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From the Editor

David Farmer #2277



It is fall again! How fast the months go by. This past summer has been pretty excellent with few mosquitoes, bugs, just enough rain, and lots of sun. I hope everyone made the most of it.

This issue highlights members and MGS events. We have the Report on the Annual General Meeting, along with the 2017 Award Winners. Be sure to check out the complete listing of winners from past years, it is a listing of the best of the best.

Check out the inside front cover as well, to see the changes in the Executive for the coming year. Meet the new President, Jayne Paradis, with her initial message (we will get her to tell us about herself next issue).

We have another article from Anne Letain, "Six Feet Under", which is a very good read. We are currently in discussion with Anne to get her to become a regular in *Generations*, hoping to have her begin in December.

There is lots of good reading again, but we do need more articles, so if you have a story, please submit it. We will do our best to make you look good. Family stories, past events, famous ancestors, skeletons in the closets; all of these make for interesting reading. So don't be shy, we need you.

We are also interested in expanding the *Generations* staff to include a few reporters. These would be folks who would be willing to attend events where MGS and MGS members are involved and then submit a report on the event. We will give you your own byline and even include your photo, but you will have to buy your own fedora hat. If you are interested, send a note to generations@mbgenealogy.com.

Enjoy the issue.



Welcome to the new Manitoba Genealogical Society President.

From the President

Jayne Paradis #0045



By the time this edition is out, summer will be over and school will have started again.

I'd like to thank Jim Oke for serving as President the last few years. Jim has been a member of MGS for several years and has often volunteered his time helping MGS.

We are having our Open House on September 30th. Please look at our website (<http://mbgenealogy.com/>) and Facebook page for more info. Please come and see what MGS has to offer. MGS has a great library with lots of wonderful resources – including local history books and access to the Library Edition of Ancestry.com. By visiting our library, you will meet the various volunteers that help run the library.

I would like to also thank Gord McBean for all of his hard work with MANI. This has been a big job. Gord spent many hours on this and MANI continues to grow. He has volunteered for many years and recently was Vice President of IT.

The Front Cover - Editor

Fall, a time for walks in the woods to admire the changing colours, the cool, crisp temperatures and the quiet. For me, I have always liked pictures that lend themselves to the imagination – what is around the corner? where does the road lead? In this case I wonder what is under the bridge and where the road leads. What is your story?

2017 MGS Annual General Meeting

The 2017 AGM was held on Saturday, June 3rd at 11:15 am at the Northwest Law Enforcement Academy in Winnipeg. The meeting included: the 2016-17 Annual Reports and Financial statements; Election of Executive Officers and; presentation of MGS awards. The 2017-18 Executive Officers elected at the AGM (for 1-year terms) are:

President – Jayne Paradis

VP Administration – Virginia Braid

VP Communications – Janice Butcher

VP Finance – Rick McLellan

VP Information Technology – Vacant

The Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by the MGS Executive at the first meeting after the AGM. The 8-member MGS Executive also includes Past President, Jim Oke. A special thank you goes out to Jim for his contribution as President over the last three years.

David Obee's Presentation



David Obee Presenting (Photo from David Obee web site)

Before the Annual General Meeting, MGS was very fortunate to have **David Obee** make a presentation. David is a very well known genealogist who has written several books. Details on his career can be found at <http://www.daveobee.com>.

David's topic was **"Decoding the Dash: Build the Stories of Their Lives."** Grave markers often show birth and death dates, with a 'dash' in between the two dates. Those dates are usually the least interesting aspects of a

person's life, because it is what is in between the dates that counts. His presentation used examples to show what might happen when we start digging on the Internet, on standard family history sites and beyond, and then dive into records in archives and libraries.



Some of the attendees at David Obee's Presentation

And the
Winners
are...

2017 MGS Volunteer Awards

As part of the Annual General Meeting, the following awards were presented:

The *Eric Jonasson Award of Merit*

This award is the major volunteer award given by MGS. It was created in 1999 to honour Eric Jonasson for his contributions to MGS. Eric was one of the founding members of the Society in 1976 and was the first President, serving until 1980. Eric wrote his first genealogical guide "Tracing Your Icelandic Family Tree" in the 1970s, followed by "The Canadian Genealogical Handbook" in 1976. In 1983, he published "Untangling Your Family Tree".

The 2017 winner is Virginia Braid from the SE/Winnipeg Branch.



Virginia Braid receiving the Eric Jonasson Award from MGS President Jim Oke

The Florence Cox Volunteer Service Award

This award was created in 1999 before Flo passed away in 2000. Flo became a member of MGS in 1979. She was an active volunteer in the Library and helped out with the indexing of many Manitoba cemeteries. Flo donated a new photocopier in her will to the Society, for which we were all very grateful.

The Florence Cox Awards are presented in acknowledgement of exceptional service to MGS. More than one award can be made each year.

The 2017 winners are Sheila Shearer and Stacey Shackel from the Southwest Branch, and Sheila Woods from the SE/Winnipeg Branch.

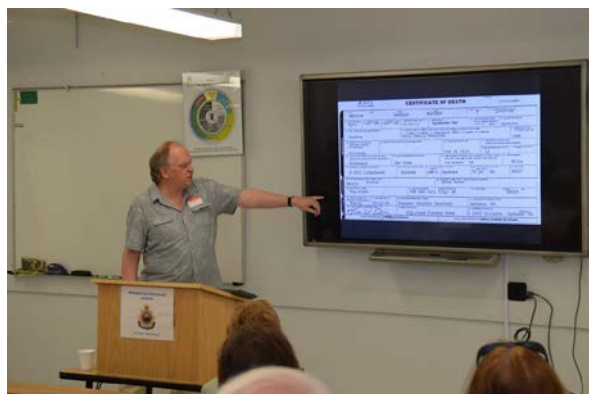


Southwest Branch President George Mackay accepting the Florence Cox Awards on behalf of Branch members Stacey Shackel and Sheila Shearer.



MGS President Jim Oke presenting Florence Cox Award to Sheila Woods, SE/Winnipeg Branch.

Congratulations to all the Award recipients. For a complete list of award winners from past years, see the article on Page 5 or check out the Volunteer menu on the MGS website located at: <http://mbgenealogy.com/volunteering/eric-jonasson-award-of-merit/> .



Dave Obee presenting "Decoding the Dash" at the MGS Annual General Meeting.

Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. Award Winners

Over the past many years, MGS volunteers have distinguished themselves through their volunteer service. Many of these volunteers have been presented with awards representing their service. Following is a list of those dedicated MGS volunteers who have received the various awards. Congratulations to them all.



Certificate of Merit

1979 Jean Tucker
1980 Ruth Breckman
1981 Barbara Page
1982 Flo Cox
1983 Gerald Brown
1984 Ruth Tester
1985 Kathy Stokes
1986 Rita McManus
1987 Mavis Smith
1988 Edith Bjornson
1989 Liz Briggs
1990 Gordon Breckman
1991 Hazel Runchey
1992 Jim Wall
1993 Ernest McCallum
1994 Lorne Harris
1995 Eleanor Corbett
1996 Donna Fox
1997 Joyce Elias
1998 Connie McLeod

(changed to Jonasson Award in 1999)

Jonasson Award

1999 Jim Rutherford
2000 Betty Atkinson
2001 Margaret Goodman
2002 Walt McCaw
2003 Daryl Dumanski
2004 Joan Whiston
2005 Eric Neufeld
2006 Mary Bole
2007 Bob Stokes
2008 Bill Burland
2009 Gordon McBean
2010 no nomination
2011 Eleanor Burch
2012 Jayne Paradis
2013 Rick McLellan
2014 Pat Allan
2015 Orma Sozansky
2016 Shirle McGimpsey
2017 Virginia Braid

Florence Cox Awards

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|---|--|
| 1999 - Jean Ammeter
Wayne Neily
Beryl Robbins
Margaret Scrase
Orma Sozansky
Lori Walker | 2006 - John McCrindle
Jean Lenderbeck |
| 2000 - Margaret Goodman
George Glenn
Pat Allan
Lorna Karman
Beth Wall
Pat Kelly | 2007 - Julia Pierce
Bonnie Bridge |
| 2001 - Mary Bole
Beth Audette
Durlene Germscheid | 2008 - Gordon McBean |
| 2002 - Virginia Braun
Maureen Corkal
Lynn Francis
Allan Pickard
Chris Irwin | 2009 - Don McGillivray
Kelly Southworth |
| 2003 - Bill Burland
Wayne Digby
Vivian Mitchell
Anne Morton
Jayne Paradis
Bill Pooley
Josie Stemerowicz | 2010 - No Awards |
| 2004 - Gord McBean
Geoff Lambert
Judith Kelly
Shirle McGimpsey
Marilyn Strang
Bob Stokes | 2011 - Pat Sundmark |
| 2005 - Linda Toews
Karen Becker
Bill MacDonald | 2012 - Vivian Mitchell
Enid Dorward
Sheila Shearer
Barb Andrew |
| | 2013 - Judith Roe
Marilyn Muller
Mona Phillip
Virginia Braid
Linda White |
| | 2014 - Mavis Gray
Bill Curtis |
| | 2015 - David Jenkins |
| | 2016 - Sandra Havig
Jan Gowan
Helen Ellingson |
| | 2017 - Stacey Shackel
Sheila Shearer
Sheila Woods |



MGS Open House

The Annual MGS Open House will be held in conjunction with Manitoba “Culture Days” on Saturday, September 30 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Library/Resource Centre. The general public is invited to come and see what MGS has to offer. Please encourage friends and family to attend. Detailed information can be found on the Culture Days website located at <https://culturedays.ca/en/2017-activities/view/59925ed4-2fd0-45f5-8915-05de8ac5a4f1>

“Discover your roots! Join MGS in exploring “genealogy” and family history.

For beginners, our interactive Open House will introduce you to genealogical methods and resources and will provide: assistance to begin your family search, a tour of our Library/Resource Center, and activities for children. For current genealogists we will have an introduction to our on-line searchable database **MANI** with 1.5 million records of Manitoba names. We will also have a “problem corner” to help solve roadblocks in your family search.

Join us for a look into your own family history.



Do You Need a Will?

Recently a member brought in a Will of which the MGS Library has no need of. If anyone is interested or can make use of this Will, please contact Joyce Elias, at MGS on Tuesday afternoons at (204) 783-9139.

Ontario, Hastings County, Belleville. Timothy Clark, deceased, widow Marjorie Clark. September 1877

In February, the MGS Research group had a request to find a photograph of a skating rink that was located c1900 on Balmoral and Ellice. The group was able to locate a picture of this rink, The Wesley Skating Rink, that had both public rinks and hockey rinks in the present location of University of Winnipeg. A new request has come forth:

Hi, was wondering if you could help me, I am putting together a publication on the early hockey days of Winnipeg and would love to find out about a James Bell and an Angus McIvor, who were managers of a rink there.

Would any of your members be able to help?

Kindest regards

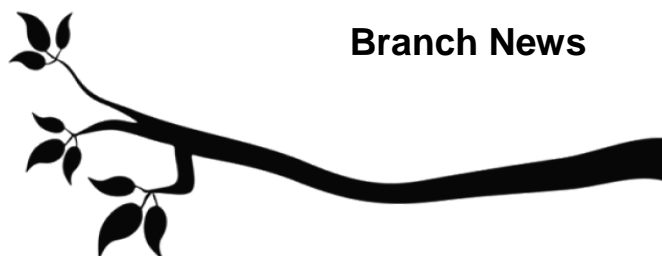
Jeff Nelson. (jeffnelson1@hotmail.co.uk)

Congratulations – 5 Generations

It seems only fitting, given the name of this Journal, to include a true generation item. Congratulations to the Allan family.



Kinsley Mary-Lynn Allan arrived March 26, 2017 in Winnipeg. She is the daughter of Kyra Allan; the grand-daughter of Heather Allan; the great-grand-daughter of Pat (MGS #2513) and Dave (MGS #5196) Allan. And she is the great-great-grand-daughter of Muriel James (MGS #1734, a member from 1988-2004).



Branch News

Monday Night Genealogy - Southeast & Winnipeg Branch

If you are an MGS member living in the Southeast or Winnipeg area, consider joining the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch. We run an educational program at the MGS Resource Centre on St. James Street on Monday evenings starting at 7:00, and are usually finished before 9:00. Branch members can attend at no extra charge but non-members are requested to pay \$5.00 each time they attend. Branch membership costs just \$12.00 a year and members receive the monthly e-Zine which gives more details of upcoming programs, summaries of past programs and other items of interest to Branch members. Here is our schedule for September to December 2017. ("General" meetings may start with a very brief business meeting. "Presentations" usually don't. At a "12 Heads" meeting a facilitator introduces the topic and then everyone has a chance to speak.)

Date	Meeting Type	Topic	Presenter
September 11	GENERAL	Sneaky Ways to Share Family Stories and Memories	Kathleen Kristjansson
September 18	PRESENTATION	"She'll Never Ask" – Uncovering Family Secrets	Joan Baragar
October 16	12 HEADS	Where Were They in 1867?	Virginia Braid
October 30	GENERAL	The Stories Photos Tell -- How to Read Them	Kelly Southworth
November 13	TBA	TBA	
November 20	GENERAL	Bagpipes and My Family Intertwined	Donna Henderson-Rivas
December 11	GENERAL	CHRISTMAS SHARING	All Members

MGS Research Services

Having trouble with your research, or just don't know where to start? MGS offers [Research Services](#) (for a fee). Our talented researchers are available to help you break down those walls. Call the MGS office

South West Branch Celebrates Canada 150 - Workshop and Heritage Dinner

On April 22, 2017, the South West Branch hosted a very successful workshop entitled “Celebrating our Roots” at Knox United Church in Brandon.

We got off to a great start with a keynote presentation from Gordon Goldsborough entitled “Favourite Methods for Researching Family Roots”. Gordon provided us with many ideas to find out more about our ancestors, including some resources we may not have previously considered.



The morning break-out sessions included Deborah Tacan (“Looking back at the footprints of my ancestors; looking ahead, a vision for my grandchildren”), Barb Andrew (“United Empire Loyalists”) and Lisa Haji Abbasi (“Beginner’s Guide to East European Genealogy”). Pictured here are Deborah and Lisa.



Present for the morning segment of the workshop was Gertrude Gross, a founding member of the Southwest Branch. At 90+ years of age, she commented that she had to attend to help celebrate Canada’s 150th birthday! Gertrude attended the United Empire Loyalists session presented by Barb Andrew.

Lunch was catered by the Inbetweeners Ladies Group at Knox, and as always, was delicious. After a short break, Lesley Anderson, the Canadian spokesperson for Ancestry .ca, got everyone thinking about what might be possible to figure out by using results from DNA testing. She brought along 25 DNA kits which sold out very quickly!

The Ancestry Network

- ~2.4 million paying subscribers across its core Ancestry websites
- ~1 million people in the AncestryDNA network
- Since 1996, more than 20 billion records
- More than 80 million family trees

AncestryDNA, Ancestry, AncestryPhotoGenealogist, Ancestry.com and FindMy

McBean, VP Information
bers what they can find on

a workshop to attend for

A portrait of a man with short, grey hair, looking towards the right. He is wearing a dark jacket. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.A group of people are seated around a table in a room with a microphone stand, possibly a focus group or interview session. The participants are seen from the back or side, and the setting appears to be a professional or academic environment.

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A mere hour and a half later, 63 people came out for our annual Heritage Dinner. After a great meal prepared by the Inbetweeners, we sat back to enjoy the evening's program.



The Ruth Tester Award is presented annually to a member of the Branch who exemplifies the spirit of service to genealogy and the Branch. Ruth was a charter member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society and was instrumental in the chartering of the Brandon and District Branch (which later became the South West branch) in 1978. The award this year was presented to Grace Desjardins-Green.

Grace joined the South West Branch in 2007 and served several years on the Program Committee and on the South West Branch executive. She has been resourceful and dedicated in organizing visits to archives and museums in our area as well as contacting speakers for our monthly programs. She also has presented on her own family research. She is a willing volunteer and is always ready to lend a hand at workshops or other branch activities.



Gordon Goldsborough then entertained us with numerous stories about interesting places in Manitoba, some based on his book, *Abandoned Manitoba*, and some based on his travels and adventures throughout our province. If you have not yet checked out the Manitoba Historical Society's website, it is a "must see". Attendees in the crowd offered further ideas of places Gordon could/should visit: bridges, cemeteries, etc. Gordon is always open to new adventures!



All in all, it was a very busy, successful day – both the workshop and Heritage Dinner – a wonderful way to celebrate Canada 150!

Many South West Branch members assisted with the multitude of tasks that a day like this requires. Special thanks to George Mackay and members of the Committee: Barb Andrew, Laura Crookshanks, Linda Dustan Selinger, Linda Earl, Shirley Erskine, Marlene Rodger, Stacey Shackel, Sheila Shearer and Linda Wakefield for all their hard work and planning.

Next year is the 40th anniversary of the South West Branch! Another reason to celebrate genealogy – watch for details!

From the Past

Kathy Stokes is involved with family gatherings and visits. Her feature articles are not available this issue. Both *Rural Ramblings* and *Are These Your Ancestors?* will return in the December issue.

The following will keep Kathy's fans entertained until the next issue.

Here is a brief summary of information from the *Winnipeg Tribune* of July 4, 1980 with cemetery information about where some well-known people of Winnipeg are buried.

In the wall of St. Boniface Basilica are the remains of Bishops and Archbishops Tache, Provencher, Langevin and Beliveau, as well as the remains of Father Aulneau and the son of La Verendrye. Louis Riel, who was hanged for treason, is also buried there. Marie-Anne Gaboury, the first white woman in the west, and the mother of Louis Riel, and her husband Jean-Baptiste Lagimodiere, a voyageur, also rest in this cemetery.

Beatrice St. Amant, who had once been chosen as 'Woman of the Week' on the Bob Hope television show for her work establishing a home for her epileptic son and others with serious and life lasting illnesses, is another whose grave is located at St. Boniface Cemetery.

Elmwood Cemetery has more than 53,000 graves. Among those buried in this beautiful place are many politicians, as well as former mayors of Winnipeg: Thomas Sharpe, John Queen, Frank Fowler and more recently, William Norrie. Premier Duff Roblin rests here as well along with former Lieutenant-Governors Thomas A. Burrows and D.H. McMillan.

A little known cemetery is the 'Children of Israel' and was the first Jewish cemetery in Western Canada. Closed to new burials for many years, the cemetery which is located behind the Kildonan Shopping Centre, contains the remains of Edmond Coblentz, the earliest permanent Jewish settler in Manitoba. He had

fled the massive persecution of Jews in Russia in the 1800s.

Shaarey Zedek cemetery contains a plot wherein is buried Max Steinkopf, the first Jewish barrister in Manitoba. His son Maitland will be remembered by many as the Chair of the Manitoba Centennial Corporation, which planned many of the events surrounding Manitoba's celebration of its 100 years within Confederation in 1970.

The *Tribune* speaks of another historical cemetery within the boundaries of Winnipeg. "There may be no graveyard in the province richer in history than St. John's Cemetery on St. Cross St., the oldest established cemetery in Western Canada. The list of markers reads like a jumbled map of Winnipeg: Alexander Logan, Andrew McDermot, Archbishop Robert Machray, Reverend Matheson.

South of the Cathedral is the marker of Archbishop Stringer, the Bishop who ate his boots – literally. A 1909 entry in Stringer's diary states: Breakfast of sealskin boot-soles and to [be] broiled and toasted. Soles better than tops." Bishop Stringer was lost in the north for some time and ate his boots to survive.

Brookside Cemetery, a city-owned burial ground, is one of the largest cemeteries in Canada. Among those buried there is Winnipeg's first mayor, Francis Cornish, who was reputedly once issued a summons against himself for driving a horse and carriage while drunk.

All Saints Cemetery on north Main St. is a Ukrainian Catholic graveyard. Those buried there include: Taras Serley, the first Ukrainian member of the Manitoba Legislature and Jaroslaw Arsenych, the first Ukrainian barrister in 1916. Notorious gambler and cigar smoking proprietor of the well known Margaret Rose Tearooms, Stanley Zedd, is also buried here.

Kildonan Church Cemetery has amongst its graves, that of Ralph Connor (Rev. C. W. Gordon), an author of more than 30 books, including *Glengarry Schooldays*.

At the other end of Winnipeg, Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens is located at 4000 Portage Ave. where Lewis St. George Stubbs, an outspoken senior judge of the County Court, who scandalized the legal community by his attacks on the judiciary, is buried.

Also resting in Chapel Lawn is Sally Warnock, secretary/manager of the Winnipeg Humane Society for 38 years and remembered in the city by "Aunt Sally's Farm" in Assiniboine Park.



Our Library

Mavis Gray #0008

Many people in Western Canada and beyond have Metis ancestry. These people may know little or nothing about their native ancestors, but the MGS Library has a number of books which can help, among them the following:



History

Metis Legacy: a Metis Historiography and Annotated Bibliography by Lawrence J. Barkwell. 2001. Manitoba 016.971 BAR

A Social History of the Manitoba Metis by Emile Pelletier. 1977. Manitoba 970.3 PEL

The New Peoples: Being and Becoming Metis in North America edited by J. Peterson and Jennifer S.H. Brown. 1985. Canada 970.3 PET

The Metis, Canada's Forgotten People by D. Bruce Sealey and Antoine S. Lussier. 1975. Western Canada 970.3 SEA

Saint-Laurent, Manitoba: Evolving Metis Identities, 1850-1914 by Nicole J.M. St. Onge. 2004. Manitoba 971.27 SALA STO

Home from the Hill: A History of the Metis in Western Canada by Don McLean. 1987. Western Canada 971.2004 MCL

Homeland to Hinterland: The Changing Worlds of the Red River Metis in the Nineteenth Century by Gerhard J. Ens. 1996. Manitoba 970.3 HOM

Genealogy

Discover your Metis Ancestry: A Beginner's Guide by John Roberts. 2008.

Metis Families, a Genealogical Compendium by Gail Morin. 1996. Reference 970.3 MET [Also available on CD]

The Genealogy of the First Metis Nation: The Development and Dispersal of the Red River Settlement, 1820-1900 compiled by D.N. Sprague and R.P. Frye. 1983. Manitoba 970.3 SPR

Biography

Metis Makers of History by Grant MacEwan. 1981. Manitoba 970.3 MET

Louis "David" Riel: Prophet of the New World by Thomas Flanagan. 1979. Family History & Biography 921 RIE2

Vanishing Spaces: Memoirs of a Prairie Metis by Guillaume Charette. 1980. Family History & Biography 921 GOU

The Legend of Pierre Bottineau and the Red River Trail by Ted Stone. 2013. Family History & Biography 921 BOT

Alexander Kennedy Isbister, a Respectable Critic of the Honourable Company by Barry Cooper. 1988. Family History & Biography 929.2 ISB2

Land

The Exploitation of Metis Land by Emile Pelletier. 1975. Manitoba 970.3 PEL

Select Annotated Bibliography on Metis History and Claims by Dennis Madill. 1983. Manitoba 970.3 MAD

Metis Lands in Manitoba by Thomas Flanagan. 1991. Manitoba 970.3 FLA

Manitoba Scrip by Gail Morin. 2015. Reference 970.3 MOR

Riverlots and Scrip: Elements of Metis Aboriginal Rights Manitoba Metis Federation. 1978. Manitoba 970.3 RIV

Library Lines

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We are discarding books mainly because of lack of space and some because the information is on the Internet, or Ancestry, etc. Some are just not genealogical topics. Once a number are discarded a list is made and will be posted on our MGS website. If you want one please contact me at library@mbgenealogy.com – they are free.

However good genealogy books which we have duplicates of, or newer additions, will be offered to branches first.

We are still looking for members willing to index Manitoba books for MANI – but remember first to check with Pat Allan or me so time is not wasted on duplication.

We do have a good collection of CDRs – please check them out. We have tested them, and all work, but they are slow to show up on the screen.

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koha-opac.bole.ca

Our apologies for KOHA not being available. Due to technical changes beyond our control, it has been necessary to change our links to the card catalogue. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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Book Reviews

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Ancestors, Relatives and Descendants of Donald Sutherland MacDonald.

Unpaged, illus. MGS library call no. FH&BIO 929.2 MACD3

This volume focuses on the family connections of Donald Sutherland MacDonald. Many members of this family came from the Orkney Islands to the Red River Settlement in the early 19th century. The book contains a large number of family trees, photos, and newspaper clippings. Well-known names connected to this family include Inkster, Sutherland, Leask, Sinclair, and Anderson, among others. The book will be of particular use to those who are interested in the early history of Manitoba.

A Leask Family History: From the Orkney Islands to the Red River Valley, compiled by A. J. Tucker. Dauphin, 2000. unpaged. illus. MGS library call no FH&BIO 929.2 LEA

This book is directly related to the above volume about the MacDonald family. The Leasks also originated from the Orkney Islands. There are many family trees and information about the family's connection with the Hudson's Bay Company. The author has also included Scottish church records and census information from Sandwick, Orkney, from 1821 to 1881. This book is more for students of early Manitoba history.

Camera in the Interior: 1858 H.L. Hime, Photographer: the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan Exploring Expedition, by Richard J. Huyda. Toronto, Coach House Press, 1975. 55 p. Photographs. MGS library call number WEST CAN 917.2 HUY

This book includes a fascinating compilation of

photographs taken in 1858 on an exploring expedition. It also includes information about the expedition as well as the actual process of photography from 150 years ago.

Floods of the Centuries: A History of Flood Disasters in the Red River Valley 1776 – 1997 by J.M. Bumsted. Winnipeg, Great Plains Pub., 1997. illus.

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The first major flood in the post-settlement Red River basin was in 1826, followed by others in 1852 and then 1897. Since the turn of the 20th century there have been several more significant floods, although the completion of the Winnipeg Floodway in 1968 has mitigated damage to metropolitan Winnipeg since then. In this book, Mr. Bumsted relates the history of major floods in the Red River valley over the years, up to and including 1997. It is well illustrated with photographs.

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British Columbia Genealogist (June 2017)

RCMP Quarterly index.

Internet Genealogy (June/July 2017) Our MGS Annual Meeting guest speaker, Dave Obee, writes the "Back Page" column in every issue of this magazine.

Leeds & Grenville Branch News & Views (May/June 2017) A list of men who were qualified and received their land in the 6th, 7th and 8th townships at the settlement of New Oswegachie (source: Lower Canada Land Petitions).

Your Genealogy Today (May/June 2017) Genealogy gold on Canada's "other gold rush" (Northern Ontario).

EASTERN CANADA

Connections (June 2017) A future Quebecker at Waterloo.

Generations (New Brunswick) (Summer 2017)

- Early settlers: Charlotte County, NB
- Loyalist grantees at Paratown, Sunbury County, Nova Scotia, 1783-1784.
- Military gravestones – NB soldiers in the CEF (1914-1918).

Newfoundland Ancestor (Vol. 33, 2, 2017) A 4-H Club project circa 1965, about the community of Shoal Harbour, including lists of names of persons who served in the World Wars, an extensive list of "old timers" who once lived in the community, and much more.

ENGLAND

Berkshire Family Historian (March 2017) *Life by the Yard* – a reflection on urban housing conditions for the not-so-well-off.

Cleveland FHS (April 2017) Publican, brewery and victuallers records: How to find them.

Cornwall Family History Society (March 2017) *Saltash War Memorial* – deaths from World War I and World War II, with brief biographical information about each person whose name appears on the memorial.

Devon Family Historian (May 2017) An account of the removal of a pauper family to an adjacent parish. This would be of particular interest to anyone whose ancestors were removed – gives an understanding of the process involved.

Genealogists' Magazine (June 2017) Reactions to the introduction of civil registration.

EUROPE

East European Genealogical Society (Spring 2017) A partial listing of emigrants from the Borshchiv area to the Prairie Provinces.

Mennonite Historian (June 2017) Information about the Mennonite DNA project.

ONTARIO

The Bulletin (Kawartha Branch) (May 2017) Includes a list of 47 War of 1812 veterans buried in an unknown location on or near the battlefield, second battle of Sackets Harbour, May 29, 1813.

Past Tents (June 2017) Historical information available at the Northwestern Ontario Aviation Heritage Centre.

Perth County Profiles (May 2017) Marriage records from Avonbank & Motherwell Presbyterian Church 1855-1861. Includes names of bride and groom, parents, and witnesses, along with ages and birthplaces of bride and groom, and date of marriage.

Quinte Kin (Spring 2017) Family histories and maple syrup.

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland FHS (May 2017) Life of a Scottish missionary in Madagascar during the 19th century.

Borders FHS Magazine (June 2017) List of covenanters in the parish of Tweedsmuir in 1682, as compiled by Mr. Francis Scott, Minister.

GALLUS (Glasgow) (June 2017) Partial list of persons who received compensation following the Caledonian Railway accident at Gretna in 1916.

Yorkhill hospital records 1901.

Scottish Genealogist (June 2017) The slave compensation scheme: A Midlothian connection.

USA

Internet Genealogy (June/July 2017) Researching US World War I ancestors.

Minnesota Genealogical Society (Summer 2017) Minnesota civil war soldiers who were members of the GAR in South Dakota.

Red River Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter (June-December 2017)

Information about a frequently overlooked resource for 19th century military research: "Post Medical History".

Your Genealogy Today (May/June 2017) Sources to use for the years before civil registration became mandatory.

– (July/Aug 2017) Researching your maverick or black sheep ancestors.

WALES

Glamorgan Family History Society (June 2017) Information about their Burials Master Index; entries from 166 burial places in Glamorgan. Available to members of Glamorgan FHS.

WESTERN CANADA

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Six Feet Under

Anne Letain

After our father's death in 1991, our mother, for reasons both unknown and unfathomable to her adult children, packed a grocery bag with the container (an urn?) holding Dad's ashes, hopped on the bus and interred the cremains on a gravesite in the Edmonton Municipal Cemetery where two of her children had previously been buried. None of us (my brother or sister or me) know why she failed to include us in this task, or even why she chose to take the bus when any one of us would have been pleased to provide transportation and support.

So, it wasn't until our mother's own death nearly twenty-five years later and the same three adult children were charged with interring Mom's ashes that we actually learned where that "family grave" was located.

The main Edmonton Municipal Cemetery is a kind of anomaly in the world of graveyards. How many cemeteries have a major city thoroughfare bifurcating their property? What a surprise it was to learn that the family gravesite was practically hugging the sidewalk on 118th Avenue. I had passed by the graves myriad times in my life never thinking about a "Hey, Dad! or "Yo, Jannie" as I sped by in the car. A small thing, but I know I would have made it a private personal ritual.

As a genealogist, graveyards both real and digital have become a quasi-obsession (in the best kind of way). Also as a person who has travelled extensively, graveyards offer huge learning opportunities about how we honor (or fail to honor) the dead and the past.

One of the first times a graveyard became very emotional for me was in the public cemetery of a coastal town in Yorkshire called Goole. Goole is, and probably always has been, a hard-luck sort of place. In the local library, I had discovered burial records for Mary (Gordon) Dempsey, my 2x great-grandmother. We set off in search of her grave. As far as we got was 2948, the Catholic indigent section (1) of the Hook Road Cemetery. When I inquired about a grave marker, I was brushed off. Mary Dempsey

had been living in the Goole Workhouse at the time of her death in 1908. Bodies from the Workhouse were routinely dispatched to the cemetery where they were summarily dumped into the first available open grave of the correct religious denomination. No one would ever know whose grave Mary Dempsey shared. Somehow, I just could not get past the indignity of this and I found myself on a nearby bench dabbing at my eyes over the wrongness of it all.



Hook Road Cemetery, Goole, Yorkshire

Since that spring day, I've spent time in many other graveyards including those of the Cambodian killing fields and a mass grave outside Skibbereen for nine thousand dead in the Irish potato famine. I've discovered ancestors buried in guinea graves where for a pound, the deceased's name is added to a one-for-all marker. I've shook with frustration at the Irish custom of buying one big gravestone and willy-nilly adding family members as needed – all welcome – brothers, sisters, in-laws, spouses and replacement spouses! I still have no idea how you get into this gravestone club.

Back in America, a local quarry can commandeer the market and whole graveyards are instantly recognizable from their unique hue. Military markers in the USA are provided free

of charge with free shipping. Most often you find a personal stone in tandem with a military stone, unless the deceased is buried in a national military cemetery (e.g. Arlington).

By far, one of most unique cemeteries I have seen is a Haida cemetery near Port Hardy on the northern tip of Vancouver Island. Primarily designed and created out of wood, the grave markers are romantic and quixotic reminders of the lives they commemorate. We saw lovers of music, and Elvis, and even five-pin bowling. No pictures were permitted, which was hard to abide by. But these grave markers, rather than being typically somber, conveyed a sense of joy and freedom.

In today's highly connected but often emotionally bereft world, it is now common to read obits that state "no service" or that the family will gather privately at a later date. No indication of burial. Of course, this is a decision that families are free to make, but for me it leaves the life circle broken. Whether someone's ashes are scattered or shared, or whether a body is buried, the lives of these people and their presence on this earth whether it was short or long, needs to be physically marked. Simply put, we are losing too many traditions and rituals that are still meaningful and important – not just for now, but also for the future.

We need, as well, to thank that army of volunteers who physically maintain graveyards and digital databases all around the world. It is far too easy to lose an ancestor into an abyss of poor record keeping and spelling. Counting on government registries to do this for us would be a huge mistake.

Every life has its own unique story and deserves permanent recognition and remembrance.

"What we keep in our memory is ours unchanged forever." (Unknown)



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A Tribute to Manitoba

Allen MacLennan

Allen has been searching his family history for over 20 years with lots of help from many people including MGS and the Hudson's Bay Archives. He was born at the north end of Lake Manitoba in 1933. Allen is married, with 3 children and lives in Red Deer, Alberta.

“Manitoba” - From the Cree word meaning - *The God That Speaks or The Place of God.*

The first white man to set foot on what is now Manitoba soil was (Sir) Thomas Button who was sent out from England in 1612, to search for Henry Hudson. Button landed on the west coast of Hudson's Bay but his search was unsuccessful and to this day the fate of Henry Hudson remains shrouded in mystery.

The first white man to set foot on the prairies of southern Manitoba was that great French explorer, La Verendrye in the year 1738.

One of the young voyageurs, Jean-Baptiste De la Gimodiere (Lagimodiere) who had made these trips before he got married back home in Quebec, convinced his new bride Marie-Anne to travel with him in the brigade in 1806 to live in this new beautiful country which became Manitoba.

Their first baby daughter was the first girl born (recorded) in the west (Manitoba) of European decent. Marie-Anne is sometimes remembered as the “Grandmother of the Red River”, many people of the Canadian prairies can trace their ancestry to her. One of their 8 children was Julie, born ca. 1822. She married Louis Riel. I must not forget that it was a boy that was the first child born in the west, just before Marie-Anne gave birth. The mother, a young Scot, was employed by the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) and was very well disguised, posing as a young man. The HBC never knew. She went to a man of authority and asked for help and he understood, taking her in where she gave birth in his cabin.

My great-great-grandfather Archibald McLellan was a Partner of the Northwest Company (NWC). My 3x great-grandfather Edward Umfreville and 3x great-grandfather Francois Courchene worked for the NWC and the HBC. There were 5 other grandfathers employed by the HBC. From Edward Umfreville's contract in 1771 to the end of grandpa Joseph McLennan's contract in 1864, the time covers 93 years, not counting each person's time served. The HBC hired mostly young men from Orkney. This brought together a lot of Scots and Frenchmen

from both fur companies, together with beautiful young native ladies. As they married and settled, they spread out from the rivers and lakes from northern Quebec; Hudson's Bay through the Arctic and south into the USA as far west as Portland and Vancouver. My grandfathers and other great men were all part of this settlement. In addition, these men were instrumental in establishing two large fur trading companies and exploring. In their spare time they were helpful in spreading goodwill and establishing a new society. A lot of these people ended up at the Red River Settlement with their families.

Back in England in the early 1700s, wool production was expanding and in order to feed the machines of industry there was a need to expand the sheep flocks, which resulted in a requirement for more land. In the Highlands of Scotland was where they found land that was occupied by small low-productivity tenants. Since the sheep farmers could pay higher rent the tenants were removed by increasing the rent beyond what the tenant could afford. The ones that stayed just plain got crowded out of pasture.

In 1790 my 3x great-grandfather Angus McLellan, Archibald's father, was a tailor by trade, but who may also have been a tenant, came to Canada, because of the promise of the great opportunities and where other relatives or clansmen had settled. The hardships they endured is another story of courage and endurance. They came over on three ships: the *British Queen*, the *Jane* and the *Lucy*. Their destination was to be Quebec but it is reported most departed at French River, Prince Edward Island.

The first settlers to leave Scotland on the ship *Prince of Wales* bound for the Red River Settlement in 1812 were under the same circumstances. The advanced party did not get the site completely prepared and they almost didn't make it through the winter. On the 28 Jun 1813 the next group of 96 including maybe 10 children, age 16 and under, left from Stromness, Orkney. They arrived at Fort Churchill two months later. The Captain unloaded them at Fort Churchill [Fort Prince of Wales] instead of York

Factory because of so many being sick, and abandoned them. I believe there was death onboard the ship. They were not allowed to enter the Fort. They constructed makeshift shacks and a small type hospital. They gathered food, cared for the sick and prepared to travel down the coast to York Factory in the spring. They hand made snowshoes and built sleighs. On the 14 Apr 1814 they left Fort Churchill to the skirl of the Piper, walking on snow-shoes, some pulling sleighs. At one point along the way one of the ladies could not travel any further, as she was going to have her baby.

The group had to keep moving, so a couple of men along with her husband dug the snow out from under around a pine tree and banked the snow around it.

Blankets were given and the husband and his wife crawled down into their new abode. They left them food that they could spare. Days later after the baby boy was born and was able to travel, the new family started off to catch up to the group which they did before they reached York Factory.

As soon as the mighty Hays River broke up, they had to be ready to leave. Another group of 56, also including about 18 children under 16, would be arriving and there might be a shortage of boats.

The trip up the Hays River is very tough in the spring. There were many portages, one of which took 7 days to cross around rapids. (In 2001 it took an experienced crew of 7 men and 1 woman in a 40 ft. York Boat with 4000 lbs. of cargo about 10 weeks to make the trip downstream from the Forks (Old Fort Garry) Winnipeg to York Factory on Hudson's Bay. (TV production: *Quest for the Bay*).

There was over 100 more settlers that arrived at the Red River Settlement before freeze up in 1815. During the same year some of the Metis that were employed by the NWC harassed the settlers and ruined their crops, Settlers were also advised to leave and offered transportation to free land in Ontario. Others went south to the USA. Most of the settlers traveled back north to Jack River (Norway House).

They returned and started over again only to be terrorized again during the Battle of Seven Oaks in 1816. After the Battle of Seven Oaks, 2x great- grandpa Archibald McLellan of the NWC took charge of Fort Douglas. Many events followed, the most significant being: Archibald McLellan and Cuthbert Grant and several others were arrested and taken to Montreal to stand trial in 1817.

The Settlement began to recover again. During these years there were more new settlers trying to start a new life, there were Metis in fear of losing their hunting grounds, Indians trying to find out what was going on, and two fur trading companies fighting over trading grounds and transportation routes. The buffalo hunts were an important source of food for the NWC and its French, Metis voyageurs. As stated before there were already French and Metis families living on the east side of the River (St. Boniface) and this was still Rupert's Land of the HBC. Employees retiring or leaving were given lots along the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. My great-grandfather Joseph Archibald MacLellan (McLennan spelling changed) and grandfather Joseph McLennan had lots on each side of the Red River. 3x great grandpa Francois Courchene had land also in the St. Boniface area. 2x great-grandpa Baptise Baubie and his son in-law great-grandpa Daniel Wilson also had lots on the Assiniboine River, near Poplar Point.

So now there are Scottish settlers, Frenchmen, Scotsmen, Metis, men from Orkney, some English and Irishmen as well as local Indians round about. They fought each other and for each other. They intermarried with each other. These people knew what hard times were and what good times were and they celebrated them. The beat of the drums were first, then the bagpipes, fiddles and so on.

These fur trade people (some of my ancestors) and first Selkirk Settlers of the Red River Valley (North) with their axes, shovels and plow shares, were the first to grow wheat and ship it from Western Canada. They were cattle ranchers, miners, fisherman. The HBC (1670) was the first and largest Company in North

America. Some of these first pioneers do not have grave stones, but they are part of the soil you are walking on in Western Canada.

A great tribute goes to the wives and mothers that stood by, walked beside, waited for, worried about, and gave of themselves always, and bore the children to carry on their heritage.

Relating back to the Red River Settlement, Peter Fidler of the HBC in 1817, surveyed the first lots (400 ft. wide x 2 miles long) on the west side of the Red River. He also took the first census.

In about 1869, there came another problem. As the newly established Canada tried to gather up the Northwest Territories, with their ways and means and attitudes, with control and without any consultation, they soon found out there was opposition.

It took a past HBC factor by the name of Donald Smith to come and negotiate an agreement in January 1870, which ended up with a token called the Postage Stamp Province in July 1870.

It was not until 1912 that Manitoba, Northwest Ontario and Quebec was extended to what they are today. Up until this time the area was referred to as the Northwest Territories, Indian Country or Rupert's Land. The offspring of the fur trade men who had had relationships with native women (casual, wedded Country style, Christian style or just plain Common Law) were referred to as Mixed Blood, French Half-breed or just plain half-breed, many times in a derogatory way. The French word Metis (meaning the offspring of two different nationalities) was not recognized by the Dominion Government until after 1870s. The form first used to approve Metis Script was dated 1875.

These people before 1870 in terms of day-to-day life, came together because they needed each other to survive. (I remember reading of a time when the settlers were at Norway House and one of the mothers and her daughter were out in the bush looking for berries to pick. They met up with a native woman doing the same thing. They could not understand each other but

the native lady took them and showed them the berries to pick, the plants to eat and the good roots to eat. They spent the day together and learned much from each other. They became lifelong friends.

Now from 1670 when the Hudson's Bay Co. came ashore (the French may have been earlier) was the beginning of a new era. Before the fur traders, my ancestors on my grandmother's side (the Cree) were here. For 200 years these people have been developing a new country, a life style, getting married raising a family, building homes, churches, schools, towns, communities. These were the people that developed Manitoba and spread out across the West!



My Grandma Mary (Wilson) MacLennan born 10 Oct 1850 at Cumberland House SK. Died 3 Jan 1934 at Elm Point MB, buried at Steep Rock Manitoba.



Allen MacLennan in 2001, west of Headingley Manitoba on the north side of Highway #1

2012 marked the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Selkirk Settlers in Manitoba from Scotland in 1812 and the 200th anniversary of agriculture in Manitoba.



On 7 October 1812, near what is now the Disraeli Bridge in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Miles Macdonell, the Governor of Assiniboia, helped to plant the bushel and a half of wheat that he had brought from Scotland.

This event was the beginning of one of the most important movements in Canadian history and the establishment of the farming system of the Prairie Provinces, with the wealth and opportunities that it has offered to hundreds of thousands of immigrants. The Selkirk Settlers were the first individuals to establish permanent residence along the Red River in what has grown to become the City of Winnipeg. Their arrival and settlement began the shift in Western Canada from a hunting/gathering economy to a farming-based community as the settlers were able to cultivate the land and establish a home base. This made it possible for dense settlement by immigrants from Eastern Canada and Europe.

In October 1987, a plaque was erected in Joseph Zuken Heritage Park by the Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land. It commemorates the earliest planting in the Selkirk Settlement, established by Thomas Douglas, Fifth Earl of Selkirk, on 7 October 1812.

After 1870 when land surveys were done by the Townships system, it more or less cut off the river lot system at its outer end so these settlers could not go hunting or cut firewood and or even get to grazing pasture.

My great-grandpa Daniel Wilson engaged as a Labourer at Stromness, Orkney on Jun. 9, 1842 with the HBC. In 1846 he volunteered for the Arctic Expedition with Sir John Richardson and Dr. John Rae in search of the Sir John Franklin Expedition from Fort Confidence on Great Bear Lake, Northwest Territories.

All returned in 1849 except Dr. John Rae who stayed at Fort Confidence on Great Bear Lake, NWT. He and others remained to continue the

search of Victoria Island returning one or two years later.

Great-grandpa Daniel Wilson retired from the HBC in 1857 (15 years of service) to lot #55 next to great-grandma's Mary Wilson's father's (Baptiste Baubie) lot #56, at Poplar Point, Manitoba. In about 1878 great-grandpa Daniel received a Homestead, (NE ¼ of Sec. 2-15-5-w1) at St. Ambroise, Manitoba. Grandpa Joseph McLennan: (born 1835, NWT), Metis, applied and received a patent on Lot #33 at St. Paul, Manitoba (Red River Settlement) under the Manitoba Land Grant Act on the 7 May 1878. On the 3 Apr. 1879, Grandpa Joseph McLennan married Mary Wilson, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Baubie) Wilson. Grandpa Joseph McLennan sold lot #33 at St Pauls, Manitoba on the 30 Apr 1879. Grandpa Joseph and Grandma Mary McLennan moved to be with Grandma Mary's parents at St. Ambroise, Manitoba in 1879. Great-grandpa Daniel Wilson died, 22 May 1882 at St. Ambroise, Manitoba. This is where Grandpa Joseph McLennan and Grandma Mary McLennan's 7 children were born.

Their children were: John Robert McLennan 1880-1880, Lavina Mary McLennan 1881-1966, Alexander James McLennan 1885-1941, Colin Archibald McLennan 1887-1917, Janet Isebel (McLennan) Chartrand 1888 -1929, Margaret Maud (McLennan) Blue 1892-1987, and my father Donald Herbert Clifford McLennan 1896 - 1978.

Now because of the arrival of new settlers taking up new homesteads the family decided to move.

Great-grandma Mary Wilson had received the legal rights to the homestead at St. Ambroise after great-grandpa's death and so she sold it in 1903. They were on the move north to the new homestead of her son, Grandpa Joseph McLennan.

It was also close to Lake Manitoba and west of the town of Eriksdale north of Winnipeg. The area was called MacRoss for the first families of the McLennans and Ross. About this time the name McLennan was changed to MacLennan.

Great-grandma Wilson and aunty Lavina with husband George Sturgess moved also. It was about 100 miles and took 10 days with 3 wagons and 75 head of cattle. Grandma MacLennan sewed boots for some of the young calves. Grandpa Joseph, sons Alexander, Colin and son in-law George Sturgess each took one quarter of the same section.

When they arrived at Grandpa Joseph's land they had to build a home. Uncle Alexander (Jim) and Colin served in the World War I, Jim returned badly wounded and was never able to work. Colin was killed overseas. My father Donald MacLennan also enlisted but never had to report for duty.



Oskar building the tongue and groove log house

In 1913 Grandpa Anders Oskar and Grandma Anna Lundstrom arrived from Sweden and settled in the same area with 4 children. Aunty Freda born in 1906 and my mother Nanna born in 1908 were both born north of the Arctic Circle at Gallivare, Sweden. Uncle Eric was born in 1810 at Nederkalix and Uncle Ricard born in 1912 at Jokkmokk, Sweden. The other 6 children of Grandpa and Grandma Lundstrom in Manitoba were all born at home as the closest town of Eriksdale did not have a hospital as yet. (Sonja 1914, Elna (Lilla) 1917, Karl (Charley) 1919, Mabel (Edie) 1922, Victor 1923 and Henry 1925).

Around these times there were always social functions at the beach, schools picnics and dances. I do not know if it was because Dad played the fiddle or if it was that he had a fast team of horses with a fancy buggy, that he met mom (Nanna) Lundstrom. They were married

on the 14 Jan 1926. They lived with Dad's mother and started their family. Brother Stanley was one of the first born in the new hospital at Eriksdale on 27 Oct 1926, brother Lloyd was born on 3 Jul 1928. Sister Donna was born on 2 Aug 1931.

In 1929 the great Depression hit and the bottom fell out of everything. Now what to do? Dad had the experience from his father Joseph and his mother Mary of how to live and survive in the bush. Grandpa Lundstrom also was experienced with working in the bush and hunting. They decided to move north where there was wild game for food and the lake for commercial winter fishing. Grandpa and Dad walked about a 100 miles up to the north end of Lake Manitoba to look at the land. I am not sure when they did this but at one time they had said that the men went up there and put up hay for feed for the livestock.

On the 20th of August 1931 in the evening Grandpa Lundstrom had his family sitting around the table and was describing to them where they were going. They were planning to pack up the next day and go. While he was explaining to them a storm came up and as they huddled around each other the storm blew the roof off of the house.

The next morning the grain fields were flat, chickens and turkeys spread all over the place, most dead. It was a mess. After they got themselves together the cleanup started. They had to put a new roof back on the home. Grandma's spinning wheel was the only thing left in the bedroom upstairs.

In the early 1960s, my wife Ada and I spoke to a man that went to school with my Mom and he remembered them passing his home on what was called the Fairford Trail. With Mom and Dad there was Dad's brother James, his nephew Lawrence, Grandma MacLennan, children Stanley, Lloyd and Donna who was about a month old.



*Charlie, Henry, Edith & Victor
Lloyd & Stanley MacLennan*

They travelled by horse and wagons and drove the livestock. They did not have much but they took it all.

Ada and I also talked to Arnie Johnson about 30 or 40 miles along the trail and he said they had stopped there. This was a place that anybody could stop and were well looked after. They were Icelandic and his wife was famous for dough-nuts and coffee. When I was 18, I worked for his son Barney, doing farm chores and in the winter commercial fishing on Lake Manitoba.

This area was called Silver Bay on Lake Manitoba on the Fairford Trail. Here was a fairly deep creek and as I remember there may have been a bridge. From here there is now mostly farm land north to the Fairford River. The river could be crossed at its mouth where the water was relatively shallow. From the river it might be 10 miles to Homebrook which was only a store where the post office might have been.

This is where they were going to settle, about 10 miles northwest of St. Martin.

Above right is one of the two, 2 room log homes they built at Homebrook. There may have been 7-8 persons in each home. Like Auntie Edie said, they were warm and cozy. Grandpa made playing cards out of cardboard.

At some time they found out that there was not enough pasture or hay meadows, so in the spring of 1932 Dad and Grandpa walked west past the north end of the lake and down a point



*Washing clothes at Homebrook
Nana and Grandma crank the washing
machines, Edie uses the scrubbing board as
Stanley watches*

called Elm Point north of Crane River. This is where they would settle.

This is where I, Allen Oscar MacLennan was born 27 Aug 1933, on Elm Point, Manitoba. (NE1/4-28-30-13w.)

Besides Mom at my birth, there was her mother (Grandma) Anna Lundstrom, Mom's sister Freda (Auntie), Mom's sister-in-law (Auntie) Agnes (Fleury) Lundstrom. Also with these women of experience, they had brought over from Crane River a Cree lady, Mrs. Keggewash, to be the Midwife. I was born in Good Hands!

The early people of Manitoba moved a lot because of natural or man-made causes and there has been many. The early Settlers moved for survival. Those people never gave up and that's why we have Canada like it is today.

By doing this genealogy study I have found out that I am related to a family back in Orkney that were close friends of my family back home in Manitoba.

There is a story of 2 men that were tired of the bad times at the Red River Settlement. They had heard of the great Peace River district and they decided to go. They packed the food and things needed for the trip and bought a big team of oxen. It was early winter on the trail west and they had been traveling for some time when it started to storm. The team just kept on walking as the storm got worse, so the men decided to

cover up and keep warm and let them go. They fell asleep and when they woke up the team had stopped.

They wondered why and so they got out. It was still storming and as they hung on to the harness and got to the head of the oxen, it was discovered that the oxen were standing up against a log building. They walked along the wall and around the corner and found a door. Not knowing what this was they opened the door and walked in. It was the home of a man and was he surprised!

The man asked them what they were doing and when they told him about the team he said he would go out and put them in his barn. He soon came back in and he said how lucky they were at finding his place, as the team of oxen they were driving was the same team he had sold in Winnipeg! While travelling west in the storm the oxen had decided they had had enough of this, so they simply turned around in the storm and walked home.



Words That Started Out As Spelling Mistakes

1. EXPEDITE

Meaning “to hasten” or “to complete something promptly,” the verb *expedite* is thought to have been invented by accident in the early 1600s when the adjective form of expedite, meaning “ready for action” or “alert,” was misspelled in an essay by the English politician Sir Edwin Sandys (it was later corrected).

2. CULPRIT

There are several different accounts of the origin of *culprit*, but all of them seem to agree that the word was born out of a mistake. Back when French was still the language of the law in

England in the Middle Ages (a hangover from the days of the Norman Conquest), the phrase Culpable, prest d'averrer nostre bille—literally “guilty, ready to prove our case”—was apparently the stock reply given by the Clerk of the Crown whenever a defendant gave a plea of not guilty. In the court records, this fairly long-winded phrase was often abbreviated just to cul. prit., and, as the Oxford English Dictionary explains, “by a fortuitous or ignorant running together of the two,” the word culprit was born.

3. AMMUNITION

Ammunition derives from a faulty division of the French la munition, which was incorrectly misheard as l'amonition by French soldiers in the Middle Ages, and it was this mistaken form that was borrowed into English in the 1600s.

4. SNEEZE

Oddly, *sneeze* was spelled with an F not an S, fneze, in Middle English, which gives weight to the theory that it was probably originally coined onomatopoeically. At least one explanation of why the letter changed suggests that this F inadvertently became an S sometime in the 15th century due to continual misreadings of the long lowercase f as the old-fashioned long S character, f.

5. PEA

Another word that developed from a plural-that-actually-wasn't is *pea*. One pea was known as a pease in Middle English, but because of that final “s” sound, pease was quickly misinterpreted as a plural, giving rise to a misguided singular form, pea, in the 17th century. The actual plural of pease in Middle English, incidentally, was pesen.

6. SHERRY

Sherry takes its name from the southern Spanish port of Xeres (now Jerez de la Frontera in Cádiz) and was originally known as vino de Xeres, or “wine of Xeres.” This name then morphed into sherris when sherry first began to be talked about in English in the early 17th century, but because of that final S, it didn't take long for that to be misinterpreted as a plural. Ultimately, a mistaken singular form, sherry, emerged entirely by mistake in the early 1600s.

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