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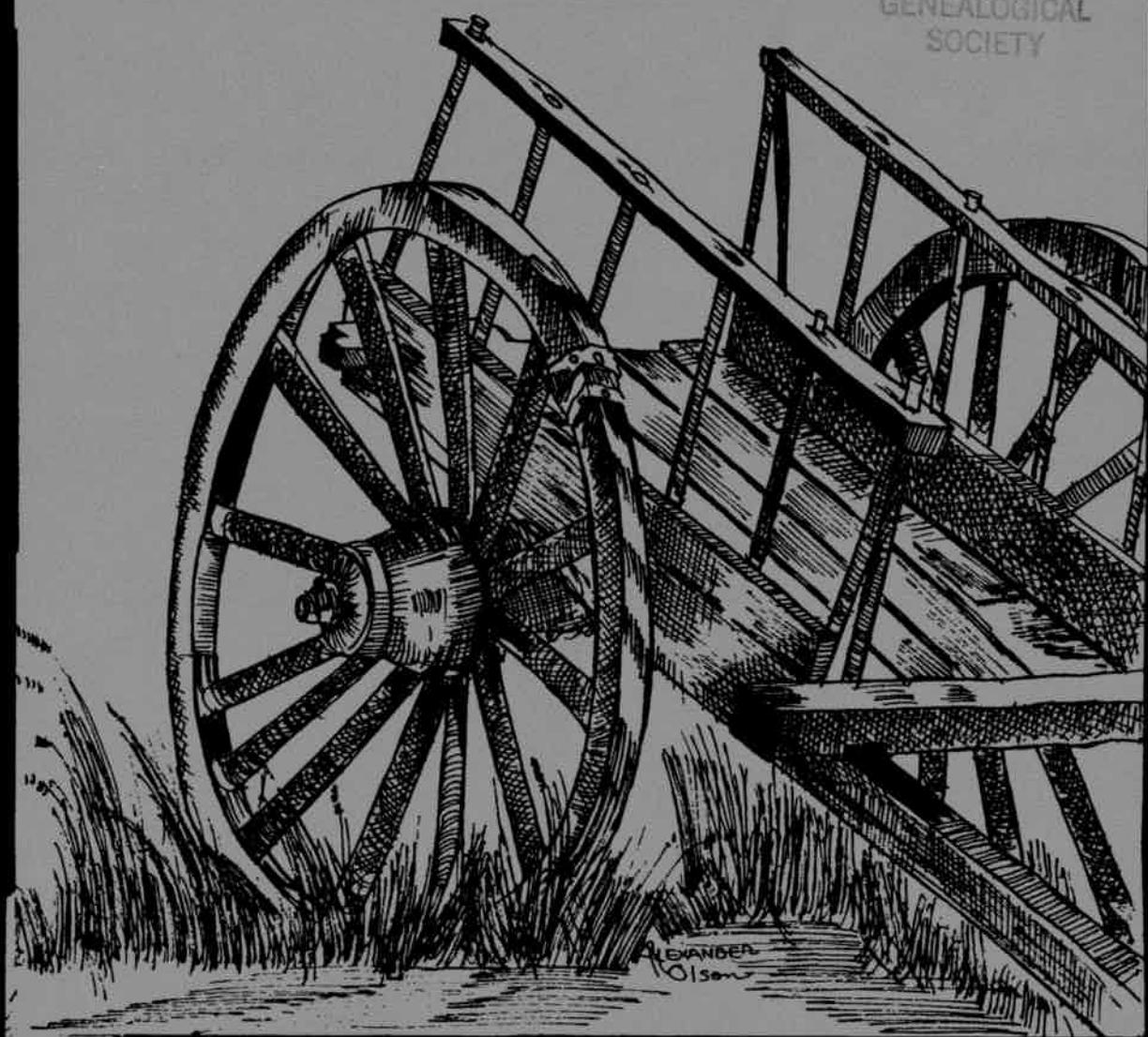
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# BARBARA'S PAGE

AN EDITORIAL

Ten years ago it all began. On June 16, 1976 the inaugural meeting of the Manitoba Genealogical Society was held with 46 persons in attendance. Eric Jonasson was the one who got things going and served as President for four years. Seventy-eight people who signed up before July 31, 1976 were the "Founding Members" and by the end of the year the membership had grown to 135.

Two issues of Generations were published that first year and four quarterly issues have been published each year since. In 1977 "Generation Gaps" (your queries) first appeared. Plans were made for the first annual Seminar. The first Surname Index was put together and the library was started. By the end of 1977 there were over 200 members.

In January, 1978 the Brandon and District Branch was inaugurated and the Winnipeg Branch started up in November. Dauphin and Roblin branches were formed in 1979.

We have progressed from 200 copies printed by Gestetner and collated by volunteers to 700 copies offset printed and collated by machine. However, we still need volunteers to help stuff envelopes and collate the newsletter.

We now have an office and a library with a full-time secretary, Mavis Menzies, on our payroll (thanks to government grants) and we wonder how we ever managed without her. But we still need more volunteers than ever, as the growth of the society means an increase in the amount of work we should do and could do.

As you can see from the list inside the front cover, MGS has a lot of committees and activities and a lot of dedicated people who do their best to carry out those activities. There is room for you, too! The more help we get, the more we can do for our members, and the more we do for others, the greater the benefit for all. If you can't do a big job, you can do a small job. If you can't help all the time, you can help part of the time. If you can't come to the office, you can work at home. Whatever you can do will be very much appreciated.

This year we are celebrating our tenth anniversary with many special events. Our Logo Competition was won by Reta McMannis of Brandon. Lapel pins bearing the new logo will be available at the annual Seminar, which is to be held in August in Brandon with guests from all across Canada.

Branches are being encouraged to organize church services and family picnics in their own areas to commemorate the tenth anniversary.

For our publications, we are planning an emphasis on Manitoba throughout the year as well as a special anniversary edition at the end of the year.

A membership survey is being prepared for mailing with the next issue of Generations and all members are urged to complete and return the forms so that we can develop a membership profile which will assist us in planning future publications and programs.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

*Barbara Page*

# METIS RESEARCH

BY SHEILA D. HAYES  
AT SEMINAR '85

Good afternoon, my name is Sheila Hayes and I am going to speak on the Métis sources in genealogy.

I would like to share with you a little background information. I was born in Russell, Manitoba and have been living in Edmonton for the past fifteen years. I am a fifth generation Métis whose roots were planted in Manitoba in the early 1800's prior to the Red River Settlement. I began researching my family history in 1983 and have since learned a great deal on the Métis role in the history of Western Canada.

Furs were in great demand in Europe in the seventeenth century, and this demand resulted in the arrival of Europeans on the northern shores of North America. These men sought companionship with Indian women, who in turn ensured their survival by supplying them with clothing such as buckskin jackets, moccasins, snowshoes, as well as food from the wild. These unions also provided family ties to native groups who became valuable trading partners. Some historians state that the Métis population began nine months after the first Europeans arrived in Canada.

The word Métis comes from the Latin word 'miscere' meaning to mix and was used to describe children of French fathers and Indian mothers. Another term for Métis comes from the Ojibway Indians who described them as 'wissakodewinmi' meaning 'half-burnt woodmen'. This was shortened to 'burnt wood' to which the French picked up the translation and 'bois brûlé' came into use. These people were also known by other names including - country born, black Scots, Métis anglaise, breeds, and half-breeds. The term 'half-breed' became the name most frequently used.

The religion of these early mixed-bloods included, the French Métis who were devout Roman Catholics, the English Half-breeds who were ardent Anglicans, and the Scottish mixed-bloods who were Presbyterian, and in other areas such as Norway House most were Methodist.

In the next hour, I would like to refer to the various sources I have used in my research.

## 1. Church Records

Church policy varies from one denomination to another. Some older records are housed in central depositories, while others are kept at the individual churches.

- a. Roman Catholic: the largest denomination is organized on a parish, diocese, and archdiocese basis. Records are housed at the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, 50 Stafford Street and the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, 151 Cathedrale Avenue, St. Boniface. A three volume set of books have been published which contain seventeen parishes in Manitoba (French and Métis). This set is called Manitoba Marriages by Paul J. Lareau and Fr. Julien Hamelin and was published by Le Centre de Genealogie S.D., 240 Avenue Daly Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6G2.

- b. United Church: the second largest denomination which was established in 1925 by the union of Methodist, Congregational, and most Presbyterian churches. These records are housed at the University of Winnipeg.
- c. Anglican Church: the third largest denomination and one of the oldest, house their records at 935 Nesbitt Avenue, Fort Garry.
- d. Presbyterian: with the establishment of the United Church, approximately one-third of the Presbyterian Churches refused to join. In this case it is necessary to consult both the United Church and Presbyterian Church.

When writing for church records give all the information pertinent to your request. As their records are sometimes old and fragile, photocopying is not permitted; however, you will usually receive a copy of the requested certificate. There is no set fee for this service, and I usually enclose \$5.00 for the cost of the certificate and postage. If writing directly to the church, please limit your request as most inquiries are handled by the minister or priest and occasionally volunteers. They would be more receptive to a request of one or two certificates as opposed to a request for five or more certificates. Also the room for error is much greater when requesting many certificates at once.

## 2. Métis Land Scrip - also known as Half-breed Scrip

Legislation beginning with the Manitoba Act of 1870 and ending in 1924 provided for settlement of land claims in Western Canada, in which the government set aside 1,400,000 acres of land that could be claimed by the Métis and original white settlers who could establish their identification with the area as early as 1835. Each qualified person could then apply for either land or cash in the amount of \$160 or 160 acres or in certain cases \$240 or 240 acres.

When the application was approved the applicant was given a promise in writing called SCRIP. The holder of Scrip then exchanged it either for land or cash. Occasionally Scrip was issued to deceased persons which was divided among their heirs.

Each person applied for Scrip through an affidavit in which they listed their origin, parentage, children where applicable, affidavit number, and address of the applicant. However, in some cases it was noted "childrens' names on application".

In some cases applicants guessed at dates of birth and marriage, if orphaned they sometimes gave the name of their guardian, and the person recording the information sometimes made errors while recording the information.

Scrip was issued in 1876, 1885, and 1900/02. Because the Métis population was widespread by 1900, applications were received from Western Canada as well as the northern states of Montana and North Dakota.

Scrip records are available for loan from Public Archives Canada on an alphabetical list on microfilm reels C-14942 and C-14943. If you already have the necessary information and affidavit/claim number, you may write to the Public Archives Canada and request a copy of the original application.

3. Charles D. Denney Papers

Charles D. Denney is the founding father of the Alberta Genealogical Society as well as one of the original members of the Manitoba Genealogical Society. His collection contains over a thousand Western Canadian families which include Métis families and the original Red River Settlers. This collection is housed at Glenbow-Alberta Institute, 9th Avenue and 1st Street S.E., Calgary, Alberta T2G 0P3.

The Denney Papers contain over 10,000 (3x5) cards listed alphabetically. Each card may contain information such as:

- a. Birth Record - from church or newspaper
- b. Death Record - from church, headstone, or newspaper
- c. Marriage Record - from church or newspaper
- d. Scrip Records

The Denney Papers also include over seventy three-ring binders documenting individual family groups numbered according to the Dewey Decimal System. Some of the above cards are cross-referenced with the information in the binders. The family groups contain family pedigree charts and they may also contain group sheets, newspaper clippings, birth, marriage and death information, correspondence with individuals across North America who may be researching that particular family, and Scrip affidavits.

This collection is a must for genealogists, for its quality, quantity, and uniqueness has not been equalled. Mr. Denney is to be commended for his tireless effort and valued contribution to the advancement of genealogy.

In addition to the Denney papers, Glenbow has other Métis material including reports on land claims, reminiscences, correspondence, essays and theses, and several biographical sketches.

4. Hudson's Bay Archives - Winnipeg

The Hudson's Bay Company Archives date from 1671 and are housed in the Provincial Archives of Manitoba, Manitoba Archives Building, 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg R3C 1T5.

The archives is divided into eight sections and two groups. Company documents for the years 1670-1870 (except maps) have been microfilmed.

Of interest are:

- a. List of servants 1774-1820.
- b. Post journals 1705-1943 and include daily entries which contain information on weather, occupations of company servants.
- c. Abstracts of servants accounts.
- d. Census records.
- e. Servants contracts listed alphabetically. Some contracts contain little information while others contain much information.
- f. Map collection.

Further reading includes:

- a. "Labor Records of the Hudson's Bay Company 1821-1870" by Philip Goldring printed in Archivaria winter 1980-81, pp 53-86.
- b. "The Archives of the Hudson's Bay Company" by R.H.G. Leveson Gower printed in The Beaver December 1933, pp 40-42, 64.
- c. The Beaver published for many years with many articles on people involved with the Company.

5. Manitoba Provincial Archives

Census records include 1832 - 1881 with 1870 records indexed. 1881 records were being indexed and may have been completed.

A large number of church records are available on microfilm. These include Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Catholic parishes.

The Legislative Library has a large collection of Manitoba newspapers on microfilm. Le Métis (March 27, 1871 - September 29, 1881) and Le Manitoba (continues Le Métis) (October 13, 1881 - July 29, 1925) are a small example that may be of interest; however, an understanding of the French language is essential.

6. La Société Historique de Saint Boniface

Located in College Saint Boniface, Room 1090, 200 Cathedrale Avenue, St. Boniface, Manitoba R2B 3B4.

The library has an extensive collection of Roman Catholic records in Manitoba and Quebec. They have a card index of marriages for St. François Xavier, St. Norbert, and St. Boniface. There is also numerous historical documents one of which is the Pierre Picton collection which includes research documents on Métis families.

7. Public Archives Canada

Publishes a booklet Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada. The Manuscript Division has no collections relating specifically to Métis genealogy. However, they will check their indexes and finding aids to determine if there is any information on specific individuals.

The Federal Archives Division holds the Métis land claims and other records of the Federal Government. They also have lists of half-breeds from Batoche, St. Laurent, and Duck Lake who required assistance during the winter of 1885 (RG 18, volume 1026, file 3644).

The Public Archives will not undertake exhaustive family research, but they are prompt in answering specific questions. However, these questions should be clear, concise, and contain information pertinent to the individual.

8. Book Sources

I find books relating to the Métis people in general, a valuable tool in researching your own family. You may find that certain books do not pertain to your own family; however, the bibliographical lists and footnotes list sources that may be unknown to you.

Pemmican Publications of Winnipeg is a Métis publishing house. Their list of books include The Genealogy of the First Métis Nation by D.N. Sprague and R.P. Frye. They have a catalogue listing other Métis publications.

Following is a short list of books which I have found useful, but one should check their local libraries for other books relating to the Métis population.

- a. Selected Annotated Bibliography on Métis History and Claims - by D. Madill Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.
- b. Strangers in Blood: Fur Trade Company Families in Indian Country - by Jennifer Brown.
- c. Many Tender Ties: Women in Fur Trade Society 1670-1870 - by Sylvia Van Kirk.
- d. The People in Between: Indian - White Marriage and the Genesis of a Métis Society and Culture in the Great Lakes Region, 1680-1830 - by Jacqueline Peterson. Published Ph.D thesis, University of Chicago, 1980 (Ann Arbor: University Microfilms International, 1981).
- e. The Red River Settlement - by Alexander Ross.
- f. Batoche - by Diane Payment

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# THE LIVING TREE

BY BARBARA PAGE

"Let this be recorded for a generation to come..." (Psalm 102:18)

As a family historian, you are no doubt busy tracing your ancestry and trying to find out where and when your ancestors lived, their occupations, religious affiliation and personality traits. Your detective work is more difficult when there are few clues that can help solve the mystery of your origins. Isn't it exciting when you find a diary or a letter? You learn so much from them and those people become real.

While you are digging for your roots, remember that your own family tree is taking root right now. What are you doing to make it easier for your descendants? A living tree must be fed and watered to keep it alive. Here are some suggestions to help you nurture your tree:

**LETTERS.** Keep a copy of all the letters you write to family members, as well as those written in pursuit of elusive past generations and other business. Keep the letters you receive and also birthday, anniversary and Christmas cards. Mimeographed Christmas letters, although often maligned, can be an excellent way of providing a resume of the year's activities.

**FILES.** I keep a file for each of my children. Whenever I write to them I put a copy in the file. Their letters to me go in the file. Anything else pertaining just to them goes in the file. Not long ago my daughter asked me a question about her graduation pictures and I was able to find the information in her file.

**TELEPHONE CALLS.** Keep a log of calls made or received. They are as important as letters, especially in these days when letter writing is becoming obsolete. A written record can be checked against long distance phone bills or when corroboration is required of a phone conversation.

**ADDRESS BOOKS.** Don't throw away the old ones. They provide a record of where your friends and relatives have lived over the years and also who they were (in case you forget). You could even note the dates when someone moves as I do with my children, who seem to change residence rather frequently.

**CALENDARS** (or appointment books). Do you keep track of meetings and appointments on your calendar? Don't throw it away at the end of the year. It is a mini-diary which you yourself might want to consult occasionally. Make a note of memorable events as they occur and you will have a permanent record. For example, when my son and daughter-in-law phoned to tell me they were expecting a baby, my first grandchild, I immediately marked it down on my calendar. When a friend or relative comes to visit, mark it on your calendar. Some people make notes about the weather, too.

**GUEST BOOK.** A book for visitors to sign, with the date and other pertinent information, is a great way to keep track of visitors and provides invaluable clues for future generations as to who your friends were and which relatives you kept in touch with.

SCHOOL and WORK records. You have probably kept your children's report cards, class photos, etc., and you may even have your own. Also keep awards and programs, newspaper clippings, certificates, etc. Keep your income tax records and work resumes.

WEDDINGS. Keep a file with all the bits and pieces on each wedding, the list of guests, and a copy of the announcements clipped from the paper. These are handy to refer to when another wedding comes up as well as being a family record.

FUNERALS. Not a subject we want to think about, but inevitable. A funeral is the celebration of a person's life and is therefore an important record. If possible, obtain a copy of the eulogy or the minister's remarks and keep the printed bulletin, if there is one. Keep a copy of newspaper obituaries. An obituary should mention date and place of birth, names of parents (mother's maiden name), maiden names of wives, and names of other surviving relatives.

DIARIES. Keeping a journal is an excellent method of preserving today's history for tomorrow, although it is time-consuming and requires a certain amount of self-discipline. I have kept a journal on special trips but otherwise my letters are my only record of day to day activities. My son-in-law lost a 7-year journal during a flood, so keep it in a safe place!

PHOTOS/MOVIES/VIDEO. Almost everyone has some kind of camera - use it! Capture special occasions on film. Take a picture of your house - it may not be there forever. Take a picture of yourself, too, or get someone to do it for you. When relatives come to visit, take photos. When you or someone else has created something special, snap a picture of it. Take pictures of pets and family heirlooms. Take pictures of family members while they are doing an activity that is meaningful for them and record for posterity the many dimensions of your family life. Some moments are so fleeting but a camera gives them permanence and the only visual reminder you will have aside from written records.

YOUR LIFE STORY. If you haven't kept a diary, start right now writing down everything you can remember about your own life. Make a copy for each of your children or close relative or friend.

Do you know where you were born? Most people know that much. Where were your parents living at the time? Chances are you don't know the specific street and number if it was a town or city. Do you know when, why and where you moved from or to? Some families moved a lot and others remained stationary all their lives. Do you remember all the places you've lived? Write down everything you can remember and any little stories that come to mind. You may think there isn't much to say about your life, but be assured that once you start writing it down, you'll be amazed! I started by writing down all the places I've lived and they added up to 30!

Consider also:

- Your brothers and sisters.
- Your children.
- Your ancestors, including parents and grandparents. Write down what you know about them.
- Church: Denominations, Sunday School, ministers, Sunday School teachers and others.

- School: scholarships, loans, bursaries, honours, awards. Special courses. Extra curricular activities. Summer or after school jobs. Friends. Teachers.
- Illnesses and Accidents. A concise medical history could be a definite advantage in your family's health care, especially if there is an unusual medical problem. Include inherited tendencies, such as left-handedness or myopia.
- Pets.
- Happy or unhappy events. Including involvement in national or local newsworthy occasions.
- Financial status. The ups and downs, etc.
- Romance. Your first kiss, your first love.
- Spouse - how and where you met, courtship and marriage, in-laws.
- Talents and skills. Music, art, needlework, mechanics, electronics, etc.
- Clubs and organizations. The extent of your involvement, offices held, etc.
- Neighbours and friends.
- Sports and hobbies and recreational activities. Favourite songs, books, movies, etc.
- Vacations.
- Special celebrations, reunions and holidays.
- Traditions and Heirlooms that have been handed down. How and where did they originate?
- Favourite possessions.
- Favourite people.
- Military service.
- Employment. Training, promotions, companies, salaries, associates, achievements, your own business(es).
- Vital statistics. Height, weight, hair and eye colour, clothing size, etc.
- Philosophy, values and beliefs, plans and hopes.

Designate someone in your family to be the caretaker of your family history records, preferably a person that has shown some interest in genealogy. Otherwise choose the most responsible younger person you can find in the family. They will at least take care of your records until another genealogy nut comes along who will continue where you left off. Those who are really paranoid keep two copies of everything in separate locations in case of disaster.

Perhaps you've already developed a similar strategy to nurture your family tree. If not, these suggestions might help to get you started. You may not want to follow all of them, or you may have additional ideas. In any case, I hope this has given you something to think about in your genealogical pursuits.

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Bell, Jas. R. b) Eng. d) 28 Mar 1903 Brandon  
Bishop, William b) 1830 Rumbough Suffolk Eng. d) 28 Sep 1904  
Bremner, Mrs. b) 1821 Wigtonshire Scotland d) 26 Nov 1903  
Bunting, Mrs. Margaret Craig b) 1838 Lanarkshire SCT d) 1 Sep 1906  
Cameron, A.D. b) 1850 Perthshire SCT d) 17 Apr 1901  
Deer, Herbert b) 1882 Eng. d) 20 Oct 1906  
Forman, Patrick b) 1878 d) 19 Feb 1908 relations NZ and SCT  
Graham, Margaret b) 1844 Ireland d) 22 Feb 1907 Rounthwaite  
Grant, Charles R. b) 1842 d)?Dec 1906 Scotland  
Gronta, Frederick b) 1868 Eng d) 17 Dec 1903  
Harrison, Jas. C. b) 1839 Eng. d) 22 Aug 1903 Brandon  
Hearn, Albert George b) 1863 Eng. d) 24 Apr 1903  
Heron, William b) 1840 Scotland d) 23 Jun 1900  
Herring, William b) 1886 Eng. d) 1 May 1906  
Higgins, Guy E.R. b) 1879 Eng. d) 20 Apr 1906  
Hill, Annie Gertrude b) Eng. d) 5 Oct 1906  
Holden, Mrs. Jas. d) ?Feb 1903 London Eng., daughter Brandon  
Jaimieson, Mary Isabelle b) Scotland d) 12 Apr 1907  
Kelley, Mrs. Chas. J. d) ?Jan 1903 Gloucester Eng., formerly Brandon  
Kennedy, William d) ?Jan 1901 Scotland, son Brandon  
Leybourne, Mrs. Wm. b) 1837 Yorkshire Eng. d) Jun 1904  
Longstaff, Eliza b) 1849 Eng. d) 28 Oct 1908  
Marsh, Widiam A. b) 1872 Eng. d) 8 Jun 1906  
McAllister, John b) 1870 Antrim Ire. d) 24 Mar 1906  
McKie, William b) 1870 Scotland d) 14 Jun 1908  
McDonald, Angus b) 1825 Scotland d) 31 Jan 1908  
McEchern, Mary Thom b) 1820 Scotland d) 23 Jun 1907  
McLeod, William b) 1883 Scotland d) 19 Sep 1908  
McWhannel, George b) 1881 Scotland d) 27 Oct 1906  
Minchen, A.W.J. (male) b) 1871 Chiselhurst Eng. d) 25 Apr 1906  
Morton, William b) 1867 Ochiltree Ayrshire SCT d) 25 Mar 1903  
Nevin, William b) 1826 Derby Ireland d) 7 Apr 1903 Elton  
Noble, Anne (nee Rispin) b) 1826 Yorkshire Eng. d) 25 Feb 1905  
Brantford Ont., son Brandon  
Paxton, James )b 1882 Scotland d) 15 Oct 1906  
Pyatt, Clara Anne b) England d) 5 Dec 1908  
Roberts, Randall b) 1835 Ireland d) 10 Sep 1908  
Russell, Frank b) 1839 England d) 16 Jul 1904  
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If you are interested in the Early British Settlers in Australia

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Contains genealogy information.

CANADA CENSUS. The census returns for 1901 have been turned over to PAC but unfortunately will not be released until 1993. the 1891 census was made available in December 1985. So far I have not been able to locate a finding aid, although I was successful in locating three reels by Province and Political Division identification.

MANY THANKS to those who have written about this column and I shall endeavour to keep the type of material you requested coming. Remember that if you have material that might be included in the column, my closing dates are the tenth of the months of March, June, September and November. Happy Hunting!

Mail to: Tom Stacey, Psychology Dept., Brandon University,  
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# LIBRARY NOTES

BY LOUISA SHERMERHORN

TORONTO TREE. Vol. 17 #1 Jan/86 has a basic checklist of sources for Ireland with an explanation of how to use the Householders Index of Ireland. The Index is on microfilm at the Winnipeg LDS library. The microfilm of the records themselves may be ordered from Salt Lake City. The index is not an end in itself and only gives some indication of where a surname may be found (info on the index is from Katie Spencer).

UNITED CHURCH ARCHIVES. The archives of Montreal-Ottawa Conference (eastern triangle of SE Ontario) have been moved from McGill University to the City of Ottawa Archives. --from Ottawa Branch News, Vol. XIX #1 Jan/86.

GENEALOGISTS' MAGAZINE, Society of Genealogists. Vol. 21 #12 is an index for Volume 21.

NUMBERING SYSTEMS. I recently received numerous pages of genealogical data on part of my family from a fourth cousin once removed. She uses a variation of the numbering system 1.1.1.1 etc. and when she has more than 9 children in a family the 10th becomes J, the eleventh K, etc. She uses a computer and this seems to work well.

MARINERS. For members searching for information of Sailing Masters (Merchant Marine), there is a short article in the Waterloo-Wellington Branch Notes, Vol. XIV #1 Jan/86 citing where some of the records are available.

INDENTURED EMIGRANTS. When searching in the Public Record Office in London, England, you may want to look at the Indentured Emigrant lists in the Treasury Papers, numbers 10, 11, 47-49.

LARGE CHARTS. An idea from the Tasmanian Ancestry (donated by Mr. Newman of Hobart, Australia): when drafting a large chart or series of charts showing ancestry and other relatives, it is advisable to begin at the bottom of the chart with the most recent generation. Then divide the space on your chart according to the number of this generation and the number of generations to be recorded. Members of each generation should be placed on the same level across the page. A drafting expert may question this, but a quick start this way (not proceeding very far) makes me think that it is probably a good idea.

The ALL-IRELAND HERITAGE, a new (1984) journal, has been donated to the library by Laura Kucera. The first volume of 3 issues lists the "Extracts from Enniskillen Parish Registers". The original registers were destroyed by fire.

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP, Hastings County, Ontario, is collecting information for a history publication. Any information on families, happenings, pictures, etc. may be sent to: Mrs. Katherine Gibson, R.R. 3, Brighton, Ontario K0K 1H0, or to Mrs. Florence Chatten, R.R. 7, Brighton.

CHANNEL ISLANDS. Seeking ancestors in the Channel Islands? Marion G. Turk has written four books on Channel Islanders, the latest being "Quiet Adventures in North America" available from Harlo Press, 50 Victor Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48203, \$22US. They may be able to give you information on the first three books, also.

FAMILY SOCIETIES. Seattle GS Bulletin, Vol. 35 #2 Winter/85-86 has a new continuing article on "Scottish Clan and Family Societies" listing Clan/Family Associations and a contact person and address. Issue #2 has from A - Dunlop.

COUSIN: Do you know what a cousin is? Read the short, concise article in Genealogy Digest, Vol. 15 #4 Fall/84 p. 29 and see chart on p. 24.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR GENEALOGISTS  
by Rabbi Malcolm Stern

1. I am a genealogist dedicated to true knowledge about the families I am researching.
2. Thou shalt use family traditions with caution and only as clues.
3. Thou shalt not accept as gospel every written or printed word.
4. Thou shalt not hang nobility or royalty on your family tree without verifying it with experts.
5. Thou shalt clearly label the questionable and the fairy tale.
6. Thou shalt handle all records in such a way that the next users will find them in the condition you did.
7. Thou shalt credit those who help you and ask permission of those whose work you use.
8. Thou shalt not query any source of information without supplying postage.
9. Thou shalt respect the sensitivities of the living in whatever you record but tell the truth about the dead.
10. Thou shalt not become a genealogical teacher or authority without appropriate training and certification.

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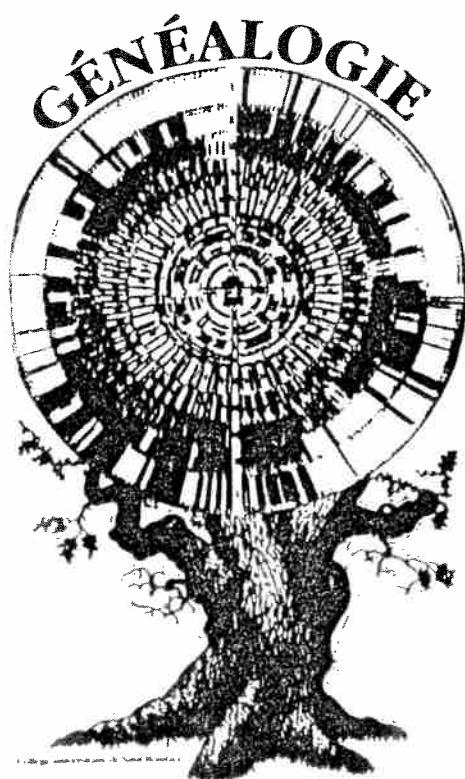
# ST. BONIFACE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LA SOCIETE HISTORIQUE DE SAINT BONIFACE  
BY BARBARA PAGE

For those lucky people who have French Canadian ancestors, the genealogical section of the St. Boniface Historical Society is a researcher's dream come true. The genealogical portion of the library comprises hundreds of parish histories and genealogical dictionaries related to French Canadian ancestors. There are records for the province of Quebec as well as Manitoba. Cross references enable the searcher to go from one generation to the next so that in a few hours it is possible to find records for your family going back several generations to the original French settlers.

This sizable reference library is available to the public. The society will help you to do your own research but they do not prepare family histories for individuals.

Founded in 1902, the St. Boniface Historical Society promotes the study of family history and collects documents, studies and histories of French Manitoban families. Funds obtained through membership fees, donations, publication sales and government grants are used for activities such as meetings, publications, library, archives, museum and conferences.



Council: Normand Boisvert, President; Norman Lefavire, 1st Vice-Pres.; Nicole St-Onge, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Irene Garand, secretary; Marc Boily, Treasurer; councillors: Helene Chaput, Gontran Laviolette, Gilbert Comeault, Marie Bouchard, Robert Andre (Past President). Personnel: Gilles Lesage, director; Helene Vrignon, director of Riel House; Angele Marion, secretary.

Visit the society's office and library at Room 1090 in the west pavillion of St. Boniface College, 200 Cathedral Avenue in St. Boniface. Hours are 9 - 5 Monday to Friday and 9 - 12 on Saturday. Telephone 233-4888.

Some of the records available are listed on the following pages.

List of parishes in Quebec for which SHSB has marriage records:

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Aldfield	Champlly	Greenbay	Lavisation
Ancienne-Lorette	Champlain	Grondines	Lauzon
Ange Gardien	Chapeau	Grosse Ile	Lawrenceville
Angers	Charlesbourg	Guerin	Leeds
Anglier	Chartierville	Guigues	Lennoxville
Armagh	Chateauguay	Ham-nord	Les Cedres
Arnfiell	Chateau-Richer	Ham-sud	Les Ecureuils
Arthabaska	Cheneville	Hawks Burray	Les Mines
Asbestos	Clarenceville	Henryville	Levis
Ascotts Corner	Cloutier	Honfleur	Limoilou
L'Assomption	Coaticook	Hudson	Longue Pointe
L'Avenir	Colerane	Hull	Longueuil
Ayer's Cliff	Compton	Iberville	Loretteville
Aylmer-Est	Contrecoeur	Ile aux Brues	Lorrainville
Barnston	Cookshire	Ile aux Noix	Lotbiniere
Batiscan	Coteau du Lac	Ile Bizard	Lourdes
Bearn	Coteau Landing	Ile d'Orleans	Luskville
Beaudry	Coteau Station	Ile-du-Pas	Lyster
Beauharnois	Couville	Ile Jesus	Magoz
Beauport	Cowansville	Ile Perrot	Mansenville
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Bernierville	Dixville	Kingsburry	Massabiella
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Bethanie	Dorion	Kingsey Falls	McMasterville
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Brussy	Fort Coulonje	Lac Rapides	North Hartley
Bryson	Fortierville	Lac St-Francois	North Anslow
Buckingham	Freleghburg	La Croche	N.D. de Ham
Buckland	Fugerville	La Force	N.D. de la Paix
Bury	Garthby	Lamiel	N.D. des Bois
Cacouna	Gentilly	La Passe	N.D. Issoudin
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Ouyen	Sherbrooke	St-Agapit	St-Gabriel de la Duranta
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Pacquetteville	Sorel	St-Alban	St-Germain
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Parisville	Springhill	St-Alexis des Monts	St-Georges de Windsor
Perkins	Stanbridge	St-Alphonse	St-Gervais
Philipsburg	Stanbridge Est	St-Amable	St-Gilbert
Pierreville	Stanhope	St-Andre Avellin	St-Gilles
Pike River	Stanstead	St-Andre Kamouraska	St-Gregoire
Pincourt	Stenson	St-Anicet	St-Guillaume d'Upton
Pintendre	Stoke	St-Anselme	St-Hilaire
Piopolis	Stoneham	St-Antoine de Tilly	St-Hugues
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Portneuf	Thetford Mines	St-Blaise	St-Jude
Portneuf-Station	Thurso	St-Bonaventure	St-Justin Lambert
Pont Rouge	Lingwick	St-Bruno	St-Lazare
Princeville	Trois Rivieres	St-Camille	St-Leonard
Quebec	Upton	St-Casimir	St-Leon le Grand
Racine	Val Cartier	St-Celestin	St-Liboire
Rapide Blanc	Valcourt	St-Cesaire	St-Louis de Blanford
Rapides de Jos Chenes	Val-des-Bois	St-Charles	St-Louis de Bonsecours
Remigny	Valleyfield	St-Claude	St-Louis Gonzague
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Richelieu	Varennes	St-Constant	St-Luc de Vinciennes
Richmond	Vaudreuil	St-Cyrille	St-Lucien
Rigaud	Venise-en-Quebec	St-Cyrille de l'Islet	St-Magloire
Riviere-a-Pierre	Vercheres	St-Damase	St-Malo
Riviere Beaudette	Verdun	St-Damien	St-Marc des Carrieres
Riviere des Prairies	Vianney	St-David	St-Marc sur Richelieu
Riviere du Loup	Victoriaville	St-Denis de la Bouteille	St-Marcel
Riviere du Sud	Village-des-Hurons	St-Denis Brompton	St-Mathias
Riviere Ouelle	Ville Marie	St-Denis sur Richelieu	St-Mathieu
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Roulier	Waterville	St-Emile	St-Nazaire
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Roxton Pond	Wickham	St-Eugene	St-Nicephore
Sabrevois	Windsor	St-Eugene de l'Islet	St-Nicholas
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St-Paul de Montmagny	St-Rosaire	Ste-Agnes de Dundee	Ste-Helene de Chester
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- 2: Family of Jean-Baptiste LagimodiereéMarie-Anne Gaboury
- 3: Pierre Picton, Riel Collection
- 4: Pierre Picton, Metis and pioneer families of Manitoba
- 5: Dambly collection
- 9: Marius Benoist collection
  - list of residents, addresses & occupations (1876-7-8)
  - families Tourond, Vermette, Verreault, Villebrun, Wells, Ouellet, Zastre
  - registers of St-Daniel, St-Francois-Xavier, Saint-Norbert, Saint-Isidore de Bellevue, Saint-Laurent Grandin.
- 10: Antoine Champagne collection - Riel, Lagimodiere, Champagne
- 15: Lesage family - genealogy and 100th anniversary
- 22: St. Boniface Museum collection
- 26: David Roy collection
  - genealogies of Deslauriers, Antaya, Cote, Carriere, Simard, Bacon, Fenez, Sabourin, Perrault, Robidoux, Thomas, Lapalisse, Grimard, Gosselin, Malo, Moran
  - censuses St-Boniface 1870
    - St-Francois Xavier 1870
    - St-Charles 1870
    - St-Norbert 1870
    - St-Vital 1870
    - Ste-Agathe 1870
    - Ste-Anne 1870
    - Pembina, North Dakota 1870
    - St-Francois Xavier 1831
    - Grant Town 1849
- 35: Selkirk documents
- 41: Saint-Boniface registers of births, marriages and deaths 1882-1890
- 42: James Emile Pierre Prendergast - genealogical notes
- 47: Tellier family
- 49: Census of french population in the parishes

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## ADRESSES

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	Archives nationales du Quebec C.P. 10450 Sainte-Foy, Quebec G1V 4N1 (notary files, Quebec region)	Societe de genealogie de la Mauricie et des Bois-Francs C.P. 901 Trois-Rivieres, Quebec G9A 5K2
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# SEARCHING FOR RICHARD HOBBS

MY ELUSIVE GREAT GRANDPA  
BY HEATHER HOBBS

Genealogical research can be quite a comedy of errors. As long as the errors don't cost too much in time and money (and if we eventually get some positive results), then I suppose we can laugh about them. Such was the case in my three year search for the elusive Richard Hobbs.

Family tradition had it that Richard Hobbs was my second great grandfather, but prohibitive vital statistics costs in England kept me from researching that line in earnest until 1982. That year I was forced to research as much as possible since I would be in England in October. I progressed quite splendidly, gathering six marriage and birth certificates by mail from Hampshire, England, including Richard's marriage in Kingsclere in 1864.

The correspondence ended when the trip was drawing near and I stopped short of requesting a search for Richard's birth certificate. On his marriage certificate, Richard had listed his father as "John Hobbs" which didn't please me one bit, considering the family tradition that his father was "Henry Hobbs" but there are usually some errors in family memories.

Richard had listed his "residence at the time of marriage" as Micheldever, a little town in Hampshire. This also did not please me since the rest of the known family had been in the town of Whitchurch, but then I thought I would straighten out any discrepancies when I was in England myself. After all, I was going to the Public Record Office in London and was especially interested in the recently released 1881 census.

I had made copious notes to myself on "what to do in London" so the day after I arrived I "bee-lined it" for the Public Record Office. As I have bemoaned to other members at M.G.S., there I encountered the perfect genealogist's nightmare. For the week I was in London (indeed, for the whole time I was in England), the P.R.O. was closed for inventory! I was in a state of shock for some time, muttering very nasty words, crying and stalking about the heart of London in a huff until I found myself at St. Catherines House.

Luckily, the shock evaporated as I dove into the vital statistics indexes and checked out dates for my ancestors. I did cover a three year period searching for Richard's birth that day, but could not find a reference that was clearly him. I found several other documents, though, including the marriage of Richard's in-laws.

I spent the next part of my trip in Salisbury, Wiltshire, having a very interesting visit with my dad's only brother whom I'd never met before. I managed to wangle a day's outing to Whitchurch which saw us slogging through two mucky cemeteries in the rain (I didn't find anyone promising, either, so the others were not impressed).

I was pleased to take photos of one old residence where my grandad was born in 1898 and found some postcards of the town. We found the local vicar who of course didn't have any older records. My uncle instead regaled him with stories of his experiences as a choir boy there fifty years earlier.

We also tried to locate some farms where my "Ag Lab" (agricultural labourer) ancestors had lived, but they had been built over. We did have a super "Ploughman's Lunch" in the pub, though, and my husband had the opportunity to spend time on his English hobby: testing local beers.

The mysterious town of Micheldever was not quite on the route home (actually nowhere near it) but I negotiated a detour. My uncle must have been convinced by now that I was quite batty, as we stumbled through another overgrown cemetery. He declared that no one, especially his ancestors, could possibly have come from this one-horse town. It was literally one of those that you could blink and miss. My aunt humoured me by taking a photo of an old building and there were a few snickers on the way home. I was convincing myself that old Richard must have only worked in Micheldever and actually lived somewhere else.

The next year, in the spring of 1983, I studied my notes from St. Catherines

House and  
wondered about  
a Richard  
Hobbs, probably  
son of John,  
born in 1842 in  
Devon. Another

family  
tradition to  
contend with  
had the family  
migrating from  
the Midlands of  
England.

That's not  
exactly Devon,  
but for a  
desperate  
genealogist  
this sounded  
plausible. I  
mentioned the  
Devon  
possibility to  
my dad.

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He had meanwhile re-read Lorna Doone and speculated on a romanticized theory that perhaps our ancestor was an outlaw such as the Doones and thus had adopted the common surname Hobbs. I was ready to believe almost anything.

I sent for the Devon birth certificate but immediately knew in my heart that these were not the right people. Richard's father was John but he was a tailor, his mother a dressmaker and his father sported a pretentious middle name. These people were not like the rural "salt of the earth" ag. labs. in Hampshire.

By this time Richard and all of my ancestors had to take a backseat to one of their descendants - my new son Rhett. The only research I managed for several months was a trip to the new L.D.S. Library in Winnipeg and that got me sidetracked into the I.G.I. with my Dutch research.

In 1984 I felt I had more than enough to do being treasurer of M.G.S. and research was again slow. One day I was complaining about great grandpa Richard leading me on a "wild goose chase" and M.G.S. councillor John Templeton suggested I check census microfilms now that the L.D.S. library was established. What a fascinating new world in my research!

I ordered two 1871 Hampshire censuses and found all the appropriate families plus some new information with ages etc. I found four generations of one family at one house: Richard's wife's siblings, her parents, her grandfather, and their son (my great grandad) listed as a "visitor." Everyone was there except Richard and his wife.

That year I also had my names, dates, etc. published by the Hampshire Genealogical Society in their "members' interests" section which prompted a flurry of letters. An Australian wrote to say that he also had a Hobbs ancestor in Micheldever. He'd been to the town as well, so he concluded that it was so small we must be related (probably true; we are trying to verify it).

Another letter came from a very kind man in England who picked out names from the 1851 census indexes that H.G.S. had published and wrote them out for me along with the page numbers. I promptly ordered the 1851 microfilms for Whitchurch and Kingsclere and caught everyone twenty years earlier (except for "you-know-who"). Using the page numbers, it was almost too easy! I wrote to the same man again and asked him to check the 1851 index for Micheldever. He replied and there was one Richard Hobbs but he was only six years old. My Richard should have been about ten.

When the L.D.S. library first had access to the 1881 English census, the system was somewhat inconvenient. You were to write to Salt Lake City to ask for the microfilm number, wait for a reply, then fill out a form at the Winnipeg library to request the film. This was a finicky procedure, so I worked on other research.

Finally, last fall, the library had a microfiche index and I ordered the 1881 census for Whitchurch. I rushed down when the film arrived and sat cranking my way through it without finding Richard and feeling quite frustrated. Then, three frames from the end, there he was! I looked over to the column for "place of birth" and burst out laughing - it said "Micheldever, Hampshire." After three years - three long years - I had nabbed Richard.

I sent a search request for a birth certificate and some of the mystery was revealed. We always hear about women lying about their ages, but this man was a real fibber. He had been three years out on his marriage record and two years out on the 1881 census. The probably reason: his wife was five years older than he. The birth certificate contained another ironic surprise: Richard and I shared the same birthday, February 27th!

There was some information on Richard's parents on his birth record as well (sounds like a set-up, actually, John Hobbs and Charlotte Dobbs?!). With that information I have partly "leap-frogged" over his generation but there are still many questions to answer about him. Where was he in 1871 when I found his two-year-old son visiting his grandfather? Was there an imminent birth of the next Hobbs right then? Where else did he live and when did he die? I did finally order the Micheldever 1851 census (he was the six year old), so now I have five or six Hobbs families there to sort out.

As for marrying a woman older than himself, it seems to run in the family. So far, there have been five generations of my ancestors with this habit. My brother, who is to be married this year, has the chance to break a pattern started 150 years ago.

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**HUGGINS** William & Josephine Huggins (nee: Ross) moved to Birtle, Man. from Ontario/late 1800's. Ch: Bessie Longmore, John Stocks, Jessie Hough, Edward Keene, William Hacking, Josephine Vant, Ralene Rinn and David Hossack. Any info.

Myrna Waldroff, Box 82, Carbon, Ab. TOM 0LO

**LOGAN GRAHAM** Robert Logan, prominent citizen Red River Settlement - would like contact with any descendants.  
**SUTHERLAND**  
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Arlene Logan, Box 54, Crooked Creek, Ab. TOH 0Y0

**OSBORNE** William Osborne b. Mar. 16, 1894, Holsworthy, Devon, Eng. m/to Charlotte Minnie Stone in Winnipeg. Info. re: Parents?  
**STONE** Siblings?

**HILL** Elizabeth Anne Hill m/to Thomas Langley in Woodlands, Mb., 1879.  
**LANGLEY** Dec'd 1914 - buried Castleavery, Sk. Info. re: Parents?  
Siblings?

Sandra Cann, 60 Sitka Bay, Oakbank, Mb. ROE 1J0

**McCONNELL** John McConnell b. 1835? Co. Armagh N. Ireland? d. 1908 Man.  
**FLETCHER** Martha Fletcher b. 1857 Rugby, Eng. d. 1935 Seattle, Wash. Ch: Ellen (Nellie) O'Brien, Martha Vahlbusch, Earl, William, Hugh, Jean Hasslett. Settled Assiniboia, Man., desc. in Seattle, Wash., Missoula, Helena, Butte Montana. Any info.

Brenda G. McConnell, 306 - 615 - 6th St. N.W., Portage la Prairie, Mb. R1N 2K3

**DRIEDGER** Joham Driedger (1826-1918?) m. 1843 to Katrina Warkentine (nee: Bankratz) (1823-1907). Moved to southern Man. 1874. Any info.

**HILDEBRAND** Anna Hildebrand (1862-1937) m. David Driedger (1858-1918?) - came from the Ukraine 1874. Homesteaded near Gretna, Man. Any info.

E. Driedger, Box 203, Roland, Mb. ROG 1T0

- LOVETT** Francis (aka Frank) Lovett b. 1845 Toronto, On. d. 1921  
**MONYHAN** Winnipeg, Mb. (s/o Barney & Kate Lovett nee: Monyhan) OR (s/o Byron & Catherine McColman); m. Martha Crookshank/Cruikshank.  
**McCOLMAN** Ch: Alexander, Francis Earl Lorne, Herbert Ray, Stella, Lizzie Rosieanna, Mary Lucy, Nina Byrell. Homesteaded Deloraine dist. 1886. Owned Queen's Hotel, Deloraine prior 1891. Any info.
- CROOKSHANK/** James b. 1833 Ireland d. 1878 Tara, Ont.; m. Elizabeth Rowe; Ch: **CRIUKSHANK** Robert, John George, James Malford, Sarah Anne, Catherine, Martha, Eliza Jane, Mary Alice, Susan, Effie May, plus 3 infants dec'd at birth. Elizabeth & children homesteaded Waskada, Man. Any info.
- Mrs. F. June Helm, 1032 Hopkins Cres., Moose Jaw, Sk. S6H 3E7
- ANDERSON** Thomas C. Anderson m. c1880-90 to Delia (Della) nee: Dumont (d/o Sarah Dumont) moved to Alberta 1892-5; Thomas stepfather ? of Anna Anderson (Dumont?) b. June 28, 1882 Winnipeg, Man. Anna attended Roman Cath. convent ? 1888 ? Sarah Dumont may be related to Louis Riel. Any info.
- O. R. Travers, 1709 Carnegie Cres., Victoria, B.C. V8N 1P2
- JORDAN** Robert Jordan b. 1806 Ballynahinch N. Ire. d. 1869 Valentea, Ont. m/to Margaret 1815 - 1873. Ch: Joseph 1834-1877, John 1850-1872, Hugh 1845-1872. Any info.
- MUNDELL** Ann Mundell b. 1826 Co. Ant N. Ire. (? Ballymena) d. 1903 Scugog Island, Ont. m/to James Graham of Ballymena 1826-1895. Ch: **GRAHAM** Orr, William, Thomas, James, Annie, Stewart. Any info.
- Dorothy Graham, 1107-1590 Henderson Hwy., Winnipeg, Mb. R2G 2B8
- de JOURDAN** Elie Marie Alphonse Maurice de Jourdan b. Oct. 12, 1875 France d. Dec. 13, 1894 Beaconsfield, Man. Arr'd Canada 1891. Grandson 60-65 yrs.? - served in the Canadian Army/participated in Liberation of France. Any info.
- Elizabeth Pitasi, 8659 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11228 U.S.A.
- HODGSON** Albert Hodgson b. Oct. 23, 1851 (s/o John & Catherine Hodgson) m/to Frances Edith Davis (Dec. 3, 1879). Ch: Ella, Herbert, William, Arthur, Victor, John and Gertrude. Sent to Edinburgh, Scot.; transferred to London, Eng. (finished schooling). Taught in Selkirk, Man. Lived in Prince Albert, Sask. by 1897. Any info.
- Sophie A. Major, Sunset House, Ab. T0H 3H0

**McNABB** Jacob MacNabb (1846-1943) and Henrietta White. Ch: Geoffrey,  
**MacNABB** John, Florence, Laura, Alice and Mary. Any info. re:  
brothers/sisters/other kin of Jacob.

Sandra Eyolfson, Clandeboye, Man. ROC OPO.

**OVERSTREET** Paulina Isabelle (Belle) Overstreet b. Apr. 3, 1854 MO. m/to  
**QUICKFALL** Martin Quickfall in MO. Ch: Bertha m. William Barr (lived in  
Stockton - Dec. 6, 1901); Lizzie m. Fred Blain (also Stockton  
1901); Arthur (served WWI for Canada/resided Balmoral, Man.  
1901). Any info.

Lucille Smith, Rte. 5 Box 22, Kirksville, MO. 63501 U.S.A.

**WOODLAND** "Sam" Woodland b. Nimmerchard, Somerset, Eng. John Woodland  
in Hen. Dir. 800 blk. 7th St. in 1925 - this Sam? "Sam" bros.  
Fredric Charles b. 1874 Eng. - came to Brandon, Man. 1920 d.  
1959; John William 1867-1941 Eng.; Walter John 1866-1931 Eng.  
Any info. on Sam/descendents.

Lorene E. Cullen, #101 1419 22nd St., Brandon, Man. R7B 2P3

**SATTERTHWAITE** Thomas Dixon Satterthwaite of Penrith, Cumberland, Eng.)  
**GOULDING** homesteaded 1890 Spruce Creek Munc., Dauphin, Man. m/to Janie  
Goulding Dec. 26, 1889. Thomas' bros. Edward and James also  
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Nov. 23, 1896 Hillview; lived at Rossburn and Birtle; d. May 14,  
1954 Carmen, Man. Any info.

P. Atkinson, 32865 Bakerview Ave., Mission, B.C. V2V 2P8

**PORTH** About 1900, Jesse Matheson of Bullhead Harbour (Pine Dock) Lake  
**MATHESON** Winnipeg m/to Miss Porth from Selkirk. One daughter named  
Gertie. Info. on Gertie and Porth family.

Mrs. P. M. Lindsay, 2189 Henry Ave., Sidney, B.C. V8L 2A8

**GRICE** Matthew Grice d. Apr. 30, 1906 Crystal City, Man. Ch: Rachael m/to Thomas Gosnall 1908 d. Feb. 15, 1962 Brandon, Man.; George, Albert, Wesley, Charles, Leonard and Norton - may have been among several Dufferin County families moving to Pilot Mound, Man. (Mar. 12, 1903 Orangeville, Ont. newspaper); 'Grice Bros. Livery and Feed Stables' c. 1905. Any info.

Kenneth I. Smith, 204 - 949 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa, On. L1G 4W3

**BURGESS  
CLARKE** Robert Burgess b. Kircudbright, Scot. m/to Jean Clarke christened 1780 Kirk of Graitney Gretna Green, d. Feb. 5, 1854; Ch: Dorcas; Jane b. June 11, 1810 d. Jan. 10, 1879 Sydney, Aus.; Robert b. May 7, 1815; Margaret b. Apr. 19, 1818; William b. Nov. 25, 1821. Any info.

**SIMSON  
SIMPSON** William Sim(p)son of Elgin Moray, Eng., schoolmaster Kilmaurs, Scot. d. June 4, 1798; m/to (1) Jean Guthrie, Kilmaurs, d. May 28, 1792 (2) Elizabeth Muir Apr. 10, 1796. Ch: John m/to Elizabeth Clarke (ch: James, Mary, James McNab); Margaret (d. infancy); Margaret b. June 12, 1770 d. Aug. 21, 1856; Jean m/to John Dougal (ch: James, Jean m/to Alex Morison); Christian b. Feb. 24, 1772 m/to T. Borland; Agnes b. 1775 d. Jan. 6, 1861 m/to James Dalziel; Eliza m/to James Walker; William. Any info.

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