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A LETTER REVEALS MUCH ABOUT THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ONTARIO PIONEERS

Jean E. Beattie, MGS #2685

Dalrymple, Ontario
March 9, 1915

Dear Minnie

We got your letter a long time ago – I intended to answer before, but it seemed that I could not. Pa had a very big sickness this winter – but is better now. I was up night and day for a long time, and was so tired and used up, I couldn't write only just what I had to about business etc.

May was nearly used up also. She had to work in the house and at the barn also – We had two doctors, one from Orillia and one from Beaverton. It has left my nerves in a bad shape. The least company now makes me shake and tremble all over and also it takes my appetite away. I can't eat anything.

When Pa was sick we had two sick cows, and they made so much more work. One died – the other one we got medicine from a vet in Orillia. She got better.

Our phone came good this winter – We had men here last week and filled our ice house. I expect the sawing machine here this week and that will take several men. Oh, I will be so glad when summer comes to get rid of company – and May has had more than she can do. When we are alone and when we have men or others, that makes that much more. Pa can't do anything only look after himself. May has the burden of the work to do and I am no good.

The boys and their families are all well. Herb was here this morning. Allie was here Sunday and Bradie was here Friday.

We will soon have a rural mail now. Our address will be Sebright. I will let you know when it is changed. We got a card from Percy last mail. He and Ethel were well.

It will soon be sugar making time. How soon the time flies. Last year our country was in peace. The teacher is boarding at the Parsonage. She is a daughter of Mr. Osborne that drove you home for Xmas from Uterson.

I'm afraid I have made lots of mistakes in this letter but please excuse.

Love to all
Your loving Ma

This letter from a farmer's wife in 1915 paints a social, economic, political, health and welfare portrait of the early 10th century in rural Ontario.

SOCIAL – This 71 year old lady had four sons but could not rely on them to help out with farm chores. All were busy with their own survival needs and families. Adult children did visit but travelling was curtailed due to the reliance on horse drawn conveyances. One son lived in Toronto. May, an adopted child who never married, was a great source of support to her parents. Neighbours were very interdependent and counted on each other to saw the wood, replenish the ice house, and no doubt lent a hand at sugaring off and harvest time. The phone and mail service allowed families to reach out for help and companionship.

HEALTH SERVICES – Pa, John M. Chrysler, b.1840, was dying but his wife is optimistic he is on the mend. (He died from cancer 10 months later.) Doctors were available but in this case would have had to travel 15-20 miles to make a house call. They did not have the technical skill to cure in many cases but were able to provide relief from pain and offer hope. Ma is obviously suffering from caregiver burnout - showing symptoms of low stress tolerance, anxiety, depression, and general fatigue. But no sympathy was she likely to receive as that was her woman's role - to care for the sick and to run the house without complaint or respite!

ECONOMIC – The Chrysler family were very reliant on the farm for their daily needs and later life offered no relief from the grind of constant chore work. No brown envelopes with pension cheques were in their mail! Fuel, refrigeration, sugar, fruit, soap, vegetables, meat and dairy products were gleaned from the land and nearby Lake Dalrymple. Some of the clothes were home made but material was purchased. (I have viewed some of Ma's shawls and aprons. The style, stitching, and cloth are exquisite.) Shopping trips to Orillia were made each fall for winter outfits. They built a large home on the lake front which is still occupied to this day.

Pa has been described in the Dalrymple district history book as an all round good farmer having plenty of cultivated land, a herd of cattle, sheep and poultry and who also excelled in fruit tree grafting. Interestingly, Ma managed to get an adequate education for the times. She was the former Elizabeth Plews who married at age 16 to 20 year old John M. Chrysler who had moved to the area in 1856 with his parents and his 12 siblings. All her children were well educated. The youngest son, Percy, became Vice President of Ontario Hydro. The couple also had three daughters. Minnie, b.1862, gained a teacher's certificate and later married a Methodist minister. Mary, b.1865, also wed a minister, and adopted daughter, May, remained a spinster, residing at the parental home until their demise. The other three sons had their own farms.

POLITICAL – Canada is now at war and life had changed for these later pioneers. Young men are now in the military – far from home. Perhaps this is why the John Chryslers have not been able to access hired help. At the local level,

the community must have been governed by a progressive Council, as telephone and mail services had been established and were being updated. Professionals were plying their trades and skills in the area. The letter notes the presence of doctors, veterinarians, teachers, and ministers. John Chrysler, himself, had been most active in community affairs and served on Council for 25 years. Elizabeth, his wife, (Ma) had carried on her mother's volunteer work as the self-trained local nurse.

This old letter is really a treasure trove of information about life in the northern part of Victoria County in Ontario during the second decade of the 20th century. We can glimpse behind the doors of the ordinary old farm home and empathize with the multiple life stressors that the elderly encountered within a short time frame. Diminishing physical and emotional resources compounded by separation from their beloved family who could not be there to offer concrete help – only intimacy at a distance, which, of course provided emotional comfort and continuity of family ties. Former agricultural prosperity did not always translate into increased leisure time or any lessening of responsibilities to meet basic needs in later life. No senior housing was available nor was Home Care an integral part of the health system. Farmers expected to live out their lives in the old family home despite the hardships that fell on the shoulders of the designated caregiver and perpetual housekeeper, usually the spouse, who did not have a strong identity of her own. When widow Elizabeth Chrysler died in 1923, her death notice referred to her as the relict (surviving spouse) of John M. Chrysler. Her first name was not mentioned.

Readers of this article will note that, through research, I have gleaned information about this family system regarding their past and ongoing history. I have incorporated some background data into the letter-story poured out to an understanding daughter who was living away from her folks.

John M. Chrysler was the middle child of John G. Chrysler, b.1801, whose father and three uncles were United Empire Loyalists from the United States. They originally built homes in Williamsburg County, Ontario. John G., my great great grandfather, was raised on his Uncle Colonel John Chrysler's farm where the Battle of Chrysler's Farm was fought in 1813. The young 12 year old boy was awarded a monthly \$2.00 pension for his assistance in helping to pick up the dead and wounded after the four hour siege which was the last major skirmish between the Yankees and the English. John and Elizabeth Chrysler were my great uncle and aunt as my great grandmother, Sarah Ann Chrysler, was a younger sister of John's. Sarah Ann married George Fox and their daughter, Sarah Emma, married my paternal grandfather, John Beattie. Their son, Wilfred, is my father.

The Chryslers in North America are all related as they can trace their ancestry back to Catherine and Philip Kruessler who emigrated from the Palatinate, Germany, to New York in 1710. The Chryslers prospered in America, owning huge tracts of land - but relinquished their properties and fled north while serving for the British Rogers and Butler's Rangers' troops during the American Revolution. When hostilities ended they were rewarded with generous land grants and their industry and perseverance brought renewed prosperity and active roles in the local and Upper Canada governing bodies.

Researching this branch of my family tree has proved to be an exciting exercise and every year yields more information and linkages to my Chrysler ancestors and descendants.

Every man is his own ancestor,
and every man his own heir.
He devises his own future,
and he inherits his own past.

H. F. Hedge

Everton's Genealogical Helper, July/August 1994



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"Perseverance" – it was the motto of the North West Company and it's been my motto for many, many years. It's also a good motto to live by when conducting genealogical research, be it aboriginal or non-aboriginal.

The map which you will find on the next page, as part of this quarter's column, appears by a very round-about fashion. I originally saw it in a book entitled *Historical Atlas of Canada*² at the Provincial Archives of Manitoba last summer. I had hoped to include it in Part I of my Treaty Commutation article which appeared in last September's issue of *Generations*, as it is an excellent picture of the geographic areas covered by Treaties 1-8, 10 & 11, and most of 9. However, for that to happen I, of course, first had to have the written permission of the creator of the map and the author of the book, Dr. D.G.G. Kerr, who, at the time of publication in 1975, was teaching History at the University of Western Ontario (UWO).

After several long distance telephone calls to both the book's publisher and the History Department at UWO, I was informed that not only was the book now out-of-print but that Dr. Kerr had been deceased for approximately 15 years. "Terrific!" I thought. So I next attempted to track down heirs of Dr. Kerr, whose authority to grant me publication permission would have been vested in Dr. Kerr's estate and thus passed down to them. After my letter to his wife was returned as "Moved", and after subsequently contacting the UWO Pensions & Benefits Department for either a new address for her (turned out Mrs. Kerr had also taught at the UWO) or any addresses for the couple's heirs, I was left with the Pensions & Benefits Department telling me that they had no current addresses for any of these people.

As I am definitely not one to give up so easily (as my genealogical research friends, colleagues, and clients will tell you), I next made a call to a contact of mine at the University of Manitoba Press. To make a long story short, I eventually ended up talking with Madame Lise St.-Cyr of the Copyright Board of Canada in Ottawa, who informed me that all was not lost. Apparently, due to all of my well documented attempts to find first Dr. Kerr, and then his heirs, resulting in "no luck", that under the current provisions of the Copyright Act, the Board could themselves issue a publication licence as the creator and his heirs were "unlocatable".

This entire exercise took approximately eight months; MGS has now obtained the publication licence from the Copyright Board of Canada, and this map can now finally be published herein.³ Perseverance does indeed pay off. I hope that you enjoy both the map and the remainder of the commutation listings. The case study utilizing these



commutation listings which I have promised you will appear in a future issue of *Generations*.

Endnotes

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2. Kerr, D.G.G.
1975 Historical Atlas of Canada, Third Revised Edition. No town: Thomas Nelson & Sons (Canada) Limited.
3. My most heartfelt thanks go to the following for all their help and advice these past eight months: Vickie Gould, Permissions Department, I.T.P. Nelson Publishers, Scarborough, Ontario; Dr. George Kerr, UWO History Department, as well as the Department's Graduate Secretary, Chris; Keith Gee, Director of the UWO Pensions & Benefits Department; Allison Campbell, University of Manitoba Press; Lucy White, CANCOPY; Lise St.-Cyr, Copyright Board of Canada; and *Generations'* editor, Joyce Elias, for providing me with the circulation statistics of *Generations*, which the Copyright Board needed prior to their issuing a licence, and agreeing to pay the licence fee for the publication of the map.
4. Originally published as Map 81 on page 57 of Dr. Kerr's *Historical Atlas of Canada*, cited in Endnote #2. Reprinted with the permission of the Copyright Board of Canada.

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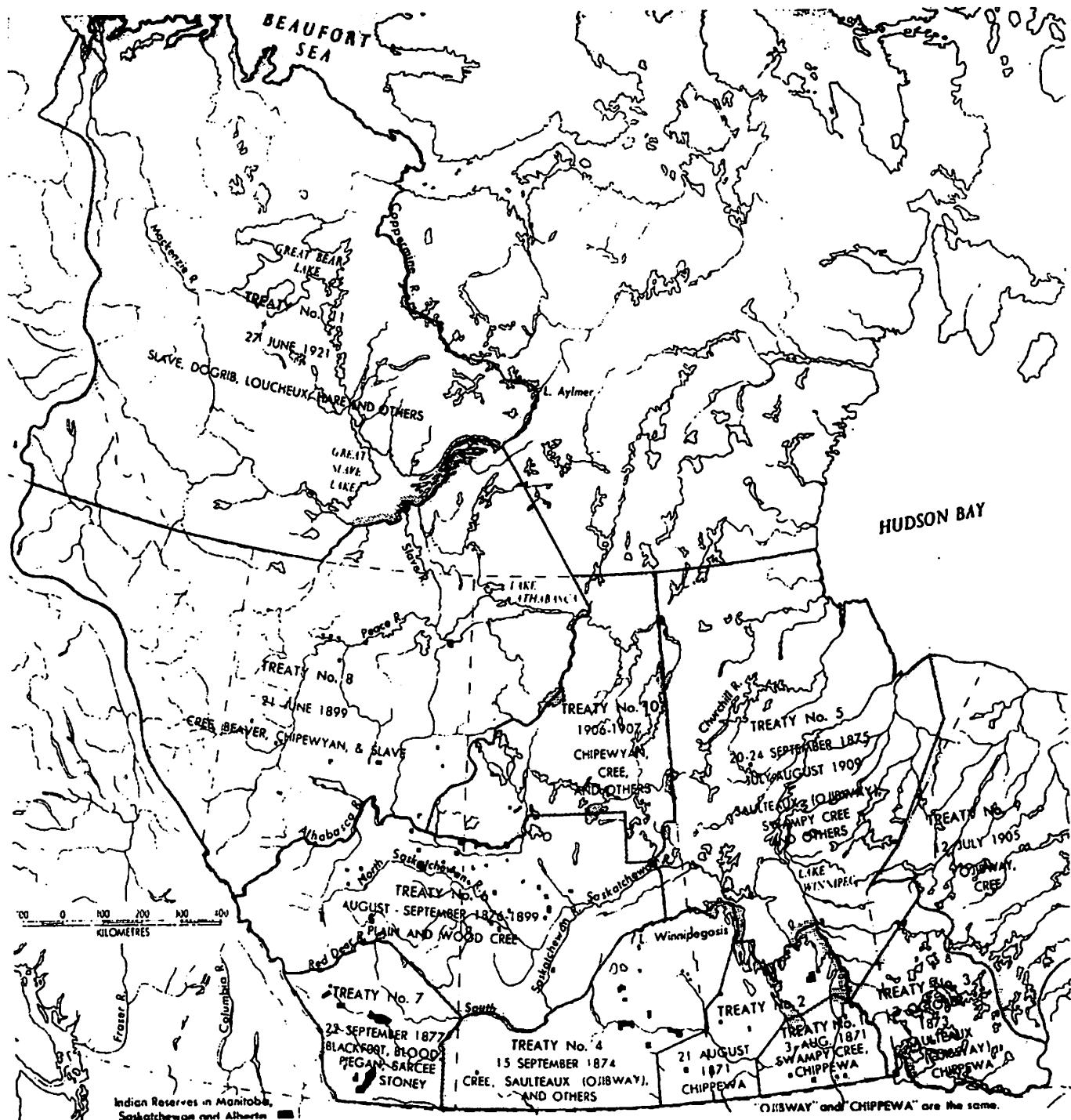
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- Bibliography on pages 3-4 refers to Part A (page 2).
- As promised, the list of Treaty Status women who applied for and received commutations, Part II, begins on page 6. This completes the list.

TIME

You can make it
You can mark it
You can spend it
You can waste it
You can lose it
You can do it
You can conserve it.

But contrary to popular opinion,
you can never save it!
Shared by Beth Audette, MGS #1129.



Map 1 — Areas In Canada covered by Treaties 1-8, 10 and 11, and part of 9.⁴

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Treaty No.</u>
1897-98	Caroline Spence	633	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Geo. Tweed "(Daughter)" ⁷	198	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Daniel Thomas	199	Fort Alexander	1
	Peetwatamooke	12	Rat Portage	3
	Mrs. Ellen Lundie	236	Pas Mountain	5
	Mrs. Stuart McRae	88	Berens River	5
	Louisa Flammand	165	Cowesess [Cowessess']	4
	Mrs. Geo. Gunn	13	George Gordon's	4
	Ellen Laundry [Landry ?]	95	William Twatt's	6
	Agnes Stover	39	Attackakoops [Ahtahkakoop's] ⁶	
	Mrs. Potvin Lafond	85	John Smith's	6
1898-99	Marie Harrison	207	Fort Alexander	1
	Rose Lyons	12	Coutcheeching [Couchiching]	3
	Sophia Hooper "Daughter of No. 12" ⁸		Okemasis	6
	Bella House	157	James Seenum's	6
1899-1900	Matilda H. Keeper	463	St. Peter's	1
	Mary Harriet Coutois [Contois/Comtois/Comptois]	108	Long Plain	1
1	Mary Jetté	1	Grassy Narrows	3
	Elizabeth Moar	278	Norway House	5
	Catherine Auger	149	Cowesess [Cowessess]	4
	Rose Pritchard	144	Cowesess [Cowessess]	4
	Edwidge Bellegarde	7	Little Black Bear's	4
	Eliza Cline [Klyne/Kline]	71	Pasqua's [Pasquah's]	4
	Josephine Daniels	34	Pasqua's [Pasquah's]	4
	Marie E. Mosenay	99	Pasqua's [Pasquah's]	4
	Geneve [Genevieve] E. Robillard	77	Muskowpetung's [Muscowpetung's] ⁴	
	Susan Field	70	Key's	4
	Ellen Genaille	158	Coté's	4
	Catherine McKay	126	James Robert's	6
	Marie Quintel [Quesnel ?]	95	Ermineskin's	6
1900-01	Johanna Matthews	480	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Chas. Bird "nee Emma Spence" ⁹	491	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Jas. Cook	13	Fairford	2
	Mrs. Albert Partridge	28	Fairford	2
	Henrietta Sinclair	24	Fairford	2
	Mrs. W. O'Neill	94	Sandy Bay	2
	Sarah Spence	80	Sandy Bay	2

⁷ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. 62 Victoria A. 1899, Sessional Paper No. 14, Annual Report for the Department of Indian Affairs for the Year Ended 30th June 1898, "Indian Women Who Have Commuted Their Annuity By A Ten Years' Purchase (\$50) Under Section 11 Of The Indian Act", p. 518. One would have to check the St. Peter's treaty paylist for the 1897-98 year, but it is probable that this indicates that Mrs. Tweed is the daughter of whomever is listed at No. 198 on the paylist.

⁸ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. 63 Victoria A. 1900, Sessional Paper No. 14, Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the Year Ended June 30 1899, "Indian Women Who Have Commuted Their Annuity By A Ten Years' Purchase (\$50) Under Section 11 Of The Indian Act", p. 596.

⁹ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. 1-2 Edward VII A. 1902, Sessional Paper No. 27, Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the Year Ended June 30, 1901, "Indian Women Who Have Commuted Their Annuity By A Ten Years' Purchase (\$50) Under Section 11 Of The Indian Act", p. 229

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Treaty No.</u>
1900-01	Angelique Hart	99	Sandy Bay	2
cont'd	Mrs. A. Wheeler	22	Long Sault	3
	Elizabeth Monkman	71	Blood Vein [Bloodvein] River	5
	Ellen Silman	164	Cowesess [Cowessess]	4
	Virginie Peltier [Pelletier]	135	Cowesess [Cowessess]	4
	Nancy Johnston	83	Pasqua's [Pasquah's]	4
	Jessie Simpson	169	Coté's	4
	Nanette Wolf	5	Petaquakey's [Pettyquawky's]	6
	Isabel Morissette [Morissette]	101	Mistawasis'	6
	Mrs. Albert McKay	85	Cumberland	6
	Lydia Cook	124	Cumberland	6
	Mrs. Jno. Crandall	1	Ermeskin's	6
	Annabella J. Pruden	5	Louis Bull's	6
	Philomine [Philomene]	59	Chipewyan	6
	Judith T. Harris	44	Chipewyan	6
	Rosalie Berland	76	Chipewyan	6
	Marie Okanasis	122	Seekaskootch	6
	Nancy Berland [Breland]	84	Seekaskootch	6
	Josephine Patenaude	50	Weemistikooseahwasis'	6
	Isabel Desjarlais	27	Weemistikooseahwasis'	6
	Betsey Kennedy	92	Moosomin's	6
	Julia Macdonald	110	Moosomin's	6
	Mary C. Ouellette	90	Sweet Grass'	6
1901-02	Mrs. Jessie Kippling	543	St. Peter's	1
	Harriet Favel Smith	96	St. Peter's	1
21	Mary McLellan, "nee Bear" ¹⁰	576	St. Peter's	1
	Matilda Cook	912	St. Peter's	1
	Isabella Dobson	45	St. Peter's	1
	John Chastellaine ¹¹	103	St. Peter's	1
	Adeline Favel "nee Monkman" ¹²	103	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Maria Dufresne	172	Brokenhead River	1
	Mary Ann Ward	83	Sandy Bay	2
	Nancy Girardeau	107	Sandy Bay	2
	Mrs. Abraham Spence	62	Lake Manitoba	2
	Mrs. Walter Scott		Keesickowenin's [Keeseekoowenin's]	2
	Mrs. J. S. Prout "nee Eliza Bone" ¹³		Keesickowenin's [Keeseekoowenin's]	2
	Mrs. Sarah Bercier	11	Hollow Water	5
	Mrs. Sarah Budd	225	Norway House	5

¹⁰ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. 2-3 Edward VII A. 1903, Sessional Paper No. 27, Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the Year Ended June 30, 1902, "Indian Women Who Have Commuted Their Annuity By A Ten Years' Purchase (\$50) Under Section 11 Of The Indian Act", p. 152.

¹¹ Ibid. Either this is "Mrs. John" Chastellaine or the Indian Agent paid this man in error, which occasionally did happen. For an example of the latter see the listing for the three Parisien men paid under Pasquah's Band, Treaty 4, for 1882-83 on p. 410 of Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. 57 Victoria A. 1894, Sessional Papers No. 14, Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the Year Ended 30th June 1893, "Indian Women Who Have Commuted Their Annuity By A Ten Years' Purchase Under Section 11 Of The Indian Act", p. 410-414.

¹² Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. 2-3 Edward A. 1903, Sessional Paper No. 27, Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the Year Ended June 30, 1902, "Indian Women Who Have Commuted Their Annuity By A Ten Years' Purchase (\$50) Under Section 11 Of The Indian Act", p. 152.

¹³ Ibid.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Treaty No.</u>
1901-02	Mary Linklater	55	Pelican Narrows	6
cont'd	Mrs. Christine Fifle	81	Michel's	6
	Isabel Perreau [Perreault]	80	Michel's	6
	Mrs. Isable White	83	Enoch's	6
	Mrs. C. Dion	37	Orphan's	6
	Labelle Desjarlais	56	Beaver Lake	6
	Caroline M. Okanais	63	Beaver Lake	6
	Flora Powder	22	Beaver Lake	6
	Betsy Gladu [Gladue]	64	Beaver Lake	6
	Ellen Tremblais	61	Beaver Lake	6
1902-03	Susanne Girard Wheeler	185	Brokenhead River	1
	Jennie McDonald Miller	37	Brokenhead River	1
	Francoise (Bruyère) Morin	218	Fort Alexander	1
	Martha (Abraham) Hourston	225	Fort Alexander	1
	Veronique Guimond Hourston	230	Fort Alexander	1
	Eugenie Morriseau Thomas	232	Fort Alexander	1
	Archange Morriseau		Fort Alexander	1
	Harriet Jane Munro	75	Shoal River Band	2
	Ada Brass	103	Shoal River Band	2
	Harriett [Harriet] Whitford	86	Sandy Bay Band	2
	Mrs. Caroline Parenteau "nee Spotted Quill" ¹⁴	57	Grand Rapids	5
	Mrs. Jone [John ?] Bone	36	Keesekoowenin's	4
	Nancy Huppé "nee Ward" ¹⁵	130	Enoch's	6
	Susan Desjarlais	56	Ermineskin's	6
3	Eliza Sinclair	86	Saddle Lake	6
	Louise Desnoyer "(alias Deschamps & Gariepy)" ¹⁶	72	Band "A"	7
1903-04	Mrs. Isabella Hogaboam	571	St. Peter's	1
	Mary Asham Clemons	790	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Josiah Sanderson	539	St. Peter's	1
	Sarah Ann Cochrane Sutherland	781	St. Peter's	1
	Isabella Slater Clode [Claude ?]	374	St. Peter's	1
	Christie Hourie	34	Little Saskatchewan	2
	Mrs. William Fagnan [Fagnant]	53	Waterhen River	2
	Mrs. J. B. Sinclair	68	Lake Manitoba	2
	Mary Jourdain	56	Islington	3
	Eveline Beechan Folster	330	Norway House	5
	Mrs. Jacob Berens, Jr.	178	Berens River	5
	Mrs. Zaccheus Buck	297	Pas	5
	Emilie Gaucher [Gauthier ?] Belcourt	38	Michel's	5
	Mary Ann Hoyer	20	Keesekoowenin's	4
	Matilda Listner	52	Peepokeesis' [Peepokeesis']	4
	Emerance Bellegarde	57	Black Bear's	4
1904-05	Mary Agnes Monkman	618	St. Peter's	1
	Agnes Ashan [Asham] Smith	14	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Elizabeth Bear Sayre [Sayer]	943	St. Peter's	1

¹⁴ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. 3-4 Edward VII A. 1904, Sessional Paper No. 27, Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the Year Ended June 30, 1903, "Indian Women Who Have Commuted Their Annuity By A Ten Years' Purchase (\$50) Under Section 11 Of The Indian Act", p. 159.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Ibid.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Treaty No.</u>
1904-05 cont'd	Mrs. J. G. Sutherland	96	St. Peter's	1
	Arabella Thomas Mitchell	120	Fort Alexander	1
	Mrs. Hebron Moar	89	Fairford	2
	Mrs. M. J. Swain	111	Gambler's	4
	Mary Desnommes	36	Peepokeesis' [Peepokeesis]	4
1905-06	Mrs. William Watt Parisien	908	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Sophie Polson	41 1/2	St. Peter's	1
	Mary Hooper	77	Assabaska's	3
	Mary Ann Valiquette	48	Eagle Lake	3
	Mrs. Maria Beecham	16	Norway House	5
	Mrs. Edith Morrison	191	Norway House	5
	Mary Jane McKay	65	Norway House	5
	Genèvre [Genevieve] Favel	177	Cowessess'	4
	Julie Flamand [Flammand]	120	Cowessess'	4
	Mrs. A. Turner	66	James Smith's	6
	Julia McCorrister	41	Paul's	6
	E. H. Whitford	170	James Seenum's	6
1906-07	Mrs. Bella McDonald	66 1/2	Sandy Bay	1
	Mrs. Albert Moar	90	Fairford	2
	Osawahquaneetunawook	61	Big Island	3
	Catherine McKay "née Goosehead" ¹⁷	293	Beren's River	5
	Mrs. Jacob Ward	111	Ermineskin's	6
	Mrs. McDonald		Fond du Lac	8
1907-08 4	Margaret Lavalle	473	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. John Contois [Comtois/Comptois]	75	Fairford	2
	Annabella Campbell	55	Waterhen River	2
	Mary Mason Shed	273	Fisher River	5
	(no name listed)	354	Norway House	5
	(no name listed)	50	Grand Rapids	5
	Mrs. Jos. Flett	211	Pas	5
	(no name listed)	304	Pas	5
	Margaret Munro	89	Shoal River	4
	Julia Ann Chartrand	3	Key's	4
	Lily Voden	36	Peepokeesis' [Peepokeesis]	4
	Mrs. G. Chaboyer "née R. Morrisseau" ¹⁸	151	Gambler's	4
	Maggie Burns	79	James Smith's	6
1908-09	Mrs. Geo. Provost	95	Bloodvein River	5
	Mrs. Kenneth McLeod	369	Norway House	5
	Mrs. David Crane	145	Cumberland	5
	Mrs. Kate McKay	147	Cumberland	5
	Mrs. Hamet [Harriet ?] Morin	155	Cumberland	5
	Mrs. Flora Cook	165	Cumberland	5
	Mrs. Caroline Cook	114	Cumberland	5

¹⁷ Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. 7-8 Edward VII A. 1908, Sessional Paper No. 27, Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for the Year Ended March 31, 1907, "Indian Women Who Have Commuted Their Annuity By A Ten Years' Purchase (\$50) Under Sections 14-5 Of The Indian Act", p. 157.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Treaty No.</u>
1908-09 cont'd	Mrs. Caroline Budd	151	Cumberland	5
	Mrs. Sarah Charlette	146	Cumberland	5
	Mrs. Emmeline Cook	260	Pas	5
	Mrs. Matilda Paul	281	Pas	5
	Mrs. Henrietta Budd	279	Shoal Lake	5
	Margaret LeClerc	91	Keseekouse's [Keeseechoose's]	4
	Harriet Brass	84	Keseekouse's [Keeseechoose's]	4
1909-10	Mrs. Jno. Thumser [Thompson ?]	292	Berens River	5
	Mrs. Edwd Burk	102	Hollowwater [Hole River/Hollow Water River]	5
	Mrs. Adam McDonald	292	Poplar River	5
	Mrs. Betsey Collins	263	Pas	5
	Mrs. Eli Motto	100	Peter Ballendine's	6
	Marie Sanderson	57	Chipewyan Cree	8
	Julie Campbell	1	Sturgeon Lake	8
	Isabelle Marier	73	Wabiskaw	8
	Sophia Gowder	70	Wabiskaw	8
	Harriet Auger	53	Wabiskaw	8
	Mrs. Aurora Clarke	236	James Roberts'	10
	Sophia Cochrane	1024	St. Peter's	1
	Georgina Jones	1020	St. Peter's	1
	Elizabeth Seymour	1045	St. Peter's	1
1910-11 5	Mary Ann Mowatt	618	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Roger St. Pierre	111	St. Peter's	1
	Ellen Massey	1025	St. Peter's	1
	Mrs. Frank Laplont	198	Frenchman's Head	3
	Margaret E. McKay	304	Berens River	5
	Mrs. Joe Anderson	101	Enoch's	6
	Mrs. William Akanais	71	Beaver Lake	6
	Theresa Cardinal	22	Beaver Lake	6
	Caroline LeMaire	40	Fort McMurray	8
	Christine Deltesse	52	Fort McMurray	8
	Delphine Janvier	10	Fort McMurray	8
	Angèle Janvier	11	Fort McMurray	8
	Sarah T. Robinson	402	St. Peter's	1
	Cecil [Cecile ?] Monkman	56	Couchiching	3
1911-12	Wanda Watson	130	Carry The Kettle's	4
	Mrs. H. Pelletier	76	Carry The Kettle's	4
	Mrs. W. McLaren	56	Keeseechoowenin's	4
	Maggie Genaille	99	Keeseechoose's	4
	Florence LaCaine	206	Coté's	4
	Mrs. L. Genaille	168	Coté's	4
	Mrs. Lucy Springstead	115	Thunderchild's	6
	Maggie Martineau	26	Puskeahkeewein's [Puskeahkeewenin's]	6
	Fox Head Woman	68	Band J	7
	Julie Martineau	19	Cree Band	8
1912-13	Peggie Ward Powder	12	Sawridge	8
	Mary Ward Potts	15	Sawridge	8
	Mrs. A. Johnstone	180	Fort Alexander	1
	Agnes C. Linkwater [Linklater ?]	206	Lac Seul	3
	Annie Ls. Caron	37	North-West Angle	3
	Tequasse	51	Wabuskang's [Wabauskang's]	3
	Mathilda Moodie	280	Norway House	5
	Rosalie Gregory	130	Chipewyan	6
	Annie Janvier	54	Fort McMurray	8

BILL FROM THE PAST

Jayne Paradis, MGS #45, shared this bill which her grandparents received for the birth of her father, in Kenora, Ontario, in 1928.

Kenora, Ont., June 19th 1928

Mrs A. Murphy
Kenora, Ont.

To Sisters of Providence Dr.

St. Joseph's Hospital



CASTLECONNEL, IRELAND 1997

Marion Eisler MGS #2530

Editor: See cover photo.

When my sister, Barbara Sinnott, and I decided to tour Ireland in September we agreed that on our free days, before joining the Globus Bus Tour, we would find CASTLECONNEL and get some sense of our ancestors from this ancient land.

Several years ago I had started searching our family name **Hodgins**. With the help of the Manitoba Genealogical Society's patient volunteers, I found the book *Hodgins Kindred Forever*. In it I found that our Hodgins are descended from two officers of Cromwell's army, who, when the campaign of 1650 was over, remained in Ireland, and married Irish girls. Each had seven sons.

This place, which was anciently called 'Carrig-Cnuil' was originally a seat of the O'Briens, Kings of Thomond. In 1199 King John granted the land to William de Burgh, baron of the family Fitz Aldelm and one of the conditions was that he build a castle. As far as I can gather from my research the land remains in the de Burgh's descendants' name. I am confused as to how the name was changed to Castleconnel, but it did in the year of 1641. I can conclude then that when the Hodgins arrived in 1650, there was a castle, and the village was named Castleconnel. Our Hodgins are listed in the book as the Castleconnel clan.

To be close to our destination we took a bed and breakfast place in the nearby city of Limerick. Jean Daly was our B&B proprietor, her place "Rosmoy House" on O'Connell Avenue. As we were unable to pin down an early local bus connection, she arranged for a taxi pickup at our lodging.

The town of Castleconnel is pleasantly situated on the eastern bank of the Shannon River, about a half hour's drive from Limerick. Our driver included a quick tour of the town, showing us the train station, as another means of returning to Limerick, before he dropped us off at the huge Catholic Church on the town's main street.

We headed first to the Post Office with the hopes of being directed to some Hodgins still living in the village. We found the postmistress extremely busy, decided to come back later, and began walking, heading uphill in the direction of the castle. The castle ruins were roped off and No Trespassing signs posted. This was disappointing for us and for a couple from New Mexico who were also researching family connections.

Our next stop was a park area with a wonderful view of swans swimming in the Shannon River. A dog, water spaniel variety, came up to Barbara and dropped a stick at her feet, tail wagging furiously. She pitched the stick off into the field. It took him awhile but back he came. To get

rid of him she pegged the stick away out into the river. Delighted, he jumped in, swimming vigorously. It brought to mind our dogs at home. We always had spaniels, Old Mick and Buddy; I hadn't thought of them in years!

Continuing our uphill walk, we came to side-by-side cemeteries, Catholic and Protestant. Not being sure of the faith of our forefathers, we walked up and down in both - not a Hodgins headstone to be found.

We arrived back at the Post Office to find it closed. We went into the only grocery store to chat with the proprietor. She said. "It's too bad my husband isn't here, as I'm sure he would be able to tell you if there are any Hodgins hereabouts, as I'm not from here." I picked out a Castleconnel postcard and she told me that the picture of the man fishing in the Shannon was her husband.

If you've experienced a Full Irish Breakfast, then you will know that we didn't think about lunch when we started out. There are three pubs but no restaurants. The pub closest to the Post Office was closed. We found the Ramble Inn's proprietor friendly and agreeable to getting us a tomato and cheese sandwich to go with our requested tea. The wall of smoke that met us almost sent us outside but a sudden gust of wind and a smattering of rain changed our mind. We sat in a window alcove observing, and being observed by, the mainly male occupants. The bartender's lady brought our lunch and asked, "What part of the United States are you ladies from?" In concert, causing all eyes to turn our way, we said, "We are from CANADA."

Everyone we asked about a bus returning to Limerick gave us a different answer; some seemed to be surprised that there was a bus at all! We paced up and down in front of the third pub at the top of the hill. The young lad operating the place while his parents holidayed in Spain beckoned us inside. He didn't seem to be up on bus schedules either. He suggested we walk to the main highway for we "surely would find a bus there, tis' only a mile away". He must have read the tired look on my face, for then he said, "Hold on, I'll get my car.". He did and dropped us at the side of the main highway to Limerick. His parting words were "Just flag one down ladies, and if you foul up, come back for a pint of Guinness".

We didn't find Hodgins, living or dead, but we had a grand walk around the delightful town of Castleconnel, the birthplace of our great greats.

It is a desirable thing to be well-descended,
but the glory belongs to our ancestors.

Plutarch

PUBLISHING AND SEARCHING FOR GENEALOGIES

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Genealogical magazines and society publications are filled with comments, ads, and guidance on "publishing". What is frequently overlooked in these accounts is the research benefits of publishing in a certain way. All genealogists are anxious to find one another and share information. Publishing is an important tool in helping searchers find one another.

In Canada the National Library in Ottawa offers a wonderful facility which every genealogist should know about. Every genealogical author should use it in the following ways:

1. **Legal deposit:** every Canadian publisher is required by law to place in the National Library two copies of his/her publication.
 - The first copy resides forever in the National Library and is a permanent record of the country's print culture.
 - The second copy is available through interlibrary loan to researchers around the world.
2. **Cataloguing:** The National Library catalogues every item that arrives via "legal deposit" and publishes that catalogue annually through *Canadiana* and throughout the year in "Forthcoming Books" in a periodical called *Quill and Quire*. These indexes are available in every major library in the country and throughout the world. In larger libraries the entire holdings of the National Library, past and present, are viewable and searchable on computer terminals. For those with home connections to the Internet you can search this catalogue from home!

The main advantage of this is that Eli Wasser can enter, say, the North York Library on Yonge Street in North York, Toronto, and learn that Miss Millie Jones published a genealogy on the "Wasser Family of East Pickle Lake, Manitoba" in 1957. He can then complete a request to have that second copy of the Wasser Genealogy sent via interlibrary loan to his local library for his personal study.

Two important things made this "print encounter" between Miss Jones and Mr. Wasser possible. Firstly Miss Jones knew enough to send her two copies of the Wasser Genealogy to the National Library. Secondly Eli Wasser knew enough about library search and retrieval systems so that he could find the Wasser Genealogy sitting on the shelf up in Ottawa. And after the "print encounter" Jones and Wasser might have other types of useful and informative meetings.

A question for every author, publisher, or descendant on one. Did you send your two copies to the National Library? Did you know that you can send copies of that genealogy you wrote ten years ago too? Or forty years ago! It's never too late to join this process! It is estimated that fewer than 10% of all the family histories lodged in various local libraries have been sent to the National Library. There is an immense "catch-up" job to be done by all authors and their descendants!

A question for every researcher. Did you look in the National Library catalogue to see if your search interests are listed there?

Editor:

- The National Library, Canadian Acquisitions Department, is located at 395 Wellington Avenue, Ottawa ON K1A 0N4.
- A similar deposit requirement for Manitoba authors exists with the Provincial Archives of Manitoba, Legislative Library (Serials Division), 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg MB R3C 1T5. One copy of each Manitoba-published publication should be deposited with them.

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ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

Kathy Stokes MGS #125

Reading microfilmed copies of early newspapers from around the province can produce serious eyestrain and inevitable cricks in the back and neck of the reader. However, for anyone who enjoys history, and especially the lighter moments of the passing human parade, physical inconveniences can be ignored as nugget after nugget is uncovered, as evidenced by the examples below.

Several rural newspapers, *The Minnedosa Tribune*, *The Shoal Lake Echo* and the *Portage la Prairie Weekly Tribune* mentioned this most unusual birth which took place in August 1886. Apparently Mrs. Langley, or Lang, was travelling by train from Birtle to Meadow Lea when she suddenly went into labor. A baby girl was born immediately, and fell through the floorboards of the coach onto the roadbed below. The entire train passed over her. At the next station, authorities were informed and went to search back along the track for the child's body. To their surprise, they found a healthy infant who survived not only entry into the world, but an unusual trip within the first moments of life. Mother and child were reunited with no ill effects reported.

The Winnipeg Daily Tribune of 8 July 1891 reports the anguish and anger of a father whose daughter defied his wishes and married the man of her dreams. An item in the *Tribune* reporting the last official ceremony of Rev. J.W. Page who was leaving the city read:

"Among the marriages is that of Benjamin Gomez Fonseca, son of Mr. W.G. Fonseca who was united in the bonds of wedlock with Miss Janetta Mason on Monday. The bride is reported to be worth several thousand dollars in her own right."

H.J. Mason, a Stonewall farmer and the bride's father, wrote to the *Tribune* to say,

"The facts of this case are that she does not inherit one cent, as she forfeits all claim through her marriage, especially under the circumstances of eloping without her parents' consent."

In an interview with the *Tribune*, the irate father embellished the story. Apparently Miss Mason, 18, was given

permission to visit her aunt, accompanied by Mr. Fonseca. She had promised to return early because her mother was ill. When Miss Mason failed to return, her parents became alarmed but Mr. Mason could not continue his search until the next day, because of his wife's illness. Mrs. Mason was prostrated, being already in a weak condition. Mr. Mason told the *Tribune* that his daughter would have inherited a sum of money on attaining her majority, but by her secret marriage would forfeit the right to the money as there was a provision that she not marry until coming of age. The Masons indicated their displeasure at the behavior of their daughter and her husband and there was a possibility that a lawsuit would be launched against the bridegroom.

The *Manitoba Free Press* of 11 August 1891 detailed the removal from the midst of the fine citizens of Winnipeg of a character, apparently well known to many:

"James Mc Allister, a character who has been conspicuous in police proceedings for the past nine years, has shaken the dust of Winnipeg off his feet and departed for Ireland, his native country. He left by CPR on Saturday for Dublin with a ticket and a supply of money... He appears to be as glad to get away as people were glad to see him go. For nine years, he occupied his whole time getting drunk about town and sobering up at the police station. He is an old soldier and served in several regiments in the British army. He has a pension of twelve pounds yearly which, although scarcely sufficient in the luxurious west, will keep him nicely in Ireland, where whiskey is cheap. Passage money was paid partly by the city and partly by private subsidies."

And, finally, from the *Free Press* of 28 May, 1890 comes this little piece.

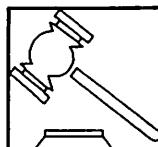
"Mr. Rock Sr., a recently arrived Englishman, went out for a walk on the prairie near his homestead, 12 miles from town (Saltcoats, Assiniboia) on Sunday afternoon. He got home Tuesday night, having seen the Icelandic colony and many other places meanwhile."

I have pondered this little gem for quite a while. Was the correspondent to the *Free Press* making sport of an Englishman who had recently homesteaded in the area, obviously with little farming experience? Had Mr. Rock undertaken a systematic exploration of his new land? Had Mr. Rock simply lost his way on his hike? Or had his fondness for an occasional binge resulted in an overlong stay on the prairie? Of course, I will admit to knowing a little bit more than what was reported about Mr. Rock, for he was my great grandfather, William Henry Rooke.

Has your appetite for stories from our past been sufficiently whetted? Would you like to assist in indexing our old newspapers? If so, please leave a message for me at the MGS Resource Centre, 783-9139.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chris Irwin MGS #2458



Change in any society or organization is initiated by the will of the people under its current leader. In my December report, I indicated that the first major change would be that our Society would be bottom-driven, not top-driven like so many others. Many members from various backgrounds and degrees in voluntarism within the Society have offered me much of what I have asked. I thank all these members.

In the absence of a Vice President of Administration, I have also been wearing this hat. I have asked the Administration Committee Chair to meet with committee members to learn the desires/ideas of those who work within the bowels of the Society on a daily basis, and to collect that information. This has been done on many occasions so that we may have a good understanding of the wants and needs of the Member. This information is now being formatted into the Society's needs as short/medium/long term plans. Some people do not seem to understand the meaning. The information was placed into these three categories in order to indicate the present needs and wants of the Society as it projects into the next century. These are benchmarks for achievement as we aim the Society into the future. I have asked the other Vice Presidents to do this also, and later this month we will sit down and plan the future as to the benchmarks for the Society involving all departments, and we will make a uniform presentation to the March Council meeting.

Many members and Presidents of different Branches had hinted that there should be constitutional change. Their wish was granted; a committee is currently working on all aspects of this under Chair, Daryl Dumanski. As constitutional issues can be longwinded, and sometimes involve all of the Executive's time, restrictions have been made so this ad hoc committee can be run parallel with the Executive and involve all Branch Presidents (or their designates) and all members of the Society who wish to be involved. The recommendations are to be presented to the Executive in June (the ad hoc committee will then end) and, in turn, to the Council in June, so that it may deal with the issue in time for the next Annual Meeting, October 1998, re the recommended changes.

Last year, Durlene Germscheid took on the large task of completing job descriptions for every committee and job function of the Society, including the President. Her task has not been made easy over the year so I recommended that each Vice President discuss all outstanding issues with the separate committees under their direction and to send these changes to Durlene for final presentation to the Council in March. With each committee satisfied with its job function criteria, it is hoped that Council will have no trouble passing them as presented. Durlene has many tasks at hand and this one needs to be finished. For those

involved, contact your Vice President to ensure that changes have been met and sent to Durlene.

Work is currently being done on the setting up of both a Volunteer Committee and a manual from which this committee can work when the committee is operational. Anyone who wishes to partake in this committee, please contact Durlene at the Society (783-9139) and she will forward your name on to the appropriate people. This project should be completed by June of this year.

The Society will be closed to the public for all of June and part/all of July. You may not know that the Society has realized growing pains and a committee under the guidance of Ruth Breckman has been working to find a new home for the Society. Our present lease expires in June so we must pack up our resources and move to a new home once it has been chosen. Council had set a lot of criteria and they are working feverously to complete the task. Recently I toured some of the possible facilities and I thank all those who are taking part - we do appreciate your valued time. Council will have to set the actual closing dates at its next meeting (March 21) to allow time for packing and setting up in the new location. At this time, I appeal to all members who hold MGS material in basements/garages/etc. to please notify Louisa Shermerhorn (MGS: 783-9139) so we can make arrangements for it to "come home" after we move.

As in all Societies, finance is a common thread of operations. During the past few months, the Society has been seeing a decrease in incoming dollars, either through its various project revenues or membership. Seeing this occur a few months in a row, I have asked all Committee Chairs to withhold any capital expenditures until after the move and have recommended to the Executive that all expenditure budgets (non-compulsory) be reduced by 25%. This is being taken as a safeguard to the Society's money, for which I am responsible; I do not want to spend money that is not there, nor to dip into the reserve. Much of the latter will be taken up with the move. In short, do not be over-alarmed, the Executive is a responsible body and is trimming the expenditures to meet the cash flow.

Many times when a society elects people to its executive, they never see them again until the next election. MGS' current Executive is a hard-working executive which has a lot on its plate and it is working much behind the scenes to accomplish the mandate I have set out. It is different as it is opposite to the norm but is getting the grass roots ideas to the top. The Executive has been patient with me and together we shall catapult the Society into the next century. I thank them.

Lastly, on behalf of all MGS members, **congratulations to South West Branch on their 20th anniversary!** They have encouraged many people in their genealogical pursuits during the past twenty years. **Well done!**

DAUPHIN BRANCH

Jean Tucker, President, MGS #64

Regular Meetings: Last Thursday of the month, 7:30pm., RM of Dauphin meeting room, Municipal Office, Dauphin, Manitoba.

EXECUTIVE:

Past President: Carolyn McMillan
President: Jean Tucker
1st Vice President: —
2nd Vice President: Marilyn Wells
Secretary/Treasurer: Laurie MacMillan

A regular meeting of Dauphin Branch was held at the Parkland Regional Library boardroom, Thursday, January 29, 1998.

Plans were discussed for setting up informational displays during Heritage Week.

The MGS proposal to increase membership fees was discussed. It was felt that members should decide which Branch fee would be included in their membership fee. Some members belong to several branches. It would be expected that MGS notify branches immediately of persons joining 'automatically', and that the fees would be forwarded at least once monthly.

Following the business meeting a Resource Centre orientation was provided for interested members.

February 13-16 a genealogical informational display was set up at the Dauphin Market Place Mall. All Heritage groups were invited to participate and many did. Fort Dauphin Museum acted as the co-ordinator for this event.

February 16-21 a genealogical informational display was set up at the Dauphin Public Library, in conjunction with the library displaying community history books from around the area.

The regular monthly meeting for February was held February 26, 7:30pm., at our usual venue, the RM of Dauphin meeting room. Speaker: Bill Hart. Topic: adoption records. This was open to the public.

Judy Beer, Deputy Registrar with the Court of Queen's Bench, will be guest speaker at the March meeting. She has requested that members write out questions they would like to have answered by her and to submit them before the meeting to enable her to provide the type of information members are seeking. Turn your questions in to Jean Tucker, please, so she can give them to Ms. Beer. This meeting will be open to the public.

PRIOR RELATIONS BRANCH

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Regular Meetings: Fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm, Herman Prior Centre, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.



SOUTH WEST BRANCH

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Regular Meetings: First Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm, Agricultural Centre, Brandon, Manitoba.

If the opening months of 1998 are any indication, it is going to be a banner year for the South West Branch.

The January meeting once again featured interesting items or documents from our family history. As usual there were many interesting things brought - from an empty box in which to store those documents you haven't yet found to immigration entrance papers and Canadian citizenship papers for one of our member's father-in-law who had come from China in the early years of the century.

This January meeting is always interesting as there is so much history attached to it. There is always something to be gained from it too. One of our members brought church records from a Brandon Church which indicated information that was relevant to Winnipeg. It made people stop and think about just looking in the one spot. Information can be found far away from the origin of the event.

And then February 4th arrived. For some members of the Branch, it was the culmination of much preparation as the South West/Brandon and District Branch of the MGS celebrated its 20th anniversary. Invitations had gone out in January to members all over Canada and further, advertising the annual Heritage Dinner which would also celebrate this very important anniversary. Special preparations had been made for decorations by the committee in charge. The editors of *The Leaf of the Branch* had produced a special edition to commemorate the occasion and arrangements had been made to hold a silent auction in conjunction with the supper.

The highlight of the Heritage Dinner is always the presentation of the **Ruth Tester Memorial Award**, presented to a member for outstanding service to genealogy and the Branch. Margaret Goodman, VP Operations, was this year's presenter and she presented a brief history of the

award before giving some of the history of the winner for 1998. **Alvaretta McMannis**, MGS #142L, is a long time

member of the Branch. She has served as Branch Secretary, Branch President, co-chair of the Seminar Committee, keeper of our scrapbook, won the design award for the MGS logo, and received an MGS' Certificate of Merit in 1987. Reta was presented with a certificate, a gift, and a corsage from the Branch. She is the 6th recipient of the award. **Congratulations, Reta!**

The guest speaker for the evening was from the Boissevain Camera Club. Sheila Barrett, and Doreen and Frank Smith gave an excellent slide presentation and narrative on the Murals of Boissevain and their history. Interspersed through the presentation were some excellent pictures of the wildlife and flowers of the area, and some history of the area as well.

Then it was time for the **Silent Auction!** Articles had been collected from Branch members and friends, the majority of them hand made. They ranged from a beautiful hand knit afghan to a needlepointed family tree, a needlepoint plaque of the Irish Blessing to a beautiful hand smocked baby slip, and home made relish, jelly, and bread. About 30 items in all were up for the auction. Tickets were sold at \$5.00 an arm length and the participants were able to put their tickets where they wished. At the end of the evening quite a number of the dinner guests went home with some very lovely gifts. Our first **Silent Auction** was a definite success, and, I am sure, will be repeated some time again.

Following the auction, Blair Loree, first President of the Brandon and District Branch, made a presentation of a gavel to the current President, Jim Wall. This was a gift from the Past Presidents of the Branch to be passed on to future Presidents.

Then Margaret Goodman, Chair of the 1901 Census Indexing Committee, made a presentation of the Index for the City of Brandon 19091 Census to Jim. It had been the project of the committee to have the Brandon Index ready for the Anniversary Dinner and it was nice to see it in print, its cover showing pencil sketches of Brandon and the original crest of the city. There were also several presentations of merit certificates and appreciation certificates which were certainly well earned by those receiving them.

It was a wonderful celebration as far as all those in attendance were concerned. We were happy to have several of our members from out of the city with us for the evening. Friends from Souris, Carberry, Deloraine, Minnedosa, Rapid City, Wawanesa, Boissevain, and Justice were able to join together for an evening of good food, good friends, and good conversation.

Happy 20th Anniversary to South West Branch.
May you celebrate many more birthdays.

SWAN VALLEY BRANCH

Donna Fox, Secretary, MGS #1738

Regular meetings: Second Monday of the month (except July and August), 7:00pm, Town Office Building, Swan River, Manitoba.

EXECUTIVE:

President: Eric Neufeld
Vice President: Marian Wells
Secretary: Donna Fox
Treasurer: Helen Ellingson

We have completed the 1996 newspaper index of the *Star & Times*. This index lists birth, obituary, and marriage entries for the year. A copy has been forwarded to MGS.

We have been very busy this winter, transcribing an index for the 1901 Census for Swan River and District. This is expected to be a very busy summer for all of Swan River Valley as it is our "Pioneer Centennial". This year marks 100 years of settlement in the Swan Valley, from 1898 to 1998. There is a program of events planned for the whole year and the entire Swan Valley will be expecting visitors from near and far to come and help us celebrate. This could prove to be a very busy time for our members.



WINNIPEG BRANCH

Wayne Neily, MGS #430, President

Regular meetings: Last Sunday of the month, 1:30pm, Scouts Boardroom, upstairs at MGS, 885 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Winnipeg Branch has been continuing, consolidating, and gradually expanding its operations over the past several months, although we realize that there is much more that could be done if the time (= volunteers) and money were available.

Our principal activity remains the organization and presentation of programmes the last Sunday afternoon of each month, where local genealogists can get together, share knowledge, and learn more about genealogical techniques and resources. On 28 September, Gord McBean hosted a meeting at the computer lab at Red River Community College, where he and Jim Oke gave about 18 members a good introduction to genealogical sources on the Internet, and how to find them, as well as other aspects of computers and genealogy (common software programmes and storing photos and other images on computer).

On 26 October, Jodi Cassady gave us a comprehensive overview of the sources and resources for Métis research available in Winnipeg, including discussion of the organizations and archives of special relevance, published sources, and the major archival material: census records, parish records, and some more detailed treatment of the land scrip records and the fur trade records of the Hudson Bay Company Archives.

St. Andrew's Day, 30 November, brought another fine presentation, this time by Elizabeth Briggs, on preparing for your genealogical trip to Britain, with special reference to Scotland. She gave an overview of Scottish/British sources and the periods for which they were available, including deeds, Kirk Session records, Military records, monumental inscriptions, newspapers, non-conformist church records, service of heirs and other probate records, as well as the more recent census and civil registration, and check-lists of how to proceed if civil registration records were missing from the indexes at the New Register House in Edinburgh. She also covered some lesser-known resources, including clerical directories, educational records in Britain, the variety of records here in the Hudson's Bay Archives, the PERSI index to periodical sources [see Generations 22(4):5-8] and how to find what you want at Myddleton House, the new central repository for British public records [see Generations 22 (2): 2-5].

December 8th was our traditional Christmas party and a chance for the dozen members who came out to share family history stories. Thanks to all who contributed wine, cheese, and other refreshments!

In January, we got back to more serious efforts, with a tour of the genealogical resources of the University of Winnipeg, site of the East European Genealogical Society's collection, and of the United Church Archives. Although the tour was led by a genealogist who was a shelver there in his student days (W. Neily), valuable assistance was provided by reference librarians, John Dobson and Sandra Zuk.

On 22 February, a presentation was made by Caroline Kaus, Manitoba's Director of Vital Statistics, – a topic of interest to us all – "Vital Statistics and Genealogy", and on 29 March, Dermot Rooney will lead us through the challenges of "Tracing our Irish Roots". Topics and guests for the 26 April and 31 May meetings are yet to be finalized.

Speaking of May, it's that time of year again. Our **Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday, 31 May, at the boardroom, 885 Notre Dame Ave. , 13:30 (1:30p.m.)**, and this is a formal call for nominations of persons to fill the executive positions for the next one-year term. The seven positions are President, 1st and 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Councillors. Nominations in writing should be given to Daryl Dumanski, Chair of the

Nominations Committee, or sent to her at the Branch address, before 15 March, if possible.

In other areas, Linda White has taken on the challenge of **Chairing the Branch's Special Projects Committee**, and is looking for **volunteers to help with our Census Indexing Project**. Call her at **832-6783** if you would like to help. Leta Nardiello, Chair of the Branch Outreach Committee, will again be coordinating the **MGS display** at the **Polo Park Heritage Expo, 27 March - 4 April**, where many **volunteers are needed** to help man the display. Please contact the office (783-9139) if you can contribute a few hours to this. Also remember that the **Resource Centre is open every Wednesday evening** and another one or two **volunteers** would make that run more smoothly.

Although the Monday evening beginner/members' sharing sessions have been discontinued, partly for lack of interest, and partly to prevent burn-out of the few volunteers willing to co-ordinate them, we are anxious to find ways to help new members and make them feel welcome. Having a volunteer to chair the membership committee would help us here as well, and would make it easier for the telephoning committee to ensure that no one is missed.

This Branch, as the others, is currently engaged in a review of by-laws involving such fundamental areas as membership and structure, as well as in development of a long-term plan, and input from all members is needed. See the Branch newsletter for more details.



OUR SYMPATHY to

Beryl, MGS #1520, and Lindsay Lanphear and daughters, on the death of Lindsay's father, Clifford Lanphear, in Edmonton, November 30, 1997.

Marie Douglas and family, on the death of husband and father, Rev. Dr. Fred Douglas, long time former member of MGS, January 13, 1998, in Winnipeg.

Ed Somers, MGS #960, and Elaine Adams, on the death of Ed's father, Alfred Somers, of Strathclair, Manitoba, February 26, 1998, at the age of 100.

To obtain maximum attention,
it's hard to beat a good big mistake.
David Lewett
"Quoteable Quotes" in **Coffee News**

Blessed are those
who return their
books
on time!

LIBRARY LINES

Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L. Chair: Library

The following materials have been added to MGS' Library.

MANITOBA – yellow section

- REF 726.5 Cro *Study of Anglican Church buildings in Manitoba* (2nd COPY, ALSO ONE IN CIRCULATING)
307.7 Cit *Cities in the west:...Western Canada urban history*
650 Win *Winnipeg business phone book*
971.004 Sto *Stories of the Métis*
971.005 Fam *Famous Manitoba Métis*
971.27 Han/Ref *Hanover municipality, Manitoba. Reflections on our heritage:...Steinbach & RM Hanover / (reclassified)*
971.27 Mor/Mor *Morris municipality, Manitoba. Morris cemetery and census information*
971.27 Sel *Selkirk settlers of Red River and their descendants: 1812-1997*

EASTERN CANADA – blue section

- 929.4 Upp *Upper Ottawa Valley GS, Members' interests 1997*
929.5 Que/Deu *Deux Montagnes Co, Quebec. Grand Lafresniere Presbyterian Cemetery*
971.3 Gre/Bea *Grey Co., Ontario. ...Stoney Keppel... village Shallow Lake, 1855-1986*

CANADA GENERAL – red maple leaf section

- REF 355.3 Can *C.E.F. roll of honor: ...members of C.E.F. who died...Great War 1914-1919*
355.1 Ash *Canadian medal rolls, DCM & MM, 1943-45 & 1950-53*
355.1 Ash *Canadian medal rolls, DFM 1939-1945*
384.3 Can *Canadian Internet directory, 1996*

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND – red section

- 262.9 Cha *Sin, sex, and probate: ecclesiastical courts, officials and records. 2nd ed.*
912 Pig *Pigot & Co's British Atlas: counties of England in 1847*
929.3 Ind *Indexes to Irish Wills.*
929.6 Bai *Clans and tartans of Scotland*
941.2 Bur *Burgess rolls of Fife, 1700-1800*
941.2 Mar *Mariners of Fife, 1700-1800*
941.2 Mon *Monumental inscriptions in Kinross-shire*
941.4 Fir *First Glasgow directory, 1787*
942.3 Sut *Sutton Mandeville (Wiltshire, England) baptisms and burials, 1622-1837*

EUROPE – orange section

- 947.71 Lan *Land of pain, land of promise...Ukrainian pioneers, 1891-1914 (ALSO A COPY ON REFERENCE)*

GENERAL – green section

- REF 413 Uni *University of Chicago Spanish dictionary*
REF 912 Ham *Hamlyn boys' and girls' atlas*

001.64 Sam *Samples of computer programs for genealogy. NOTE: Samples of computer programs may be borrowed for two weeks only.*

There is a second copy of some of these.

070.5 Hun *Indexing for editors*

- 616.89 McG *Genograms in family assessment*
920 Cam *Cambridge biographical encyclopedia 1994*
929 Apg *APG directory of professional genealogists*
929.1 Sev *Seven steps to a family tree*
929.4 Wit *Oxford dictionary of English Christian names*
929.5 N.D. Neche, North Dakota, Park Center Cemetery
973.3 Cen *Centennial registry, Minnesota society of the sons of the American Revolution from 1889 to 1989*
974.8 Pen *Pennsylvania Mennonite heritage*

FAMILY HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY – pink section

- 921 Gou *Goulet. Vanishing spaces: memoirs of a prairie Métis*
929.2 Ber *Bernier. Moisson de Bernier, tome 10*
929.2 Bra *Isaac Branscum, ancestors and children ...other branches of the Branscum (Branscombe) family*
929.2 Hea *William and Jeremiah Heaman family tree*
929.2 Jon *Brief history of the family and descendants of Gudmundur Jonsson and Jonina Bjornsdottir*
929.2 Koz *Nostalgic roots. Kozarchuk and Horodelski families*
929.2 Moo *Moons and Coopers who came out to Canada (Ontario and Manitoba)*
929.2 Nis *Nisbet family tree*
929.2 Rou *Our Routledge heritage, 1687-1992: George Walton and Ann (Vaux) Routledge*
929.2 Tib *Fingerprints of life, 200 years on the 'Tibble' trail, 1797-1997, and the Stanish story, 1791-1997*
929.2 Wra *Family history album, Wray*

MANITOBA CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTIONS

Minto Municipality:

- *Immanuel Lutheran #1148*
- *Westhope St. Andrew's Anglican #1046*

Pembina Municipality:

- *Darlingford #1150*
- *Manitou aka Archibald #1151*

Siglunes Municipality:

- *Dog Lake #1178*
- *Lakeside #1135*

Strathclair Municipality

- *Strathclair cemetery burial records #1179*

MICROFICHE/FILM

- 929.3 Sur *Surrogate court records index. (Canada, Ontario) App. H, 1793-1858, ...*
929.4 Bri *British Isles genealogical register 1997*
929.4 Vic *Victoria GS (Canada, B.C.) Surname index 1997*
942.8 Rip *Ripon parish registers (Great Britain, Yorkshire)*



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Leta Nardiello, MGS #2839, Winnipeg Branch Outreach Chair.

Looking forward to another exciting year for Outreach!

Fall events included a display at the Jubilee Tea hosted by Dalnavert Museum on Nov. 9, 1997. Participants included Leta Nardiello and Daryl and Kyla Dumanski.

Our next big event is a public display at the **Museum & Heritage Exposition at Polo Park Shopping Centre, March 30-April 4**. Volunteers can call or sign up at MGS.

Other upcoming events include "There's a Skeleton in my Closet", an introductory workshop sponsored by the City of Winnipeg's Parks and Recreation, **April 18, 1998 from noon-4:00pm**, at the St. James Civic Centre. Daryl Dumanski, Leta Nardiello, and George Glenn will be volunteering their time and expertise.

There are lots of **exciting opportunities for volunteering** coming up! A word about volunteering: **Myth:** You need to be an expert and know everything about genealogy to volunteer. The qualifications we are looking for are:

- 1) Arrive when scheduled
- 2) Enjoy talking with people and having fun
- 3) Promote interest in genealogy and MGS and its branches
- 4) Everything else can be learned

If you are interested in **volunteering**, or require any further information, please call **MGS at 783-9139**, or **Leta at 338-4838**, or, come and visit MGS and sign up in person. See you all soon!

GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS



CONFERENCES

National Genealogical Society Conference, USA

May 6-9, 1998 in Denver. 120+ presentations, workshops, and computer labs. Experts, research, problem-solving, spring in the Rockies! For registration brochure, write NGS, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399. Tel: (703) 525-0050 or 1-800-473-0050.

Fax: (703) 525-0052. E-mail: 76702@compuserve.com

Yorkshire Family Fair

June 27, 1998, York Racecourse (Knavesmire Stand), Cleveland, North Yorks & South Durham FHS, 10:00-4:30pm. Free car parking. cafeteria facilities, Admission £1.50. Details from: A. Sampson, 1 Oxbgang Close, RED-CAR Cleveland TS10 4ND England. Tel: 01642 486615.

The Young Irelanders Gathering

Late July 1998, in and around Tipperary, Ireland. Program to embrace re-enactments of the events of 1848, lectures,

tours to historic sites, and a Commemorative Dinner. "The Young Irelanders were a group of well educated men, both catholic and protestant, who were united with a fierce desire to change conditions for the catholic poor, prior to and during the famine. After a revolt in 1848, seven were captured, tried and transported to Van Diemen's Island, now known as Tasmania. Names included O'Brien, Meagher, MacManus, Martin, Mitchel, O'Doherty, O'Donohue and Duffy, Dillon and Davis, founders of *The Nation*, tabloid of the YI. Others exiled to America and Canada. The name of Thomas D'Arcy McGee would be known in Canada. Write: Tipperary Clans Office, 45 Main Street, Tipperary Town, Ireland. Give name, address, number attending, forebear, any historical/genealogical/Irish cultural society belonged to. Tel: (062) 33188.

OTHER

Canada-Wide Health/Medical Archives Info Network

Centre for Research in Information Studies, U. of Toronto, 140 St. George St., Toronto ON M5S 3G6

Telephone: 1-800-281-4636 (Metro Toronto 416-978-6738

Fax: 416-971-1399 E-mail: research@fis.utoronto.ca

www.fis.utoronto.ca/research/hannah_infonet/welcome.htm

Non-profit, toll-free reference, advice and communications Network specifically designed to help practitioners, researchers, custodians of archival materials and others find answers to research problems, and get advice on practical issues associated with keeping healthcare and medical archives.

1901 Census Indices for Southwestern Manitoba

South West Branch, MGS, c/o 53 Almond Crescent, Brandon MB R7B 1A2, has been busy preparing indices. (E-mail: mla@access.tkm.mb.ca) Those now ready for purchase include:

• RM of Argyle	\$15.50
• RM of Arthur	15.50
• RM of Brenda	6.50
• RM of Cameron	8.50
• RM of Morton	8.00
• RM of Riverside	8.00
• RM of Turtle Mountain	17.50
• RM of Whitewater	6.50
• RM of Winchester	8.00
• City of Brandon	24.50
• Village of Boissevain	4.50

All are plus P+H - contact Branch for amounts.

British Columbia Marriage 1878-1981 and Death 1878-1976 Indices

BC Genealogist, Vol.26 #3, Sept. 1997 : "The big news is the release of the above. Index for Births is scheduled for release later."

Ontario Vital Statistics

Another year for the above has been released. Births: 1869-1900, Marriage: 1869-1915, Deaths: 1869-1925.

These statistics are NOT on the Internet. They are available (on microfilm) at the Ontario Archives and through the Family History Libraries (Mormon Church). Each year the Ontario Archives receives another year of BMDs from the Ontario government.

via Internet

CIHM : Canadian Digital Library Project

The Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions has been granted \$500,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for a digital project (beginning Sept. 1997, undertaken by CIHM, National Library of Canada, Université Laval Library and University of Toronto Library) that will make early works of Canadian literature, native studies and women's history accessible on the Internet. Primary objectives: digitize 5,000 works from CIHM's major microfiche collection of Canadian works and put them on the Internet; develop a model for comparing costs of storing/accessing works in both traditional media and digital format, and, evaluate the use and acceptability of various digital versions in comparison to the printed and microform versions of texts. www.nlc-bnc.ca/cihm/ecoll

Computer WARNING

Be prepared for theft and fire!

If you, or anyone you know, has extensive computer files, all data should be backed up on diskettes (or zip). These backup diskettes should be stored SOMEWHERE ELSE! Insurance "may" cover the replacement of a computer, but the data is irreplaceable. Also, if you use E-mail or Internet, make backup copies of your bookmark.htm and address.htm files to diskette. If your computer is stolen, you won't have lost all those sites or E-mail addresses.

Think of the hours spent on research and data entry....
Don't wait until AFTER a break-in, do it NOW!!!

Anyone thinking of using the fire safe boxes on the market – be aware that as they will protect the contents from the flames, the heat of said fire may damage or even melt the diskettes.

Thanks to anonymous contributor.

Microfilm reading tip

When looking at a very washed out/light microfilm, try placing a sheet of bright yellow paper in the film reader to give a better contrast. You might also make up a kit to keep with you consisting of several colours: reds, blues, yellows, gray, green, etc. in a couple of shades of each. The colour may help the contrast so that a magnifying glass could be used. Bright yellow and dark blue are said to be the best.

Thanks to Gayle Mann, MGS #892L, who saw this on the Internet.

England's GRO Family Records Centre Certificate Cost Increase

Beginning April 1, 1998:

- GRO Certificate ordered at the desk at the FRC will increase from £6.00 to 6.50GBP (applies to both full and short birth certs.).

- Certificates direct from the GRO/ONS at Southport 'reduced':
 - GRO cert. with full GRO reference supplied decreases from £12.00 to 9.00GBP.
 - GRO cert. incl. up to 5yr. search decreases from £15.00 to 12.00GBP. (New price applies to both full and short birth certs.)
- Priority applications to the ONS Southport by post, telephone, or fax:
 - Full cert. of birth, death or marr. 29.00GBP
 - Full cert. of birth, death or marr. 25.00GBP (with full GRO reference supplied)
 - Short cert. of birth 28.00GBP
 - Short cert. of birth 25.00GBP (with full GRO reference supplied)

Thanks again to Gayle Mann who saw this on the Internet.

Diaries of Rev. William Bell, Presbyterian, Perth, ON

These are held by Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, also on microfilm (said to be 9 volumes, 1825-1834?). There is a printed copy of the microfilm at the Perth (Ontario) Museum, and perhaps other copies elsewhere. Births and marriages have been extracted fromm the diaries (or perhaps from a separate register that he kept). A copy of these is in the library at Algonquin College in Perth.

via Internet.

Churches/missions in in southeastern Ontario

The book, *Built on a Rock*, about the Honourable and Right Rev. Alexander Macdonell, Bishop of Kingston 1826-1840 (b. Inchlappan, Glengarry, Scotland), states: "In 1823, the united missions St. Mark at Prescott and St. Francis Xavier at Brockville comprised 15 townships:

- Williamsburg, Winchester, Mountain, Matilda, Edwardsburg, Oxford, Walford, South Gore, Elizabethtown, Kitley, Yonge, South Crosby, Bastard, and Lansdowne, containing 2,340 Catholics.

St. Bridget's in Perth comprised:

- Beckwith, Ramsay, Pakenham, Darby, Lavant, Dalhousie, Drummond, Bathurst, North and South Sherbrooke, North Crosby, Elmsley, and Montague, and contained 3,640 Catholics.

St. Joseph's Mission, Kingston, contained:

- Kingston, Pitzburg (sic), Leeds, Logborough, Portland, Camden, Ernesttown(sic), Isle of Tante, and Wolfe Island, and contained 4,250 Catholics.

The united missions of St. Michael at Belleville, St. William at Hollowell, St. Kiernan at Napanee. St. Denis at the River Trent, St. Matilda at Marmora comprised townships of:

- Tyendinaga, Thurlow, Sydney, Hungerford, Huntington, The County of Prince Edward, Richmond, Redericksburgh, Adolphustown, Sheffield, Hinchinbrook, Sydney, Murray, Percey, Seymour, Alwick, Bramalee,

Rawden, Marmora, Belmont, Dummer, Madoc, Elzaire Lake, Methuen, and contained 2,106 Catholics."

In 1833 there were 31 missions in the Province. "The Cholera makes dreadful havoc in these and other parts of this as well as the lower province." – a report from Bishop Macdonell to Bishop Plessis.

The appendix of this book lists 3 pages of Catholic churches by location.

via Internet

Association of Professional Genealogists

The APG was formed in 1979 by 19 genealogists who wanted to promote genealogy as a profession, and professionalism in genealogy. Membership now stands at over 1,000 worldwide, in countries as diverse as Israel, New Zealand, Romania, England, and South Africa, as well as Canada and the U.S. It also includes people from all walks of life, such as family historians, librarians, booksellers, publishers, and geneticists, as well as professional researchers.

Member benefits include the APG *Quarterly*; the APG *Directory of Professional Genealogists* which lists members, their professional services, and their contact information (which is also available to non-members for a fee); educational brochures on both hiring a professional and on becoming a professional (both of which are also available to non-members but for free, just contact the APG at the address below); an arbitration committee which protects both clients and professionals; and participation in lectures, roundtables, luncheons, and receptions at conferences. Membership is \$35/year for U.S. addresses; \$40/year for Canadian addresses; \$55/year U.S. for all other addresses; and \$50/year U.S. for a Family Membership for both Canadian and U.S. addresses. The only requirement for joining this organization, besides the appropriate membership fee, is that you agree to abide by the Association's professional code of ethics.

For more information contact:

- APG, PO Box 40393, Denver Colorado 80204-0393.
E-mail: apg-admin@genealogy.org;
www.apgen.org/~apg
- Jodi Cassady, Cassady & Associates, Winnipeg, Manitoba. 204/287-2834, M-F 10-6 CST.

Thanks to Jodi Cassady, MGS #2651, for this information.

INTERNET ADDRESSES

"Links", Post Legal Adoption Support Group Inc., MB.
www.freenet.mb.ca/links/

Mailing List re Eastern Ontario History, Geography & Genealogy, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.

Mailing list for people interested in various aspects of the genealogy, history, and geography of Eastern Ontario region (essentially between the Ottawa River on the north and the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario on the

south). Following counties included: Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox & Addington, Frontenac, Lanark, Leeds & Grenville, Dundas, Stormont & Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, and Ottawa-Carleton. Discussion of any aspect of genealogy, history, or geography that pertains to your interest in this region is invited. Range and scope is endless.

- Amalgamation of Ontario Communities
(townships/municipalities)

- 1871 Ontario Census Index

Mailing list:

LISTSERV@post.queensu.CA

Genealogy HelpList

People helping people.

www.concentric.net/~Mikerice/helplist.shtml

Site listing links to other genealogy sites

cpcug.org/user/jiacombe/mark.html



CONGRATULATIONS

to

Fran and Walt McCaw, MGS #1522, on the arrival of their granddaughter, Jenna Marie, daughter of Susan (McCaw) and Steven Nemeth, July 27, 1997, in Winnipeg.

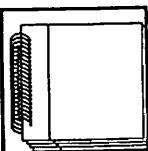
Reta McMannis, MGS #143L, who was awarded South West Branch' Ruth Tester Memorial Award at this year's annual Heritage Dinner, February 4, 1998, in Brandon.

South West Branch, MGS, on their 20th genealogical anniversary.

ENGLISH ANCESTRY?

Russ Waller, author of 40 books of genealogy in the Kingston, Belleville, Brockville region, invites assistance in compiling (censuses/available registers) a new series of books, *Immigrants From England, 1800-1900*. Vol. I – Frontenac Co. completed; plans to continue – Lennox/Addington, Hastings, Prince Edward, Durham/Northumberland, Leeds/Grenville, and Lanark Co.s. These will also be available on computer discs. The above Vols. I-VII will be advertised in several English genealogical journals in 1998. Persons in the above areas with English ancestors are invited to supply data, eg. place of origin, Canadian location, maiden names, birthdates, etc. Credit will be given to donors. Research publishers (Ontario/across Canada) invited to work in their own regions: sample page supplied on request, a uniform format is sugg'd – a future all-Canada master list.

Write: Russ Waller, 114 Robert Wallace Drive, Kingston ON K7M 1Y2. Tel: (613) 542-9310.



PERIODICAL POTPOURRI

Lori Walker, MGS #1145, Editor
French periodicals reviewed by Cécile Alarie-Skene, MGS #672

L'Outaouais Généalogique

Vol. XVIII #5 septembre - octobre 1997, vol. XIX #4

- President's annual report including all activities of the society
- Review of books published by their members
- Section on questions received, with their responses
- List of periodicals and books newly acquired by the society
- "De la généalogie à la générasophie"; this article is a reflection on what it means to be a descendant and the role that our ancestors played in our own development
- "L'arbre généalogique le plus ancien de la planète"; a very interesting article telling about the oldest known genealogy, that of Adrian Targett, history professor in Cheddar, England. DNA tests have shown that he is the descendant of the prehistoric man whose skeleton was found in 1903 near where Targett lives.

Ancestry

Vol. 15 #5: Photographs 1854-1900 / Hispanic and Afro-American research / Studying documents.

Vol. 15 #6: Research in the Austrian Tyrol / Canadian Census & naturalization records / Ancestors in Poland / Medical histories / Family history in Ireland / Hunt for ancestors in New York City.

Australian Institute of Gen'l Studies Inc. Journal

First issue received (exchange): The True Story of Waltzing Matilda / Hanged in Dublin / Lost in London.

B.C. Genealogist, Vol. 26 #4

Railway Belt homesteaders - B / Biographies.

Brantches, Brant Co. OGS, Vol. 17 #4

Vital stats 1896-7.

The Journal of the Bristol & Avon FHS, #90

St. Mary's Chapel, Bath / 18th century surgeon / Rose family.

Chinook, Alberta FHS, Vol. 18 #2

The Law Library as a source.

Cleveland FHS, Vol. 6 #12

Newton & Nelson families / Emily Mounser.

Connections, Quebec FHS, Vol. 22 #2

Mary Secord / Montreal vitals 1908 / Quebec City Gazette deaths - B.

Cornwall FHS #86

Lost At Sea, part 2 / Harry Smith / Longevity of the Cornish / Witchcraft.

Derbyshire FHS, Issue #83

Mary Roe Bower / Durose, Wheeldon and Grayson families / Village of Smalley.

Devon Family Historian, #84

Title deeds / Travels of a briefs collector.

Dumfries & Galloway FHS Newsletter, #30

Emigrants to new Zealand.

East European Genealogist, Vol. 6 #1

New Mennonite sources / Index to regs. of Ruthenian Battalion 1849-50.

Families, OGS, Vol. 36 #3

Heir and Devisee Commission Records / Ontarians to North Dakota / Devonshire people in the Colonies - 1900 / Several family profiles.

Family Chronicle

Nov/Dec 1997: Acadian roots / Female research / "Master Genealogist" program / Preserving documents / Afro-American research / Fugitive slaves / Scanners.

Jan/Feb 1998: Overcoming 'brick walls' / New Netherland / Heraldry / Naturalization records.

Family Footsteps, Kamloops FHS, Vol. 13 #2

Death and mortuary in 19th century British Columbia.

Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 14 #1

A family mystery / Humber fishing ports / Horse Marines / London Dock strikes of 1889 / Hearth Tax / Laing family.

Genealogical Computing, Vol. 17 #2

New Mac programs / "FamilySearch" / "Ancestral Quest" / "Family Tree Maker 4".

Genealogical Helper, Sept/Oct 1997

Immigrant progress / Family photos.

Genealogist, Vol. 8 #11

English records for Irish family history / Indian Office records / Divorce records / Land records.

Genealogists' Magazine, Vol. 25 #12

The naval Dent family / British records in Malaysia & Singapore.

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James, b.1858, d.Oct. 27, 1923; m.June 8, 1897 (Scotland) to Margaret **Paton**, b.July 3, 1877, d.Mar. 23, 1938. Chn: John, (emig. to Canada c1906) b.Sept. 23, 1897, d.Jan. 9, 1987, m.Aug. 3, 1927 to Alice **Hewitt**, 1906-1981; Wm. b. July 1899 (Scot.), d.Aug 10, 1901; Mary, b.Feb. 5, 1902, (emig. to Can. c1906) m.Apr. 2, 1925 to Frank **Belanger**, 1902-1967; Jessie Thom, b.Dec 26, 1910 (Can.), d.Feb. 18, 1963, m.Nov. 10, 1937 to John Arthur **Parker**, 1908-1973.

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HILCHIE (...SHIE -EY etc. back to UELTSCHI)

Gasper (Casper, Caster, Gaster), 1795-1833, Chester, Lunenburg Co., NS. Who did he marr. - an Embree?
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LUCE OR LESEE

Harriet T., female b.Jan 16, 1860, west of Winnipeg on Assiniboia Reservation. Mother's name unk. Father's name Anial LeSee or Luce. Harriet m. a **Smith** and a Michel Welch.

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Catherine Mumford m. "Paddy" Hutton, lvd. McCreary, MB. Moved to a nursing home/seniors' home in Portage la Prairie, MB. Seek death date, burial d. and burial place for Catherine Mumford c1920-1924.

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MUNDELL/GRAHAM

Ann Mundell, b.Oct. 10, 1826, Ballymena or Laine, Co. Antrim, Ire., d.Nov. 23, 1903, Scugog Island, ON, m. James **Graham**, b.Mar. 21, 1826, Ballymena, N. Ire., d.May 19, 1895, Scugog. Chn: Orr (Vet surgeon), Stewart, Thomas, William, James, Annie, Robert.

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PATERSON/FLEMING

John **Paterson**, b.18 Nov 1832, s/o Andrew Paterson & Mary Murray, m. Janet **Fleming**, b.5 Feb 1833. Chn: Andrew, b.1859; John, b.1861; Robert, b.1863; Maggie, b.1865, m. John **Fleming** 31 May 1907; Mary, b.1869; Willie, b.1876. Seeking info. on Janet Fleming & John Fleming families.

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RENDALL

William Elliot **Rendall**, b.5 Sept 1905, Wpg., MB, s/o William **Rendall**, b.13 Oct. 1865, Kirkwall, Orkney, & (Mary) Minnie Elliot who lvd. 364 Sherbrooke St., Wpg. Wm.E. m.17 July 1945 to Helen **Sigertson**, b.15 Oct 1921, Westbourne, MB. Chn: William, b.July 1933, Carol, b.?

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RICHARDSON / PARKER

Sarah G. **Parker**, b.28 Apr 1863, m. William **Richardson**, b.20 Nov 1859. They lvd. on the island at Portage la Prairie, Man. He was in real estate. Chn: William W., b.16 Dec 1883; Herbert S., b.7 Oct 1886; John R., b.29 Nov 1888; and Frank R.C., b.8 Jan 1894. Any info. apprec. Will exch. info. on **Parker** family.

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ROBERTS

Richard, Apr. 24, 1870-Aug. 1942, s/o Jane & John Roberts (lvd. in N. Wales ?Bala ?Chirk ?Shropshire), m. Harriet **Gill**, June 11, 1874-Nov. 14, 1961. Chn: Florence; Leonard; Evelyn; Thomas (my father); Richard; Elsie; Doris; Norman. 6 others d. young: Gladys May; Percy; Gordon; Reginald; Margaret Ann; Jack. Lvd. Liverpool, Eng. (poss. m. there). Richard & Harriet mvd. to High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire; both bur. there. Richard's siblings: Robert; Thomas (killed WWI); Win; Ann; Virginia. Wish to trace Jane & John **Roberts**.

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SMITH/HAWLEY/ALLEN

Parker **Smith**, b. Wolfe Island, Ont., m.1 Margaret **Hawley**; chn: Norman Edmond & Melvin Berton (Caroline **Van Norman**). M.2 Adelia Marija **Allen**; chn: Gertrude Adell (Herbert Bradshaw); Alice; George Adelbert; Marianna; Allen E. (Mabel Nichols); Clyde Sanford (Minnie Armstrong); Bertha Leonora (William Irwin); Margaret Ethel (James Anderson). Parker d. Plumas MB. Searching for relatives.

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YOUNG

Gilbert, b.c1833, m. Olive ___, b.1847. Chn: Alton Bruce & Nancy. Wpg. Dir'y shows Alton at 844 Logan. Apprec. info. on this fam., ancs/descs. Would like to reach descns.

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- Maintain contact with the Referral Coordinator at the Volunteer Centre
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ANOTHER MEMBER'S VIEWPOINT

Aylmer, Quebec
February 1997

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Dear Sir / Madam

I was offended when I read the article, *The National Heritage: A Perilous Journey*, in the December 1997 issue of *Generations*. In the article the author, Adele Manness-Smith, characterizes Quebec as "the unfriendly province". I note that Ms Manness-Smith is a former member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. Why was she allowed to use *Generations* as a "political platform"?

Surely an excellent publication such as *Generations* is not going to become a political forum for those who wish to "province bash"!

Certainly genealogists should be aware that the National Archives is located in the province of Quebec, city of Gatineau. This could have been done in a straight-forward manner without political overtones. Haven't other Government Departments been moved to various provinces as part of the decentralization program? By the way, research facilities for the Archives are still on Wellington Street in Ottawa, our capital.

I am a unilingual English Canadian, a "Federalist", who happens to live in the province of Quebec. I was not born in, educated in, nor was my working career in Quebec. I have never been treated with any disrespect by anyone — in Quebec nor in any province. I should mention that some of my ancestors lived in Winnipeg and area in the province of Manitoba.

I resent the negative tone of the previously mentioned article. I would hope that political articles about any province will not be included in future editions of *Generations*. There are many newspapers and magazines in Canada which provide the opportunity for people to express their political opinions.

I doubt that I'm the only member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. who lives in Quebec. If political opinion, instead of genealogy continues in *Generations*, I shall have to reconsider my membership in future years.

Respectfully
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