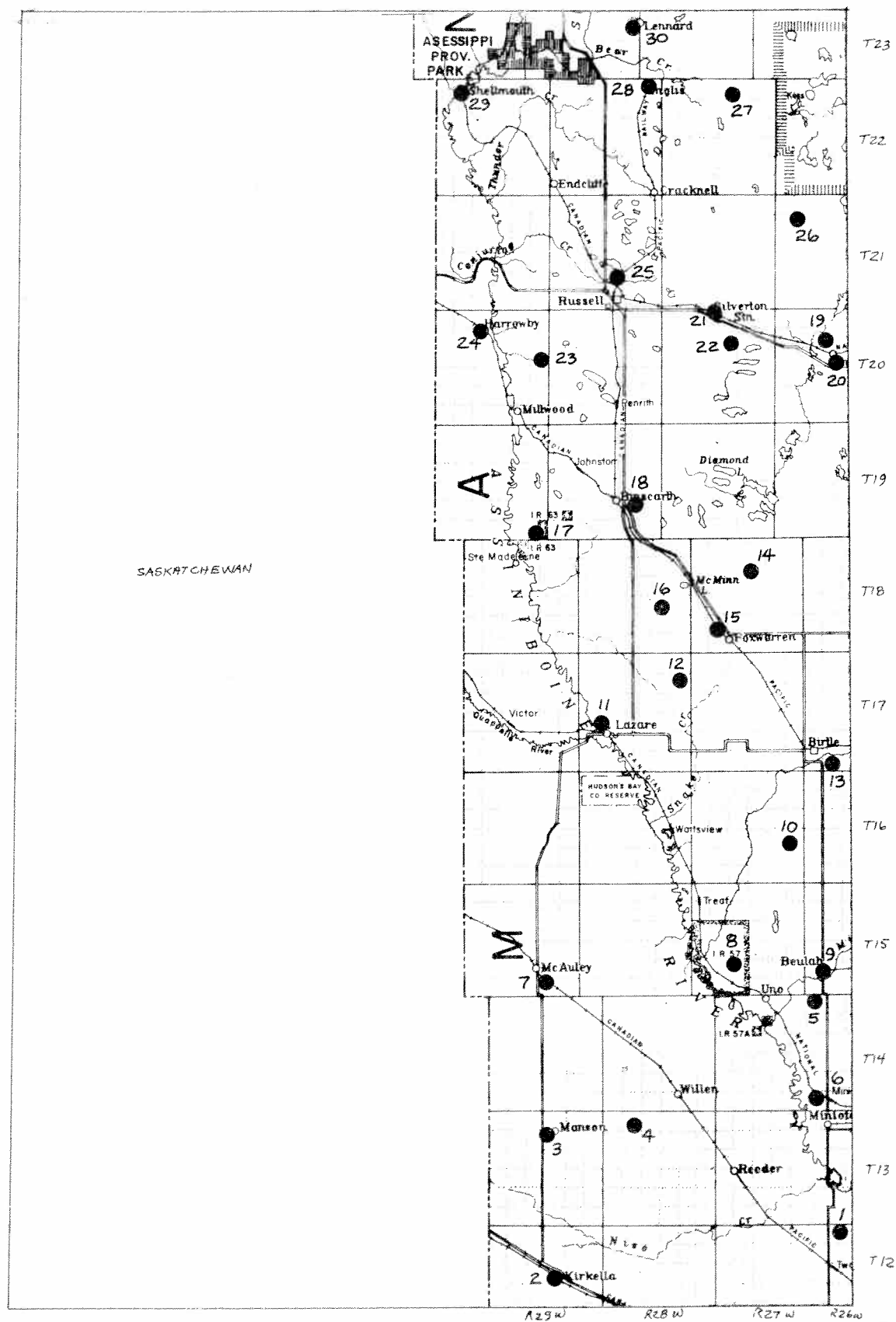
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It is often interesting to speculate on what happened to the Red River settlers who deserted the colony in 1815 and west to Ontario - it is another thing entirely to investigate the lives of these pioneers after they left Red River. In generations 1:1 (Fall 1976), page 18, is a list of passengers, mostly evicted Highlanders, who came to Canada aboard the "Prince of Wales". Two individuals included on this list, Barbara Sutherland (no. 65) and John Matheson (no. 68), are the principals of this article.

It may be that they knew one another in Scotland, but it is more likely that they first met on the ship as they sailed to Canada. They wintered over at Fort Churchill in 1813-14, and no doubt shared a canoe on the long trip from York Factory to Red River. The months of close contact with each other must have been influential for, on 22 July 1814, John Matheson was married to Barbara Sutherland at Red River. As there was no ordained clergy in the settlement at that time, the ceremony was conducted by Miles Macdonell, J.P., the Governor of the Selkirk Settlement. Witnesses to the wedding included Barbara's brother, Heman Sutherland, as well as James McKay, Ann McKay and two Mary Bannermans, who were friends of the couple. In January, 1815, John Matheson was appointed school teacher at an annual salary of 25 Pounds, the first school teacher in fact in what is now Manitoba.

The winter months of 1814-15 saw many troubles between the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company at Red River. As the spring progressed, the troubles increased, eventually affecting the Scots settlers. When fighting broke out which saw the destruction of settlers' homes and crops, John and Barbara decided to leave. In June, 1815, they left Red River with 50 to 60 other families. Along with John and Barbara Matheson was another couple from Sutherlandshire named John Matheson and Mary Bannerman. The latter had been married at Red River on 27 October 1814. As the two Johns were constantly being mixed up - so in order to distinguish between them, the designations Sr. and Jr. were applied to their names, as well as the nicknames "Red John" and "Black John". John Matheson from Aultbreakachy (husband of Barbara Sutherland) was "Red John, Junior". For the sake of further identification, Red John, Jr., was the son of Hugh Matheson and the Widow Matheson (she came to Red River in 1815), while Black John, Sr., was the son of Neil Matheson.

Following the fur trade routes, the Scots made their way by canoe to Fort William, then across Lake Superior to Sault Ste. Marie. After resting at the Soo, they proceeded along the northern portion of Lake Huron to the outlet of the Nottawasaga River. They ascended that river, and also its tributary Willow Creek, and crossed the Nine-Mile Portage to the head of Kemperfeldt Bay. Passing across Lake Simcoe, they eventually reached the settlements on Yonge Street. Various Scottish families along Yonge Street took in the Red River settlers and helped them to get settled for the first few months of their stay in Ontario.

In the course of the next three years, John and Barbara Matheson went up the Holland River as far as the third concession, landing and settling on the peninsular portion of West Gwillimbury Township in the area lying between the river and the north branch. They eventually settled on the south half of Lot 7 in the 6th Concession of West Gwillimbury. Here they farmed, and here their children were born - Hugh in 1818, James in 1820, John in 1824, Angus in 1826 and Heman in 1828.

It is interesting to note that Barbara's father, James Sutherland, also went to Red River initially over the same route as his daughter and son-in-law. He left Scot Scotland in 1815, being sent to Red River by the Church of Scotland as a Cathecist to administer to the Scots and to marry and baptise until such time as the church could send out an ordained minister. Later, he followed John and Barbara to West Gwillimbury where he helped to organize the Bond Head Presbyterian Church. On the Communion Roll of 6 January 1822, James Sutherland is listed as number 1, while John Matheson is shown as number 3. One interesting aspect is the fact that James Sutherland officiated at the baptism of his grandson, Angus Matheson, at the Bond Head Church in August 1826.

Like his father-in-law, John Matheson was also a leading figure in the establishment of the Bond Head Church, working at the church in some capacity from 1822 until 1830. After that period, he assisted with the building of the Auld Kirk at Bradford, Ontario. Always a prominent worker for the Presbyterian Church, for many years he conducted the Sabbath School and was described as an "excellent translator of sermons in the Gaelic tongue, at their Sabbath Day meetings".

In 1838, their son Hugh married Susan Lloyd in King Township. Susan was a Quaker whose family had come to Ontario from Pennsylvania in the early 1800s.

Land and census records of the period show that John and Barbara, together with their sons James, Heman and John, moved from West Gwillimbury to Zorra Township, Oxford County, in 1840. Here they again began to clear land, during which time the entire family lived together in a log house. John, the son, married shortly after the move, and grandchildren gradually filled the small log home.

The family resided in Zorra until 1853, when John and Barbara decided to move again. This time, the family moved to Inverhuron, Bruce County, where they joined their son, Hugh, his wife, Susan, and their grandchildren. On the Assessment Roll for 1855, John Matheson is shown residing on Lot 3 on 20 acres of uncultivated land. By the time of the 1863 Assessment, John was residing on South Alma Street, No. 22, on 20 acres of land (8 acres cleared) with a building worth \$180.00.

As before, John Matheson was active in Church matters. With his son, Hugh, he was instrumental in establishing the Presbyterian church in Tiverton, Ontario. They were charter members of the congregation, joining on 27 September 1860. John was one of the original elders, and had been an elder in his previous church at Zorra. He continued to translate the sermons from English to Gaelic as required by the various ministers.

John Matheson lived in Inverhuron until his death on 27 September 1866. From the Session Records of the Tiverton Presbyterian Church: "The Session embrace the present opportunity of recording in their minutes the death of John Matheson, Elder, which took place at his residence in Inverhuron on Thursday 27 Sept. 1866. Mr. Matheson was a faithful acting elder in this congregation since its first organization and the Session mourn over the loss they have sustained in the decease of one so faithful in the Session and congregation". It is not known where and when Barbara Matheson died.

Hugh Matheson, his wife Susan, and two of their sons (Jesse and Daniel) later moved to Manitoba in 1882, where Hugh died at East Selkirk on 30 March 1883. Jesse Matheson later lived at Bullhead Harbour (now Pine Dock) on Lake Winnipeg where he established a stopping place for tourists, ships, fishermen and other travellers. His brother Dan was the Lighthouse Keeper on Black Bear Island (now Matheson Island) in Lake Winnipeg. Jesse, his wife Isabelle MacGregor, many of their children, and Daniel Matheson now lie buried at Mapleton, Manitoba.

The descendants of John Matheson and Barbara Sutherland, two of the original Selkirk Settlers, can now be found throughout Canada and the United States.

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