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From the Editor

David Farmer #2277

Well here it is December again; time seems to fly by so fast. Seems like it was just this time last year I was trying to figure out what to buy people for Christmas, and here it is again.

We have another great issue for you again. Response was poor for stories of home comings after WWI, but the issue is a good mix of information and stories anyway. We have Brad Roberts back for another story of his ancestors. His first article was last December and this month is another good one ("Another Ancestral Tale", Page 29). Anne Letain was not able to get her story in, due to a heavy workload, but she did send along an item outlining archaic medical terms often found on death certificates; both informative and funny. ("The Stories You Find", Page 22).

There is also another very interesting article by Elizabeth Briggs, which I am sure you will find very helpful ("Serendipity – Discovering A New Database, Page 25).

As we continue to move forward with the electronic-only format, we are still flexing our muscles a bit, with longer issues, different looks and a true mix of articles. If you have ever wanted to share your history, your experiences in finding ancestors or just tell a story, now is your chance. We welcome all types of articles.

May you all have a very enjoyable Christmas, a very Happy New Year and fun with the family over the holidays. Merry Christmas!

Enjoy the issue.

President's Message

Jayne Paradis #0045



It is hard to believe that another summer has come and gone and that Christmas is just around the corner.

Thank you to the members who volunteered at the Scottish Pavilion this summer. As always, Bill Curtis did a great job of organizing this.

Janice Butcher has been doing a great job of updating the activities of MGS and the branches on our Facebook page. One of the upcoming events is the Christmas volunteer luncheon which is being held on the 15th of December at the library. This is a great opportunity to get together. Please continue to look to our Facebook page for more announcements on upcoming activities.

I hope that everyone has a great and wonderful holiday season!

The Cover Page



This was not my first choice for the cover page image. Originally we had wanted to do something in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War. The plan had been to use a collage of several images of cemeteries in Europe where Canadian war dead are buried. But as we were putting it together, we were impressed with a profound sadness for the lives lost. We did not want to leave you with that sadness at Christmas time. Plus we realized we used a lot of collages for the Front Cover and maybe it was time for a change.

So we went to Plan B, which is a vintage Christmas image. We find it to be simple, cute and meaningful. So the Little Angel was selected for her innocence, her curiosity and the sense of hope she portrays. We hope you enjoy it.



MGS Welcomes Our New Members

The Manitoba Genealogical Society would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have joined the Society between August 2018 and October 2018.

Merrill Berg	Kerri James	Naomi Medd
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The Manitoba Genealogical Society would like to recognize and thank all those whom have made memorial donations, cash donations, and material donations for the Library between April and September 2018. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

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The following new books were received recently at the MGS Resource Centre. All are available for lending:

- Manitoba**
- ChR 11** *St. James the Assiniboine Anglican Church Registers.* [Burials 1853-1954]
- 333.3 Man** *Manitoba Letters written During the Great Depression.* [In 1830, Thomas Davie of Brooklyn, New York, decided to purchase a farm in the Canadian prairies and sent of a number of queries. This collection consists of 20 of the responses.]
- 355.3 Van** *Vanguard – the Fort Garry Horse in the Second World War,* 1995.
- 920 Dic** Kaye, V., *Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography, Pioneer Settlers of Manitoba, 1891-1900,* 1975. [This valuable book is falling apart so we have photocopied it, and have placed it in an Orange Binder in the Reference Section. The original book is in the office.] [Reference]
- 929.8 Mac** *Autograph Album of John MacKay, Louise Bridge, Manitoba.* [The entries have been typed and placed in a binder. The originals are in the office.]
- 971.27 Came** *1982, a Year to Remember.* [Hartley, Cameron municipality]
- 971.27 Fran** *Church Record of Zion Lutheran Church, Friedensthal, Manitoba 1901-1953.* [Franklin municipality]
- 971.27 Hano** Dyck, J., *Hanover Steinbach Historical Society,* 1993. [Hanover municipality]
- 971.27 Lang** Pittman, Cecil., *The History of Neepawa Businesses, 1883-2018.* [Langford municipality]
- 971.27 Sacl** Fontaine, C., *St. Peter's Indian Reserve, Articles and Reports, 1859-1939,* 2016. [St. Clements municipality]

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Eastern Canada

912 NS Dig *Topographical Township Map of Digby County, Nova Scotia, 1864.* [2 sheets, Maps]

971.3 Keno McCallum, B., *Memories of the Chukuni Lumber Co; Snake Falls and the Move to Ear Falls*, 2013.

Canada

026 PAC *Public Archives of Canada – Report Concerning Canadian Archives for the year 1905.* [Included is the Genealogy of the families of La Beauce, P.Q.; Genealogy of the families of the Island of Orleans; Acadian genealogy.]

286 Gri *Baptists in Canada, 1760-1990.*

Great Britain and Ireland

685 Wal Waller, I., *My Ancestor was a Leather Worker*, 2015.

929.3 Stp *Index (with images) to the Baptism Registers of St. Patrick's, Livesey St., Manchester, 1832-1860.* [CD-ROM]

941.1 Sco Ros *Monumental Inscriptions – Kilmuir Burial Ground, Black Isle.* [Scotland]

941.3 Sco *Roxburghshire, Scotland. Crailing & Nisbet Monumental Inscriptions*, 1993. [Scotland]

941.3 Mon *Monumental Inscriptions [Fife] – Pathhead Feuars, Sinclairtown Feuars, Boarhills, E. Wemyss, Anstruther Wester*, 2002. [Scotland]

941.4 Hut *Old Parochial Records, Deaths and Burials Index, Hutton and Corrie, Dumfriesshire, 1817-1818, 1822-1854.* [Scotland]

941.5 Gar *A Genealogical Atlas of Ireland Compiled from Original Maps*, 1964.

942.3 Fin *Finding Index for Avon Monumental Inscriptions*, 1990. [England, 2 vols.]

942.4 Wor *The Poor Law and Settlement Documents of the Church of St. John, Hagley, Worcestershire*, 1983. [England]

Family History & Biography

929.2 Gen2 Gendreau, P., *Gendreau-Rousseau 1560-2017*, 2018.

929.2 Hil4 Hildebrand, C., *Hildebrand Heritage*, 2000.

929.2 Mac3 Poulter, G., *A History of the Clan MacCrimmon*, 1939.

929.2 Mac4 Poulter, G., *The Mac Crimmon [or MacCrimmon] Family, 1500-1936.* 1936.

929.2 You2 Young, D., *My Pioneer Canadian Family*, 2018. [Young Family]

General

929.4 Nic Rose, C., *Nicknames, Past and Present*, 2002.

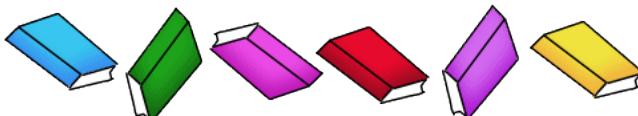
In Addition

Generations There are a number of back issues of *Generations* which are available to anyone, for no charge. Anyone wanting any of the issues, please email library@mbgenealogy.com, giving year and date and the quantity. Copies are available on a ‘first-come, first-served’ basis.

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World War I Come and see the display which MGS member, Judith Roe, has put together of the ancestors of many of our members who fought in World War I.

Our World Manitobans are very fortunate to be able to access the website *Our World* at <http://www.manitobaresearchgateway.ca/>. *Our World* on the Manitoba Research Gateway is your access point to unique collections from Gale Primary Sources. This world-class resource is made up of millions of pages of digitized historical content including newspapers, maps, photos, pamphlets, manuscripts and more. The site gives access to fully searchable books, manuscripts and newspapers from many countries and in various languages.



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Of Special Interest

Henry Mayhew

Henry Mayhew was a 19th century English journalist and advocate for social reform. He was born in London in 1812, the same year as Charles Dickens. His father was a solicitor, and he was educated at Westminster School, before running away to sea. After several years he returned and began studying to become a lawyer, but soon turned to journalism. He also wrote plays, and had some success in that field. In 1841, he was one of the founders of the satirical and humorous magazine “Punch”.

In the 1840s Mayhew wrote a series of articles which were published in the “Morning Chronicle”, describing the lives of the poor people of London. In 1851 the articles were collected and published in a 3-volume work under the title “London Labour and the London Poor”, which has been described as “groundbreaking and influential.”

Mayhew himself, in the Preface to “London Labour and the London Poor”, described the work as “being the first attempt to publish the history of a people, from the lips of the people themselves – giving a literal description of their labour, their earnings, their trials, and their sufferings, in their own ‘unvarnished’ language; and to portray the condition of their homes, and their families by personal observation of the places, and direct communion with the individuals.”

Early editions had the sub-title “A cyclopaedia of the condition and earnings of those that will work, those that cannot work, and those that will not work.” Mayhew went into great detail concerning the trades, habits, religion, and domestic arrangements of the thousands of people

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working the streets of the city, mostly in the form of detailed interviews. Very few individuals are named.

Mayhew's works are thought to have contributed significantly to the development of early Christian socialism, and to the thinking of Charles Dickens.

In 1861 a new edition was published, with the addition of a fourth volume concerning the lives of prostitutes, thieves and beggars.

The MGS Library includes 3 books which contain selections from this important work, namely:

Mayhew's London: being Selections from "London Labour and the London Poor" by Henry Mayhew. Great Britain & Ireland 942.1 MAY

Mayhew's Characters: Selected from London Labour and the London Poor by Henry Mayhew. Great Britain & Ireland 942.1 MAY

London's Underworld [Selections from v. 4 of *London Labour and the London Poor*]. Great Britain & Ireland 942.1 MAY 3



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Book Reviews

Book Reviews are not available this issue. They will return in the March 2019 issue.

Periodical Potpourri

All of these periodicals are available for loan from the MGS library.

CANADA

Internet Genealogy (October-November 2018) Dave Obee says persistence is the key when contacting DNA matches (page 54)

MANITOBA

Manitoba History (September 2018) "Canada's First Martyr": the suspicious death of David Wells, Winnipeg's WWI Pentecostal conscientious objector (p.12)

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EASTERN CANADA

Connections (July 2018) New evidence proves that Viking armies wintered at Repton, Quebec 1873-4 AD (page 14)

- (September 2018) How to use the Drouin Institute website. (page 21)

Generations (New Brunswick) (Summer 2018) Some early New Brunswick marriage records (page 53)

- (Fall 2018) A Loyalist refugee camp (page 51)

Internet Genealogy (August/September 2018) The Quebec Genealogical Society – a new and innovative approach to Quebec genealogy research (page 46)

Newfoundland Ancestor (vol. 34, 2 2018) A listing of the names of the population of Garnish September 30, 1854. (page 75)

- (vol. 34, 3 2018) Two Newfoundland weddings in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia (page 106)

AUSTRALIA

Journal of Gloucestershire FHS (Autumn 2018) World War One Australian records (p.18)

ENGLAND

Berkshire Family Historian (June 2018) A rags-to-riches journey from the workhouse (p.27)

- (September 2018) Soldiers of WWI (p.22)

Cleveland FHS (October 2018) Born, married, died elsewhere – a listing of numerous persons from the North Riding of Yorkshire and parts of south Durham (p.41)

Cornwall Family History Society (June 2018) 1696 oath rolls for Cornwall (p.18)

- A war memorial for both world wars in Constantine, Cornwall (p. 26)

Devon Family Historian (August 2018) Early nursing photographs from 1938 – 1943 (p.32)

- (May 2018) experiences of an online parish clerk (p.25)

Family Tree (July 2018) Tips for researching your female ancestors (p.83)

- (September 2018) Tracing workhouse lives. (p. 16)

- (November 2018) The Great War centenary special issue. Almost every article is about World War I.

Origins (Buckinghamshire) (Spring 2018) Brick walls and lost ancestors – suggestions for ways to break down those brick walls (p.27)

EUROPE

East European Genealogist (Summer 2018) Diocesan guides and their relevance to genealogy (part one) (page 7)

Family Tree (September 2018) Looking for Dutch ancestors. (p. 64)

Mennonite Historian (September 2018) An article about autosomal DNA (p. 3)

ONTARIO

Families (OGS) (August 2018) The invisible domestic servants (page 20)

Perth County Profiles (August 2018) Perth County Volunteer Militia 28th Battalion, pay list (page 41)

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Timberline (Spring 2018) Canadian soldiers still missing since World War I and World War II (page 7)

Leeds & Grenville Branch News & Views (September/October 2018) Roll of Jessup's Rangers, 1 May 1781 (p. 124)

SCOTLAND

The Historian (Tay Valley FHS) (February 2018) This issue includes several articles about Scottish people who served during the Great War.

Scottish Genealogist (September 2018) Edinburgh City Archives, who they are and what they hold (p76)

Sib Folk News (September 2018) After 400 years yet another Orkney name disappears from the islands (P. 19)

USA

Internet Genealogy (October-November 2018) Naval muster rolls (page 20)

Your Genealogy Today (September/October 2018) African American Research: “*The Story of Rachael*” (page 36)

WALES

Glamorgan Family History Society (September 2018) Several articles about women's suffrage (p.6 ff)

WESTERN CANADA

Relatively Speaking (August 2018) Saga of an Alberta Century Farm (p. 123)

Periodicals Received Electronically

If you read the “Periodicals Potpourri” column, you will be aware that MGS receives many journals and newsletters from other genealogy organizations. However, you may not know that we receive many more of these issues electronically. These issues can only be accessed on the MGS computers, requiring a visit to the MGS Resource Centre. Following is a sample of the Journals available:

From Scotland

Dumfries & Galloway Newsletter
GALLUS (Glasgow)

From Ontario

Bruce & Grey Newsletter
Talbot Times (Elgin County)
Trails (Essex County)
BRANTches (Brant County)

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Rooting Around Huron (Huron County)
Kingston Relations
Lambton Lifeline (Lambton County)
The Tracer (Oxford County)

From Nova Scotia

Living Connection

From British Columbia

Roots around the World (Abbotsford)
Okanagan Researcher
Tree Tracer (Prince George)

From the USA

Minnesota Genealogical Society
Oregon Genealogical Society

So come on in to the MGS Resource Centre, located at Unit E, 1045 St. James Street in Winnipeg! Look for the “Journals” icon on any computer screen. You will see a lengthy list of journal titles. Click on whatever title interests you, in order to see which issues we have on our computers. Then one more click will open the particular issue you want to see, and you can read it right there on the computer screen. If you have any problem getting to the title or issue you want to see, just ask one of the volunteers for assistance. Come in for a visit!

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Hello I was wondering if perhaps you can help me out with further information regarding the Fairfield Plan. Here is what I have heard from older folks who were around when the project was happening:

A rural ladies group in Northern Alberta and other Prairie provinces collected old wool underwear and other wool items supposedly during the 1950s. When they had collected quite a quantity, they would ship it all off to a plant near Winnipeg, Manitoba. Here it was processed and came back as a single-sized woolen blanket for use by the families. Sometimes they were pink, green or blue and maybe other colors??

I am not sure if the Fairfield Plan is a correct name. Any assistance you could provide me would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sharon Dyer at ross@telusplanet.com.

Thank you
Sharon Dyer
Editor
Alberta Genealogical Society-Edmonton Branch Facebook Page



FREE RESEARCH HELP AT MANITOBA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Research volunteers at MGS are offering free assistance for two people on the 3rd Thursday of each month, starting in January for a trial period. Applicants should apply at least 7 days prior for the two-hour sessions to: research@mbgenealogy.com; please provide a brief overview of the area of research (type of records, geography, nationality, etc.) that you are interested in and any results you would hope to achieve.

The sessions will be from 1 pm to 3 pm. Each individual will have one researcher working with them.

Applicants will be advised within a day or two if accepted. Applicants should bring as much information as they can with them.

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 on Thursday at (204) 783-9139 for further information.



Manitoba Genealogical Society Branches

Just a reminder that MGS has four very active Branches throughout the Province of Manitoba. Along with your MGS membership, for a small additional fee, you can also be a member of any or all of the Branches. Each Branch has many activities, research projects and interesting meetings. They would welcome all new members. Here is a listing of the Branches, whom to contact and their websites (click on the Branch name to reach their web site):

Branch News Items

MGS Volunteer Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 15, 2018 at 11:30 am, at the MGS Resource Centre. This is a pot luck luncheon so bring your favourite dish and join other volunteers for some fun, food and fellowship. There will be a fund-raising raffle, so you can even do some Christmas shopping! Open to all MGS Volunteers regardless of your role. Please join us.

Beautiful Plains

Located in Neepawa, MB.

Contact: beautiful-plains@mbgenealogy.com

Beautiful Plains Branch is located in the lower level of the Calvary Chapel Church. It is in Neepawa at the corner of Hamilton Street and 1st Avenue (221 Hamilton Street), where there is a room for the library and all research materials as well as the computer, etc. It is all together in one place and ready for researching! Internet is also available. Meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 in the meeting room.

The Branch has several interesting projects underway: Military Project – This project includes biographies, photos, etc. of all veterans from the Beautiful Plains area who served in either World War I or II; Seniors’ Stories – a collection of stories and photos from many of our area Pioneers – originally published in the weekly newspaper and; Riverside Cemetery – transcription and photo updates, as well as several others.

Watch the MGS web-site, <http://mbgenealogy.com/branches/beautiful-plains-branch/>, for more information and upcoming events and activities

Dauphin

Located in Dauphin, MB

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Although small, the Dauphin Branch is active in the community spreading the word about local Manitoba family history. The Branch meets on the last Thursday of each month (September to May) at the Dauphin Family History Centre, 403 Whitmore Ave. W., Dauphin, MB. The Branch can be contacted at dauphin@mbgenealogy.com.

Virginia Fox, President, Dauphin Family History Group writes: “an interesting ceremony was held in Dauphin, Manitoba on September 8th, 2018. It was the first one of its kind held in Manitoba and was well organized. There was a lovely luncheon, held at the Lutheran Church afterwards, with an informative talk given on what it takes to have yourself and your ancestors qualify as legitimate Loyalists. Some of the highlights were:



**United Empire Loyalists Association
of Canada members in traditional
garb**



**United Empire Loyalists Association of
Canada members at dedication
ceremony**

Check out the Branch information on the MGS web-site at, <http://mbgenealogy.com/branches/dauphin-branch/>, regularly to see what is going on at the Branch.

Southeast and Winnipeg

Office located in Winnipeg, MB.

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This Branch meets in Winnipeg at the MGS Resource Centre and is a vibrant busy branch. They offer many learning sessions, presentations and Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and tours, with something for everyone. Print off the Activities brochure at <http://mbgenealogy.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/SEWinnipeg-Activity-Brochure-Current.pdf> for the latest list of events.

• 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 January to June 2018. (“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.)

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There are still a number of slots to fill. For the latest information, go to the MGS Southeast and Winnipeg Branch page and click on the link to the Activities Brochure.

Date	Meeting Type	Topic	Presenter
January 14	PRESENTATION	Breaking Down Brick Walls – An Interactive Case Study	Kelly Southworth
January 28	GENERAL	Loved and Were Loved (Honouring Fallen Soldiers)	Letty Lawrence
February 11	PRESENTATION	TBA	
February 25	GENERAL	Reaching Freedom in Canada	Susan Wellman
March 11	PRESENTATION	The Quest for Fermanagh Snows -- Irish Research	Sheila Woods
March 25	12 HEADS	Really Getting to Know Your Ancestors	Kelly Southworth
April 8	COMPUTER SIG	My Technology Toolkit	Gord McBean
June 17	GENERAL	TBA	

Be sure to check out the MGS web-site for more information on this dynamic Branch of the Manitoba Genealogical Society, at <http://mbgenealogy.com/branches/southeast-and-winnipeg-branch/>.

South West Branch (Brandon)

Located in Brandon, MB

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Effective January 1, 2019, the Branch Fee will be raised to \$15.00, from the current \$10.00. This is in addition to the MGS Membership Fee of \$50.00 which is also required. The increase is required to help meet growing costs within the Branch, and to pay for planned events.

The Branch has an on-going schedule of presentations and learning sessions, so be sure to check the MGS web-site at <http://mbgenealogy.com/branches/south-west-branch/> or the South West Branch web-site at <http://www.swmanitobagenealogy.ca/> .

Contact the Branch directly for more information.



"Roots and Branches", from the *Scots Magazine*, January 2007

The Very Best Intentions

(This is the year Chris Nicholson is going to do everything right ...)

Well, have you done it? Have you made any worthwhile resolutions this New Year?

As I look at the jumble of paperwork that constitutes over two decades of genealogical research, I resolved to make a real impact on it this year – to update and organize the written notes, catalogue the photographs, back up the data on the computer. I also resolve to stop doing all those little careless things that ultimately make research more difficult, like scribbling information on the back of a till receipt, or writing in abbreviations. It just won't do.

In fact, rather than make just two or three resolutions, I think I need to make 10:

1. I resolve, in future, to always record my sources. Any information that I copy will be dated, and the place I found it, or the person who gave it to me, will be noted. If it came from a book, I will note the title, author, publisher, ISBN number, and where the book can be located.
2. I resolve to make duplicate copies of everything. I will back up, jot down, photocopy, print out, write up, memorize (whatever it takes) every last document, letter and e-mail in my possession. I will then deposit said copies in every available, data-friendly place I can find, with families, friends, at work, in a strong box, at the bank ... Think about it; it only takes one burst pipe, one careless match, one over-enthusiastic burglar, and your valuable ancestral research is a thing of the past.
3. I resolve to improve my handwriting, typing, listening skills, and be accurate and consistent when recording information. I will always write out dates in full to avoid confusing relatives abroad who put the day and the month the 'wrong' way round and will transcribe addresses in full.
4. I resolve to brush up on my local history, and join family history societies relating to my areas of research, I will attend handloom weaving classes and attempt to get my mind round topics such as the 1832 Reform Act.
5. I resolve to develop a more cynical nature and not assume that everything everyone tells me is true. On the other hand, I will become a networker supreme, and will welcome with open arms help given by other researchers, so that I can move on to spend time on those things that have yet to be discovered. I will also be willing to share that which I have found, I will answer queries and correspondence quickly and courteously, treating seemingly silly questions with respect. We all have to start somewhere.
6. I resolve to spend more time considering conflicting information, and will tackle those problem areas that have been put to one side. I will compare dates and ages to make sure they tally and that no one has died 80 years before they were born. I will look closely at informants' names on certificates, check the neighbours on census returns, and query the honesty of relationships and accuracy of surnames.
7. I resolve to take time to label the information I have on present generations; after all, they are the ancestors of tomorrow. If our forebears had taken more care over labeling photographs,

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keeping love letters, newspaper clippings and shopping lists, think now much more we would know about them. I will resist the temptations to burn those excruciating teenage diaries gathering dust in the attic, and take comfort in the fact that future generations will find enough comic material therein to keep them laughing for decades.

8. I resolve to climb into aforesaid attic and retrieve all the family mementoes. Who knows what snippets of juicy information may have been overlooked years ago before research was begun.
9. I resolve to set aside time each week to update any material I have uncovered, starting with the two-foot pile under the table. I will create a workable filing system and file each document the minute I receive it, after it has been scrutinized and copied in triplicate, of course.
10. I resolve to keep an eye open for flying pigs.



Why Review Old Genealogy Research?

Taken from Olive Tree Genealogy (olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2007/10/why-review-old-genealogy-research.html)

I've been working hard lately on a McGinnis Family book. McGinnis is my maiden name and for more than 30 years I've researched the 7 sons of the immigrant McGinnis line I am interested in. I've followed the sons (and one daughter) down through the generations, tracking their children and grandchildren. All in hopes of finding out where in Ireland my great-great-grandfather was born.

This past month I've been busy entering data I had found and filed away in my overflowing McGinnis filing drawer. Yes that's right - an entire drawer is devoted to this family. I could have sworn I had covered all my bases, found every scrap of evidence there was to be found on each of those 7 sons. Census? Done. I'd sent for death records, church records, looked for obituaries, and thought about where else I might find a record of an origin in Ireland. But as I looked over my old research (which I hadn't really looked at in almost 10 years) something jumped out at me - several years ago I had found the names of 3 of the sons in Michigan Naturalization records indexes. But I had never sent for the full record! What an oversight - although the records are not apt to provide an exact location of birth, there is a small chance they might give a county in Ireland. We don't even know that much so anything would be a bonus.

I also realized I hadn't put a few clues together - that one of the granddaughters of the original immigrant had been living (at the age of 6) with an unknown couple and a teenage girl in 1851 in Waterloo County, Ontario. Re-reading the teenager's surname I saw that it was the same as the

granddaughter's mother (Cokely) - and the teen was likely the granddaughter's aunt. It was a great clue that I had not seen first time around because I had not known her mother's surname at the time. This little clue led me to research the couple the granddaughter was living with and sure enough the wife was another aunt.

Reviewing my old material gave me fresh insight into the family and another path to follow. Now I am working on a chart to show where every son (and the daughter) lived at every land record, census record and assessment record I have already found. Hopefully that chart when complete will give me better insight into the family's movements and migration patterns. This in turn might help me find my missing great-great grandpa after 1871.

I Am My Own Grandpa!



**Many many years ago when I was twenty three,
I got married to a widow who was pretty as could be.
This widow had a grown-up daughter who had hair of red.
My father fell in love with her, and soon the two were wed.
This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life.
My daughter was my mother, for she was my father's wife.
To complicate the matters worse, although it brought me joy,
I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy.
My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad and so
became my Uncle,
Though it made me very sad.
For if he was my uncle, then that also made him brother
To the widow's grown-up daughter who, of course, was my step-
mother.
Father's wife then had a son, who kept them on the run.
And he became my grandson, for he was my daughter's son.
My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue.
Because, although she is my wife, she's my grandmother too.
If my wife is my grandmother, then I am her grandchild.
And every time I think of it, it simply drives me wild.
For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw.
As the husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpa!**



FEATURES



**KATHY STOKES #0125
FROM THE PAST**

Rural Ramblings

Winnipeg Tribune July 12, 1915

Plans are being prepared at Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg, for a military section to be developed at the cemetery for burials of those who served in Winnipeg Battalions and who met death on active service. (*Note that it was not the practice in Canada to bring bodies of the fallen home to Canada for burial. Instead, they were buried in cemeteries near where they had died. However, when veterans of city battalions died after returning home, they could be buried in the area being developed at Brookside which is planned to hold 100 graves.*)

Hannah, the wife of Samuel ADKIN of Justice, Manitoba, aged 49 years, died in Winnipeg on July 11. She will be buried in Justice.

The J. BERRY family of Transcona has three sons and one son-in-law at the front. Son David of the Seaforth Highlanders was wounded at Neuve Chapelle but has returned to the trenches. Son George left in March and has been in the trenches for 2 months. Son John is with the 60th Battalion. Son in law J. Candine is also overseas in battle.

Winnipeg Tribune August 3, 1915

Charles MILLFRANDT, 48, of Camper died on August 2 in Winnipeg leaving son Edward of Camper and daughters Katherine of Winnipeg, Olga and Mary of Camper and Mrs. E. Angus also of Camper. Burial will take place at Brookside Cemetery.

Winnipeg Free Press September 1, 1915

Statistics from the Brandon Provincial Jail indicate that the number of those in jail is much lower in the summer months of 1915 than in the previous year. With the Temperance Act in force, the number of inmates fell from 111 last year to 29 this past summer. None had been charged with drunkenness in the 1915 report.

In the Roland area of Manitoba a huge fire seven miles south west of Roland at Norwood Bros. farm, resulted in the loss of four horses, three suckling colts, 400 bushels of old oats and some hay.

Pearl SPARLING of Sterling, Manitoba won the gold Elocution Medal from the Aurora Council.

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Winnipeg Tribune September 2, 1915

Private William L. JOHNSON #106319 A Squadron, 1st CMR, has been reported missing in action. Born on a farm at Binscarth, he was previously a member of the 32nd Manitoba Horse and received his training at Sewell. He went missing in a "massacre" at Ypres.

An attractive photo appeared in the *Free Press* of five brothers from Kinosota, Manitoba, who have enlisted in the 1st Battalion. They are the sons of James MOAR - Walter, Charles, Reggie, Angus and Donald.

Winnipeg Tribune September 11, 1915

(Photo) Private William SEXSMITH #425305 of Carman, Manitoba, has been killed in action. With brothers Colin and Fred, he joined up with the 45th Regiment in England in March, transferring to the CMR later. He was 27 years old, the son of the late George SEXSMITH.

Gudni JOHNSON, about 30 years old, of Glenboro, died in Winnipeg on 10 September. Her family lives at Cypress River. She is survived by four brothers and three sisters.

Winnipeg Tribune September 12, 1915

Private Albert WILLIAMS of Miami #20268 died overseas recently.

Brandon welcomed home Sergeant PHILLIPS and Private PETCH from overseas on active service, with a rousing reception.

Are These Your Ancestors?

Like many others who belong to the Manitoba Genealogical Society, I have an ancestor who served in WWI. With the 100th Anniversary of the end of that terrible war having occurred recently, I thought I would mention the experiences that I have uncovered about my maternal grandfather.

Walter Lawrence Robinson was born in the shoemaking town of Raunds, Northamptonshire, England in 1878, the second last child in a large and mixed family. By the age of 13, he was working in the shoemaking business with his father. Later he developed enough skill to play on the professional Leicester Fosse football (soccer) team until he was forced to retire because of an injury.

In 1910, he came to Winnipeg with his wife and two daughters. He spent several years prior to and at the beginning of WWI as a member of the 106th Winnipeg Light Infantry, all the while working at his day job.

In 1915, the British government, concerned about the lack of men for their military forces passed legislation making it necessary for every British man up to the age of 41 years to register for service. This included men like my grandfather, even though he was living in Canada. In November 1915, he enlisted in the Fort Garry Horse Regiment, his regimental number being #551879. His enlistment papers indicate that he was a healthy man of 37 but that his teeth needed attention.

Walter arrived in England in June 1916 aboard the *SS Metegama* and was sent to Shorncliffe, near Dover. He rose quickly through the ranks to become an Acting Staff Sergeant Major. For some reason not clear from his discharge papers, it was later decided that he would be returned to Canada, probably because of his age. Instead, he chose to have his rank reduced to Private so that

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he could remain overseas. This request was granted and he was dispatched back to the Fort Garry Horse in England in 1917.

After the end of WWI, Walter did not immediately return to Canada. Instead, the army sent him to a "horse concentration camp" where, I have learned, he assisted in the disposal of some of the 50,000 horses which were considered surplus after the fighting had ceased. It was no doubt an unpleasant assignment to say the least, particularly for an animal lover like Walter.

Walter did come home in July 1919. He had been given the responsibility of bringing back to Canada the horse belonging to well-known Canadian General, Sir Samuel Steele, who had died recently in England. In gratitude Lady Steele, Sir Sam's widow, presented Walter with the horse's saddle at a ceremony in Winnipeg. Unfortunately, this saddle was later destroyed in a barn fire on the farm where Walter and his family lived for a while.

Walter lost two nephews in the war. Lance Corporal John Harry "Jack" Robinson of the 5th Batt'n, Northamptonshire Reg't. died of influenza in October 1918, at age 26. Prior to his death, he had been wounded twice, gassed once and had enteric fever. He is buried in Ste. Marie Cemetery in Le Havre, France. The other nephew who died, Herbert Leonard Robinson, was serving in the Australian Infantry and was killed in action in October 1917. He is buried in an unmarked grave in Menin Gate Memorial Cemetery in Ypres, Belgium, a huge cemetery of some 54,000 graves and his name is engraved on the wall of the cemetery building.

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ANNE LETAIN

The Stories You Find

Anne's story is not available for this issue due to previous commitments. However, Anne has sent along something which, as genealogists, we run into all the time:

English Glossary of Causes of Death and other Archaic Medical Terms

Pachyderma – Thickening of the skin (usually unilateral on an extremity) caused by congenital enlargement of lymph vessel and lymph vessel obstruction.

Pappataci Fever – Sandfly Fever

Paralysis of the Insane – General paralysis of the insane.

Infantile Paralysis – Old synonym for polio.

Paronychia – The ancients gave this name to an inflammatory tumour, seated near the nail.

PePernio – A chilblain, especially one on the heel; the effect of inflammation caused by cold.

Pearl Eye – Pearl in the eye. The old English name of cataract.

Infantile Pellagra – Kwashiorkor

Kwashiorkor – Severe protein malnutrition, especially in children after weaning, marked by lethargy, growth retardation, anemia, edema, potbelly, skin depigmentation, and hair loss or change in hair color.

Persian Fire – Persicus Ignis

Persicus Ignis – Persian fire; a term applied by Avicenna to that species of carbuncle which is attended with pustules and vesications.

Philippine Itch – Scabies. There are various names in vogue such as prairie itch, swamp itch, lumberman's itch, elephant itch, Ohio scratches, Texas mange, and, now, Cuban itch and Philippine itch, which are used to denote all sorts of itching dermatoses from winter pruritus to scabies and smallpox. None of these terms has any exact meaning. They are most frequently applied to scabies, but frequently also to other itching dermatoses, like dermitis hiemalis.

Pica – An abnormal craving or appetite for non-food substances, such as dirt, paint, or clay.

Poker Back – Spondylitis Deformans

MANI Update – Fall of 2018

As with any computer based application, there are always challenges with staffing, new features and software upgrades. This year, the MANI project, has certainly experienced a variety of challenges. What started out to be a promising and productive summer has produced far less results than first expected.

Our original group of seven volunteers, IT students from the University of Winnipeg and Red River College, ultimately was reduced to two part-time members. Being students the team was offered other opportunities and had increased commitments with schoolwork and family. By the end of the summer, the two remaining members, although still committed to the MANI project, availability was greatly reduced. Some effort was made in addressing system errors, but progress was much less than had been hoped for.

The revised list of objectives was:

1. Combining the Index (Cemetery) and the Cemetery Transcription (CT) tables into one Database.
2. Development of a Cemeteries Transcription (CT) Tool
3. Development of a Cemeteries Transcription (CT) PDF file creation capability
4. Development of a Pay for View (PPV) capability
5. Development of Cemetery Transcriptions (CT) for sale driven by the database.

Thanks to their effort, we are now seeing some progress on the Cemetery Transcription (CT) phase of the project. This involved much effort in a variety of areas: the underlying database required modification for the new version; importing data from the old tables into the new version of the tables; removing duplicate entries; moving “Maiden Name” into a new column to make searches much easier – all much more challenging than it sounds. The end result is better searches in MANI.

Unfortunately making the changes and upgrading the Cemeteries Transactions (CT) feature resulted in some glitches, which needed to be addressed. One of the glitches stopped the Search feature in MANI. The students were able to determine the cause and rectify the problem. The Search feature was unavailable for only a short time. Further testing discovered additional issues with some of the processes; many of these issues have been resolved, but some remain outstanding.

Work is currently ongoing to clean up the database and resolve any outstanding issues.

The security of the site has been upgraded. Security is a very complex area to deal with, but MGS is committed to the security of both the data and our users. Be assured that the original issues have been dealt with through the installation of new code and Security features.

The other half of MANI improvements are the weekly updates and additional records being added each week by our MGS volunteers. Some are working through editing and updating records, others are adding new information to take advantage of the new features, while others create new indexes and other content and upload them. MANI is growing! From time to time try doing old searches again if you did not find the results you wanted the first time.

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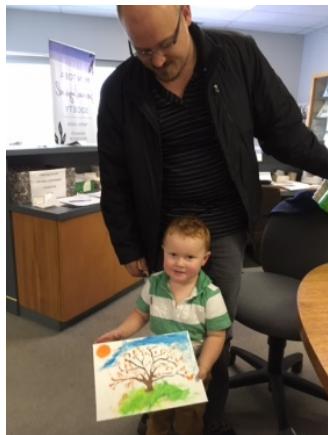
There are a few ongoing issues being worked on at the current time, with efforts being made to resolve them all in a timely and effective manner. In the meantime, MANI is available for all users to work with and to access the data.

Your patience and tolerance is very much appreciated.

MGS OPEN HOUSE

What seems like a long time ago now, but was only the end of September, the Manitoba Genealogical Society, held an Open House as part of Manitoba Culture Days. The day was entitled, ‘Finding your Roots’ was combined with tours of the library, ‘how-to-get-started’ sessions, activities for the younger attendees and light refreshments.

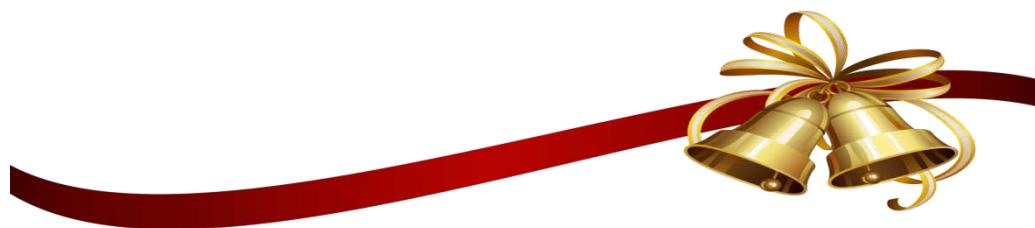
A small group of budding genealogists attended the event throughout the day, learning more about their ancestors and how to manage with all the information that is available today. Several members of the MGS Research team were in attendance to assist the visitors with research and to explain the various sources of information MGS has access to. A most enjoyable day was had by all who attended.



**Lucas, a budding genealogist,
with his first Family Tree.**



**Ginny Braid, gives Conor an
overview of MGS' latest
computer equipment**





ELIZABETH BRIGGS #0484

GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Elizabeth Briggs was born and educated in Glamorgan, South Wales. She continued her post-secondary education in Canada, where she earned a B.Sc., B.Ed., and M.Ed. degrees. She has taught Biology, Chemistry and Leadership for many years at the high school level. Elizabeth is retired and spends her time on family research, teaching genealogy and genealogical research for the government. She has just written the Gloucestershire Ancestry of her maternal grandmother and is working on her Warwickshire Ancestry.

She has written or co-authored a number of books to help people research their family history.

Elizabeth has been an invited speaker to many of the Genealogical Societies across Canada, including our own Manitoba Genealogical Society. She is *Genealogist in Residence* at the Millennium Library. Elizabeth is a regular presenter at Winnipeg Libraries, Creative Retirement and the Brandon Genealogical Seminars.

Elizabeth is a past president of the Manitoba Genealogical Society. Her accomplishments and accreditations are far too numerous for the space allotted here.

Serendipity – Discovering a New Database

Many of us think of emigration from Europe to the Americas, Australia, New Zealand and other countries of the world occurring mainly in recent times. I discovered a new database which examined foreigners into Britain between the years 1330-1550. This surprised me as when I began genealogical searches I thought I would be lucky to trace my family to the sixteenth century, the beginning of Parish Registers and Bishops Transcripts in Britain. I looked at taxes and subsidies and how I could push the envelope. Also Wills helped and so did County Histories and the Heraldic visits to the counties in the sixteenth and seventeenth Centuries. Never did I imagine there would be a database of approximately 65,000 people who emigrated from their homeland into England in pre-Tudor times.

The National Archives [TNA] in Kew, London; the University of York and the Digital Humanities Institute at the University of Sheffield have undertaken a joint project to examine the lives of foreigners who decided to leave their birthplace and try a new life in England long before immigration in large numbers was a serious possibility. A grant of almost three quarters of a million pounds funded the research conducted between 2012-2015. Results of the work were generously made public to all: historians, educators and genealogists to name a few, and they can be studied in the comfort of our own homes.

Estimates for the population of England, at the end of the thirteenth century, was approximately 5 million people. The Hundred Years War with France over the sovereignty of land took its toll on the men called for military duty. The Wars of the Roses reduced the population in significant areas. Thirdly, the Black Death or plague in 1348-49 killed about one third of the population. The disease returned and returned, so that by 1400 the estimated population hovered around 2 million people.

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Welcome to the England's Immigrants Database

Welcome to England's Immigrants 1330-1550, a fully-searchable database containing over 64,000 names of people known to have migrated to England during the period of the Hundred Years' War and the Black Death, the Wars of the Roses and the Reformation.

The information within this database has been drawn from a variety of published and un-published records – taxation assessments, letters of denization and protection, and a variety of other licences and grants – and offers a valuable resource for anyone interested in the origins, destinations, occupations and identities of the people who chose to make England their home during this turbulent period. For more information on the sources used, please click on [Sources](#).

The database allows users to search on a wide range of criteria, and to display the information retrieved in a variety of useful and innovative ways, including tables, graphs, charts and maps. For experienced users, the basic data can also be downloaded for further manipulation in other software applications. For guidance on using the database, please click [here](#).

The database can be searched immediately by entering a name, place or term into the 'Quick Search' box above, or, for a more streamlined search, simply click on 'Advanced Search' and follow the instructions to select the specific information fields you wish to explore.

This project is managed by the [University of York](#), in collaboration with The National Archives and the Humanities Research Institute, University of Sheffield, and is funded by the [Arts and Humanities Research Council](#).

Click below to view some of our visualisations

Background

The Project
Sources
Individual Studies
Conferences
Archive

The screenshot shows the homepage of the England's Immigrants Database. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links to Home, Advanced Search, Browse, Background, Resources for Teachers, and Your selection (0). Below the title 'Welcome to the England's Immigrants Database', there's a brief introduction to the database. A 'Quick Search' box is at the top right, followed by a 'Restrict by Date' dropdown set to 'From: 1300' and 'To: 1600'. A horizontal timeline slider shows years from 1300 to 1600. Below the search area, there's a link 'Try Advanced Search for more options' and a section for 'Resources for Teachers' with a note about AHRC funding. A 'Survey' link is also present. In the center, there's a call to action 'Click below to view some of our visualisations' with four preview images: a map of England with green dots, a pie chart of origin regions, a choropleth map of the UK, and a histogram of data. On the left, there's a sidebar titled 'Background' with links to the Project, Sources, Individual Studies, Conferences, and Archive.

Previous research has focused on people entering Britain who came from the privileged classes. This current research helps individuals like me, who evolved from labourers and yeomen. Thus, a look at people on the lower end of the socio-economic scale around 600 to 700 years ago is novel and exciting.

Clues to aliens who entered England during the Middle Ages revolve around different taxes immigrants were assigned. Suggestions exist that about 6% of the population in London were immigrants and a proportion of people in cities, towns, villages across England were also immigrants who had to interact with the established population.

Taxation by Act of Parliament was the standard format for raising money and this identified aliens who had entered the country. Irish people into England were forced out by Richard II, but there was always a loophole for those that could purchase licenses to remain. Foreigners could purchase their rights to naturalization and remain in the country but not everyone could meet these terms. I thought my Freem ancestors would be on the list of aliens but they were not. They must have sworn the Oath of Allegiance and received protection from Edward III when he encouraged weavers from the Low Countries to settle in England and boost the wool trade.

This database will offer information on the following:

- Names of Aliens
- Nationality
- Place of Residence
- Origin
- Occupation
- Status

Not all the categories are complete when conducting a search of the database.

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A simple search can be made from the home page. Alternatively an advanced search can be conducted using whatever information is desired. Less information is better when searching for names.

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' page of the England's Immigrants database. At the top, there are links for Home, Advanced Search, Browse, Background, Resources for Teachers, and Your selection (0). Below these are sections for Keyword, Start Date, End Date, Surname, Forename, Title, Relationship, Nationality / Place of Origin, and Place of Residence. To the right, there are dropdown menus for Occupation, Social Status, Notes, and Document Reference. A note at the top right says, 'Alternatively, enter your search terms into one or more of the specific fields below to search for that term within those fields, or for certain fields simply select the required term from the list provided.' A link 'Click here for help and hints on searching the database' is also present.

I entered the name Tailor and it produced many results as it is a surname and an occupation.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Results' page for the surname 'Tailor'. The left sidebar contains 'Refine Your Results' with filters for Document Date, Origin Nationally, Origin City / Town, Origin Region, and Origin Modern State. The main area shows a table of results with columns for Name, Nationality, Date, Origin, and Residence. Each row has a 'Summary' and 'Full Record' button. The table shows 100 results out of 549, with a navigation bar at the bottom.

Name	Nationality	Date	Origin	Residence	
Taller, Peter	-	1544 - 1545	-	-	Summary Full Record
Taillour, Bernard	Scot	2 January 1443	-	Northumberland, Newcastle upon Tyne	Summary Full Record
Taillour, William	-	15 August 1443	-	York	Summary Full Record
Taillour, Alan	-	31 March 1440	-	Yorkshire East Riding, Humberside	Summary Full Record
Taillour, Genya	-	23 April 1443	-	York	Summary Full Record
Taillour, Genya	-	8 February 1443	-	York	Summary Full Record
Taillour, Gillyam	-	31 March 1440	-	Yorkshire East Riding, Bridlington	Summary Full Record
Taillour, Gilmyn	-	4 April 1440	-	York, All Saints & St Helens, Fishergate	Summary Full Record
Taillour, Janyn	-	4 August 1443	-	Yorkshire East Riding, Kingston upon Hull	Summary Full Record
Taillour, John	-	31 March 1440	-	Yorkshire East Riding, Marfleet	Summary Full Record
Taillour, John	-	31 March 1440	-	Yorkshire East Riding, Market Weighton	Summary Full Record
Taillour, John	-	31 March 1440	-	Yorkshire East Riding, Nunkeeling	Summary Full Record

Then I explored a few names for further information. Thomas paid the government 6 shillings and eight pence which, to those people who learned pounds, shillings and pence in a British school, would know the amount was one third of a pound.

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Thomas Aylward [21086]

Surname:	Aylward	Notes:	Paid 6s. 8d.
Forename:	Thomas	Biographical Notes:	No Notes
Gender:	Male	Relationships:	No Relationships
Place of Residence:	Wilton, Branch and Dole hundred, Wiltshire		
Place of Origin:	Ireland		
Origin: Nationality:	[Irish]		
Occupation(s):	tailor		
Original Document:	CPR 1391-6, p. 459 (licence to remain, 28 July 1394)		

I selected the original document and further evidence showed King Richard II granted the following ten people in 1394 a license to remain in England when payment was made.

CPR 1391-6, p. 459 [930]

Reference:	<i>Calendar of the Patent Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office, Richard II, vol. v, 1391-1396</i> (HMSO, 1905)
Sub-reference:	p. 459
Document Type:	licence to remain
Document Date:	28 July 1394

Persons named in record

Erlond, John
Savage, Richard
Symond, Richard
Portys, John
Nevyll, Adam
Egre, Thomas
Bateman, John
Dany, John
Oliver, David
Aylward, Thomas

The Irish were not the only "locals" requesting to remain in England, both the Welsh and the Scots followed a similar process enabling them to settle in England. For in the Middle Ages all were foreigners!

There is more to explore on this database and it has brought significant early information to the general public. Deciphering early handwriting would be an impossible task for many of us. Now further information is at our fingertips. When I investigated my Freem surname from Gloucestershire and compared the information from my *23andMe* DNA results I was able to discover where the family originated in Northern Europe. However I did not think of my Welsh ancestors as "foreigners", but some records were before the battle of Bosworth Field, 1485, and the unification of England and Wales.



He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree

– Roy L. Smith



ANOTHER ANCESTRAL TALE

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James Peter Roberts – “A Tragic Life Well Lived”

This is the story of my great-grandfather, James Peter Roberts, born September 3, 1883, at St. Sampson, Guernsey, Channel Islands. He married Mary Louise Martin, of L’Islet, on January 13, 1904, at the St Sampson’s Parish Church. He died on August 26, 1976 while living at the Heritage Lodge in St. James, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada; he is buried in the Brookside Cemetery.

In the summer of 1941, when he was 58 years old, my great-grandfather, James Peter Roberts, took time off from his job at Eaton’s department store to take an extended vacation, embarking, with his wife Mary and daughters Irene and Maud, upon what was then quaintly called a “motor trip.” His holiday plans were ambitious in the extreme: he would drive from Winnipeg to Vancouver, a journey of some 1,500 miles. In an interview with the *Guernsey Evening Press* ten years later, he will absolutely brag about driving enormously long distances, claiming that people on holiday in Canada, himself included, routinely motored “4,000 or 5,000 miles,” equivalent to driving from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts of Canada—a gross exaggeration, though the island newspaper printed it without question.

The first day of James’ motor trip was also the day after his daughter Irene’s birthday. Irene turned 17 that summer, and perhaps the trip was, in part, a celebration of that fact. His daughter Maud was 10 years Irene’s senior, and had just married during the summer previous. James’ wife, Mary, was 56, having wed James some 37 years earlier, when young Mary was known as the local beauty of L’Islet, a small area in the parish of St. Sampson.

Mary was, according to family lore, an “odd” person, if not mentally unsound. The circumstances under which the couple met was never part of this lore, however, and it is difficult to imagine why James would choose such a partner. After marrying, the couple had their first child a year and a half later, in 1905, a son (and my grandfather), named James Henry Roberts. Not long after his son’s birth, James decided to try immigrating to Canada.

James began by doing advance reconnaissance, sailing for Canada on the “Lake Manitoba,” in the spring of 1907. Apparently he deemed the New World fit to meet his family’s needs, for a year later wife Mary and baby Jim boarded the “Empress of Britain,” and they too headed for Canada. Perhaps James felt Mary could not handle the journey alone, for she was chaperoned by James’ younger brother, Emile.

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It is of course impossible to know if the young couple was happy in their new homeland. They lived first at 331 Vaughan Street in downtown Winnipeg, and then later at 26 Bradford Street in St. James. During these first few years, Jim's wife had three more children: Edward, Lily, and Maud Mary. James did a variety of odd jobs to support the growing family, mostly driving for Eaton's, delivering packages by horse and carriage.

When World War One began in 1914, James did not join up, though a brother, John Henry, would die in battle during that first Great War. James, instead, decided to take up farming, moving his family to a tiny town not far outside Winnipeg, called St. Claude. It was an isolated place in comparison to their previous home in St. James. The emptiness of the vast landscape could be overwhelming: "The Canadian prairie with its long winters and impermanent rectangular houses conveys something indescribably sad and depressing," wrote Montreal-based German consul Karl Lang in a 1913 report; warning fellow Germans against further immigration to Canada.

James' wife somehow managed to find a lover in St. Claude and soon bore a child not of James' loins. The son, Herb, born in 1916, showed no signs of bearing any resemblance to his father, and it became an open family secret that Mary had strayed from the marriage. To his credit, James raised the boy as his own. The marriage was strained considerably by Mary's betrayal; not to mention the impact it must have had on the other children.

Not long after Herb was born, baby Hilda, born just prior to the family's move to the farm, was found drowned in the farmhouse basement, on June 6, 1916. Family lore has it that a trap door in the kitchen floor was involved; suggesting the child fell into what would have likely been the cold cellar in the basement, a common feature in the houses before refrigeration. Perhaps the basement had been flooded, or perhaps she fell into a cistern where water was kept, another common feature in the houses of the period.

James' experiment with farming ended about 5 years after it began. The family moved from St. Cloud, back to Winnipeg where James purchased a tiny house at 362 Olive Street in St. James; an address where he will spend the rest of his long life. He and wife Mary will also have their last two children at this address: Arthur in 1921 and Irene on July 18 in 1924.

But, let us return to Irene's birthday, and the road trip that began on that day.

On Monday, July 28, 1941, James and his family had been on the road for ten days. They are by now motoring in British Columbia, and are about 55 miles outside of the town of Golden. It is between 4 and 5 in the afternoon. In the front seat, next to their father - probably so they can see the scenery more clearly through the car's front window - are James' two daughters. In the backseat is his wife Mary. The section of highway they are on is called the Big Bend, where the scenery is notably picturesque. Next to the highway runs the Columbia River.

There are road-works being done on the highway that day—the road-works are interminable on these roads, where falling and fallen rocks, scudding along the sheer sides of the blasted cliffs down to the road below, are a constant problem. As James approaches, a rock is thrown up under his car, jamming the steering, and the car is sent careening toward the river. James tries to steer it out of their ruinous path, but he has lost all control of the vehicle. As the car leaves the road, daughter Maud, in the front middle seat, is thrown into the backseat, where she joins her mother. The family continues to plunge down the river bank for some fifty feet, when at last they hit water.

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As the vehicle begins to sink, James and Irene, both in the front seat, are able to get out through the windows. James swims to shore, filled with horror: unaware of Irene's escape, he believes that he has lost everyone. Meanwhile, the car continues to fill with water, but Mary and daughter Maud fail to emerge. The two women are carried by the current for another quarter of a mile, where the car finally washes up on a sandbar about 75 feet from the river's shore. Irene swims to the riverbank opposite the bank James is on, but upstream from him. When she is found, she will remember nothing of how she made her way to the shore.

Two local men were called to help with the rescue, one from the forestry department, who arrived by boat, and one man from the local police department. They managed to remove the bodies of Mary and daughter Maud from the car. It is said in the Roberts family that the two women had held each other so tightly in their last moments in life, that it was difficult to separate them in death.

For James, all was not quite over. On the following evening, we are told in the *Golden Star* local newspaper that the coroner held an inquest to determine whether there had been any foul play involved. For James, this part of the process must have been particularly painful: as if the ordeal of the accident hadn't been wrenching enough. Now he had to face a jury composed of the five men doing the road-works, and their foreman. James may well have still been in shock when the verdict arrived: accidental drowning!

With the trial over, James and Irene began the journey back to Winnipeg by train, accompanying the bodies of Mary and Maud. No less than 12 pallbearers will be called upon to shoulder the coffins in the spectacularly tragic double funeral that followed. When the eulogy was delivered, James and Maud's new husband, both fell prostrate to the floor with grief.

After the burial, James was so overwhelmed that he felt unable to return to his own empty home at 362 Olive Street. He had no cooking skills, and like many men of his generation, was more or less domestically helpless on his own. When his firstborn son Jim invited his father and Irene to stay at his own home, James Sr. gratefully accepted.

Both James' and Irene's clothing and other possessions were still soaked when they arrived at Jim's house at 222 Marjorie Street. Even their money was hung out to dry on the laundry line. Sleeping arrangements were made to accommodate the newcomers, but not much sleep was to be had: both James and Irene routinely woke the whole house with their nightmares, terrifying the youngest in the family, Norman James Roberts, my father, who recalled giving up his bed for his grandpa James.

Time passed, and eventually James' daughter-in-law, (my grandmother) Emily, had had enough. She had cooked and cleaned for the two extra family members, and tried to make them feel as welcome as she could, but she could go on like this no longer: "Either they go, or I go."

Old James, hearing the news, cried like a baby.

James and Irene moved back into their empty house on Olive Street and remained there; both of them living in solitude with each other for many years. Irene was unable to resume a normal life after the accident. She seemed to display symptoms of what today we might call PTSD, or post-traumatic-stress-disorder. James obtained for her a clerical job at Eaton's where he worked, but Irene had difficulty forming new attachments, and she never married. Her trauma was never treated, and her soundness of mind suffered as a result. In later years, she would have outbursts: once, while washing up after dinner, she threw her dirty dishwater at her neighbors in an

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inexplicable rage. In her old age, she began calling siblings in the middle of the night, ranting with anger and confusion.

Ten years after the accident, in the summer of 1951, James retired from Eaton's, and returned to the island of Guernsey for the first time in 44 years. There, he was met by brothers Tom, who was living at Le Camp du Roi, and Harry, of Roc-es-cas, La Moye. They had endured the German Occupation during the Second World War just 6 years prior. Perhaps they discussed James' accident, or perhaps they avoided the subject, just as the world tried to forget the war. These awful things, it was believed in those days, were best left unsaid, unshared, and hopefully entirely forgotten. There was no notion of processing grief. One simply moved on.

James clearly felt responsible for Irene. In his will, which he prepared in 1965 at the age of 82, he appointed his daughter Irene to be the sole executrix, leaving almost everything he had to her, with a provision of 300 dollars for each of his other children. By the time James died, his small estate was worth \$36,360.94, which included both his savings for retirement and the proceeds from the sale of his house on Olive Street.

Ten years after the will was signed, James' health was failing, and he moved into the nearby Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home. He did not last long in his new environs, dying there about a year later, on Thursday, August 26, 1976. His body was interred in the same plot he'd bought for his wife and daughter, some 35 years earlier, just after their fatal holiday; the three of them are buried together in Brookside Cemetery. Their collective tombstone inscription is very simple, but most melancholy, reminding us that James lived with the memory of his wife's and daughter's deaths for 35 long years:

ROBERTS

Mother	Mary Louise	1884-1941
Daughter	Maud Mary	1911-1941
Father	James Peter	1883-1976



Manitoba Genealogical Society Remembers

Most of us have a relative, or perhaps several, who served in one of the Wars in which the Canadian Military participated. 2018 marked the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice of WWI and, as such, was a significant time of remembering. There are no longer any survivors of that Great War.



Each year, MGS has a display of military ancestors who served. The display consists of portraits, documents and other memorabilia displayed throughout the Resource Centre. In keeping with the 100th Anniversary, all photos are of WWI participants. Many thanks go to Judith Roe, who takes it upon herself each year to ensure that all these heroes are not forgotten.

The following are some of the photos that are on display, and will be until the end of 2018. Credit for all the photos goes to Judith.



In Gratitude of Silence

By: Debbie Holick

SILENT NOW THE SOLDIERS SLEEP, THEIR TALES LONG LAID TO REST.
I KNEW THEM NOT YET STILL I WEEP AND PLACE A POPPY O'ER MY BREAST.

THEY WERE HUSBANDS, BROTHERS, FATHERS, SONS; SO VALIANTLY THEY FOUGHT.
ON SHORES STAINED RED, ON HANDS AND KNEES; IT WAS OUR FREEDOM THAT
THEY SOUGHT.

COURAGEOUSLY THEY STOOD THEIR GROUND BUT FREEDOM CARRIES A COST.
THOUSANDS OF MEN WERE WOUNDED AND COUNTLESS LIVES WERE LOST.

SO IN GRATITUDE OF SILENCE AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED,
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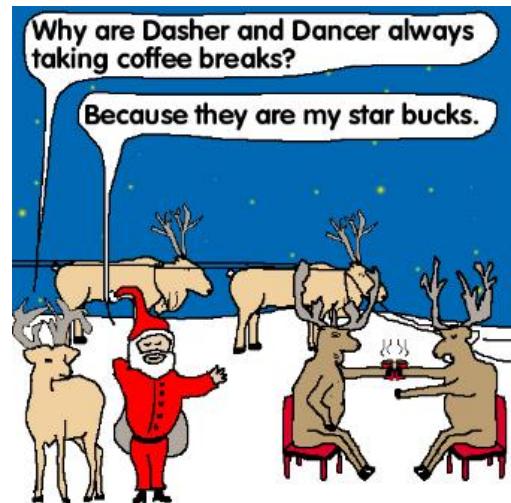
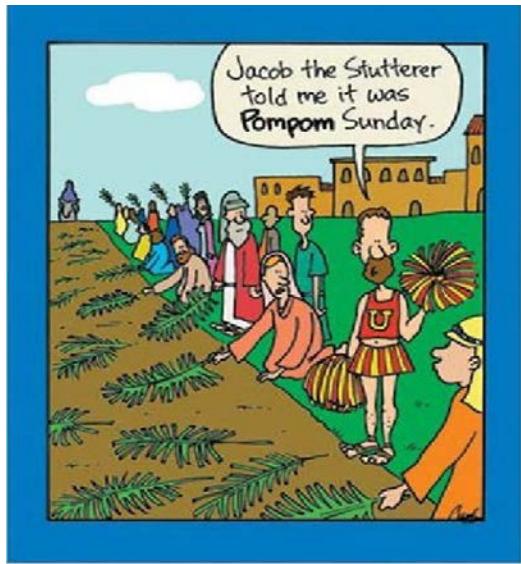
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