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## **From the Editor . . .**

The cover, this issue, is Eleanor Cairns ancestor of Enid Dorward (who reviews books for us). She has written up some of the Cairns' interesting story beginning page 4.

We also have 2 articles by our member, Marilyn Boyle, on incidents in Manitoba's history. See pp.7 & 17.

By the time you read this, the 1891 Census Index should be complete and available for searching at the MGS Library. The Index is an almost complete transcription of the census. A copy should be in each branch by the end of March 2008. Congratulations are due to Elizabeth Briggs for spearheading this project and spending countless hours typing, proofreading, and retying. Without her drive the task would not have been completed.

## **From the President . . .**

I hope that by the time you read this issue we are out of the deep freeze. Staying at home for a couple of days because of the weather has its benefits. It gives us a chance to read a good book or even catch up on our genealogy.

Our 1891 Manitoba Census project is now in the completion stages. This project was done with the help of a grant from the Province and volunteers who donated their time to transcribing, proofing, indexing and collating all the work so that we all can benefit from this very valuable resource.

It has been said that an organization is as good as its members. Understandably, not all our members can be volunteers, but all members can be ambassadors for the Society. Look for information on upcoming events in our Society and our Branches, on our website and in this issue. There may be an event of interest to you.

Mark your calendar for Manitoba Day, Saturday, 10th May, 2008. This is our annual Open House and a great day to celebrate our heritage, so come and join us. Introduce your children, grandchildren or a friend to our Society. You never know, they may get the genealogical 'bug'.

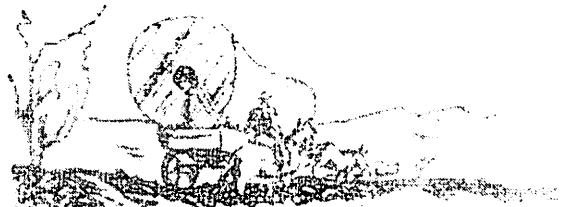
Joan Whiston

**Congratulations to Tuesday volunteer,  
Vivian Mitchell, #3750, and husband Glen  
who marked their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
January 18, 2008!!**

## **PIONEER ROYALTY**

"Pioneer Royalty" is from a small newsletter entitled *Town and Farm* that was mailed out with the Manitoba Hydro Bills covering the dates 1946 until 1955. We thank Manitoba Hydro for permission to reprint them in *Generations*.

**From July, 1951 issue of *Town and Farm***



In the hustling and bustling of our modern age, we are apt to forget the pioneers who blazed the trail for our progress. When we pause and look back at the foresight and courage with which they combatted the prairie wilderness, we are humbled and inspired. We deem it a privilege to pay tribute this month to the following men and women who pioneered in Manitoba:

### **Over Ninety...**

Mrs. D. S. Arnason, Arborg, 95 years of age, July 30.  
S. Dandy, Pierson, 94 years of age, July 25.  
B. Pierce, Portage la Prairie, 94 years of age, July 3.  
Mrs. R. Bennett, Virden, 93 years of age, July 20.  
J. A. Hart, Gilbert Plains, 93 years of age, July 23.  
Mrs. M. A. Irvine, Oakville, 92 years of age, July 23.  
R. MacPherson, Brandon, 92 years of age, July 1.  
Mrs. A. H. McMillan, Virden, 92 years of age, July 1.  
W. Whitman, Portage la Prairie, 92 years of age, July 6.  
Mrs. R. J. Buchanan, Neepawa, 91 years of age, July 18.  
R. Lawson, Miami, 91 years of age, July 25.  
Mrs. J. Rempel, Gretna, 91 years of age, July 27.  
J. Shanks, Rivers, 92 years of age, July 25.  
J. R. Fraser, Elva, 90 years of age, July 24.  
Mrs. W. G. Snider, Deloraine, 90 years of age, July 5.  
D. Schellenberg, Gretna, 90 years of age, July 21.

### **Over Eighty...**

P. McQueen, Grandview, 89 years of age, July 25.  
Mrs. E. Styani, Glenboro, 89 years of age, July 8.  
R. D. Young, Neepawa, 89 years of age, July 5.  
Wm. Anderson, MacGregor, 87 years of age, July 16.  
A. F. Higgins, Neepawa, 87 years of age, July 24.  
T. H. Pilgrim, Neepawa, 87 years of age, July 1.  
W. Wardle, Virden, 87 years of age, July 12.  
T. Weston, Elva, 87 years of age, July 12.  
J. H. Wright, Ninette, 87 years of age, July 24.  
E. S. Elleby, Virden, 86 years of age, July 12.  
Mrs. W. J. Hellis, Sr., Killarney, 86 years of age, July 13.  
J. Kemp, Minnedosa, 86 years of age, July 26.  
K. Kernested, Gimli, 86 years of age, July 19.

Mrs. C. MacDonald, Portage la Prairie, 86 years of age, July 23.  
Mrs. E. Cable, Rapid City, 85 years of age, July 11.  
J. Dowsett, Minnedosa, 85 years of age, July 26.  
R. Hammond, Boissevain, 85 years of age, July 27.  
Mrs. K. McLeod, Portage la Prairie, 85 years of age, July 11.  
J. J. Spurrill, Dunrea, 85 years of age, July 13.  
H. Storey, Grandview, 85 years of age, July 16.  
Wm. Coates, Sr., Melita, 84 years of age, July 3.  
R. H. Fry, Hartney, 84 years of age, July 18.  
Mrs. E. Martin, Winnipegosis, 84 years of age, July 26.  
A. J. McLeod, Alexander, 84 years of age, July 22.  
W. Sheen, Neepawa, 84 years of age, July 4.  
J. F. Thompson, Oakville, 84 years of age, July 15.  
Mrs. E. Wood, Brandon, 84 years of age, July 21.  
Rev. B. Gerdes, Stonewall, 83 years of age, July 17.  
T. George, Gladstone, 83 years of age, July 13.  
W. Hamilton, Ninette, 83 years of age, July 24.  
G. M. Hutchings, Portage la Prairie, 83 years of age, July 2.  
E. E. Major, Foxwarren, 83 years of age, July 25.  
Mrs. D. A. McLennan, Mather, 83 years of age, July 14.  
L. P. Parsons, Neepawa, 83 years of age, July 23.  
A. D'Auteuil, Ile des Chenes, 82 years of age, July 13.  
R. D. Denbow, Brandon, 82 years of age, July 3.  
A. Fontana, Virden, 82 years of age, July 22.  
I. Mayhew, Wawanesa, 82 years of age, July 2.  
J. P. Robertson, Stony Mountain, 82 years of age, July 25.  
W. H. Terry, Dauphin, 82 years of age, July 23.  
M. Watson, Belmont, 82 years of age, July 22.  
J. M. Bruce, Helston, 81 years of age, July 2.  
Mrs. S. E. Pollon, Treherne, 81 years of age, July 22.  
A. Tait, MacGregor, 81 years of age, July 30.  
F. H. H. Lowe, Ninette, 80 years of age, July 23.  
L. W. Clark, Letellier, 80 years of age, July 21.  
J. Peters, Winkler, 80 years of age, July 17.

#### Wedding Anniversaries...

Mr. & Mrs. S. Dandy, Pierson, 68 yrs., July 21.  
Mr. & Mrs. F. Parker, Neepawa, 66 yrs., July 4.  
Mr. & Mrs. C. Peters, Grandview, 65 yrs., July 3.  
Mr. & Mrs. P. McQueen, Grandview, 62 yrs., July 28.  
Mr. & Mrs. O. Magnusson, Lundar, 61 yrs., July 2.  
Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Robinson, Russell, 61 yrs., July 31.  
Mr. & Mrs. G. G. Wiebe, Winkler, 61 yrs., July 9.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Schmalz, Brandon, 59 yrs., July 31.  
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Deighton, Moosehorn, 58 yrs., July 11.  
Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Delgaty, Treherne, 58 yrs., July 12.  
Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Denbow, Brandon, 56 yrs., July 28.  
Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Suderman, Winkler, 56 yrs., July 28.  
Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Blakeman, Virden, 55 yrs., July 12.  
Mr. & Mrs. F. MacKay, St. Eustache, 55 yrs., July 6.  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Wolstenholme, Pettapiece, 54 yrs., July 19.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Gardiner, Virden, 53 yrs., July 15.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Birin, Brandon, 52 yrs., July 6.

Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Cameron, Brandon, 52 yrs., July 26.  
Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Chayter, Angusville, 52 yrs., July 5.  
Mr. & Mrs. S. H. Forrest, Souris, 52 yrs., July 18.  
Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Hamilton, Gilbert Plains, 52 yrs., July 5.  
Mr. & Mrs. B. J. Hornfjord, Arborg, 52 yrs., July 26.  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Stobbe, Altona, 52 yrs., July 4.  
Bishop and Mrs. P. A. Towes, Altona, 52 yrs., July 9.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Thiessen, Reinland, 52 yrs., July 23.  
Mr. & Mrs. P. Boyer, Somerset, 51 yrs., July 8.  
Mr. & Mrs. S. Bradley, Souris, 51 yrs., July 18.  
Mr. & Mrs. P. Cartney, Hamiota, 51 yrs., July 4.  
Mr. & Mrs. P. Krym, Morris, 51 yrs., July 11.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Pidscalny, Ethelbert, 51 yrs., July 23.  
Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Todd, Oak Lake, 51 yrs., July 25.  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Wilson, Grandview, 51 yrs., July 10.  
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Windsor, Pilot Mound, 51 yrs., July 11.  
Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Bennest, Brandon, 46 yrs., July 5.  
Mr. & Mrs. S. Garland, Portage la Prairie, 44 yrs., July 23.  
Mr. & Mrs. A. Manns, Grandview, 44 yrs., July 27.  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Dunfield, Foxwarren, 41 yrs., July 5.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. A. F. Hill, Manitou, 41 yrs., July 13.

#### Generation Gaps

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**TAYLOR** Lafontaine and Laura farmed in the Holland area until 1927. Parents James and Betsy came from Decker Hollow, 12 miles north of Port Hope, Ontario, in 1889. Raised four sons: Albert, Lafontaine, Stephen, Percy – five daughters: Maria Jane, Mary Ann, Eccy Lucinda, Edith Louella, Bertha Louise. Looking for living descendants. Contact: Margaret Hughes, 5135 Baines Rd. NW, Calgary, Alberta T2L 1T9 Tel. (409) 282-5819

#### IT'S MANITOBA DAY *Manitoba Day*

The MGS is hosting its annual open house for Manitoba Day on May 10, 2008 from 10:00 – 4:00 at Unit E – 1045 St. James Street, Winnipeg. Everyone welcome!! Please phone 784-1632 for any enquiries.

SEE YOU THERE!!  
William Pooley, Committee Chairman

**NORTHUMBERLAND ANCESTORS OF THE CAIRNS FAMILY  
OF OAK LAKE, MANITOBA**  
by Enid (Cairns) Dorward #4502

In 1805 a boy named John Bell (who became my great-great grandfather) was born to John and Ann (Spence) Bell at Horncliffe, Northumberland, England, a tiny village near the Union Bridge which crosses the River Tweed into Scotland. When he grew up, young John ran the Easington Demesne farm, less than ten miles away from Horncliffe. On November 30, 1840, John Bell became the father of a daughter, Eleanor Jane, born at Easington Demesne. Information on Eleanor's birth registration indicates that John was not married to the child's mother, Margery Elliot. When she registered the birth, Margery gave her address as Easington Demesne, so perhaps she was a worker or a family member of a worker on the farm. Eleanor was baptized at Lowick parish church in May 1841, and was recorded as "Eleanor, natural daughter of Margery Elliot, spinster".

According to the 1851 census, John Bell was "farmer of 308 acres, employing 12 men". He was listed in *Slater's Commercial Directory of Northumberland (1855)* as a farmer at Easington Demesne, and the directory stated, "Here is an assemblage of cottages inhabited by trades people and agricultural labourers". The demesne was land that was retained by the lord of the manor, James Grieve, Esq., for his own use, and John was the manager or steward of the farm from at least 1840 until the late 1870s.

Just a few miles from Easington Demesne is the village of Lowick, home of Andrew Cairns, who married Barbara Spence in 1799. The marriage was recorded in the Lowick parish register, but it took place at Broad Meadows, and was conducted by Israel Craig, minister of the gospel at Lowick. A grave stone in the churchyard of St. John the Baptist parish church in Lowick tells the sad tale of the deaths of nine children of Andrew and Barbara Cairns between 1816 and 1823. The youngest was only 9 months old, and the eldest was 23 years of age.

Andrew and Barbara's son Andrew (born about 1808) married Eleanor Bell (John Bell's sister). Andrew and Eleanor became the parents of yet another Andrew (born about 1833), then John (1836), and Robert (1838). The 1841 census described the second Andrew as a merchant, and his widowed mother, Barbara Cairns, who lived next door, was also described as a merchant. They probably ran the family grocery business together. The manuscript of a Certificate for Religious Worship, dated March 6, 1832, certified that a building owned by Andrew Cairns, grocer, was leased for use as a place of worship by

"Protestant Dissenters from the Church of England". The building was bounded on two sides by an orchard belonging to Andrew Cairns and on another side by a "dwelling house" also owned by Andrew Cairns but occupied by the schoolmaster.

The second Andrew died in August 1841 of bilious fever (possibly typhoid fever). He was only 33 years of age, and he died a few months before his daughter Eleanor was born. His 8 year old son Andrew died just a few days later, perhaps also of bilious fever. One can only imagine the distress of his wife, 26 years of age, losing her husband and first son so prematurely, left with two small children and pregnant with another, and faced with raising her family alone. She must have been strong and determined, for the 1851 English census showed Eleanor Cairns as the head of this household, supporting her family by being a baker, grocer and draper. Besides the three children, her two sisters, Catherine and Ann Bell, lived with her. She also had a house servant, a stable boy and a journeyman baker at her home.

Andrew and Eleanor Cairns' son John Cairns married John Bell's daughter Eleanor on July 13, 1860 at the Register Office in the city of Newcastle upon Tyne. The marriage certificate showed that John Cairns was a farmer, but at the time of the marriage he was living in Groat Market, a street in Newcastle upon Tyne. Perhaps they started their married life in Newcastle, but by the time of the census in the following year (April 7, 1861) they were living at Easington Demesne with Eleanor's father, John Bell. The census lists John Cairns (occupation: farm

steward) as John Bell's nephew, which indicates that he and Eleanor were cousins.

The duplication of names is confusing! John Bell's father was also John Bell. Andrew Cairns, son of Andrew and Barbara Cairns, married Eleanor Bell (sister of the younger John Bell), and Andrew and Eleanor's son John Cairns married the same John Bell's daughter (another Eleanor Bell). To complicate matters even more, John Cairns had a sister Eleanor (whose middle name was Bell), and then he and his wife Eleanor also named their first daughter Eleanor! In addition, their first son was named John Bell Cairns.

During the 1860s, John and Eleanor Cairns had several children: Eleanor Isabella (1862), Jane also called Jenny (1865), John B. (known as Jack) born in 1867, and Agnes Barbara (1869). They continued to farm with Eleanor's father at Easington Demesne. The 1871 census described John Bell, by then aged 65, as "farmer of 308 acres employing 8 men and boys", and it described John Cairns as "farm bailiff".

Tragedy struck on February 23, 1873, when little Agnes died at the age of 3½. She was buried on February 27 at Lowick Churchyard. Early in the summer, Eleanor took a holiday at Biggar (about 50 miles away, in Scotland) probably because she was depressed after her daughter's death. John's letters, written to her on black-bordered paper, addressed her as "my dear wife" or "my dear Ellen", and encouraged her to "stir yourself about". He reassured her that everything was "capital" at home. He said that, when she came back home, he would not let her "stay so much about the house". He mentioned going to the Lowick Feast with her father and John Laidler, and to the Belford Lamb Fair [July 2]. He enjoyed viewing the crops when out driving, and commented that they had a little rain "but not quarter enough". An amusing part of one letter told her "little Jack [age 6] he has the cuddly [donkey] in hands. He can ride him nicely. It just stands about the doors and waits for him and he catches it with bread." In a later letter he remarked that he was glad she was keeping better and reminded her to "keep stirring about".

On November 16, 1874, Andrew Robert Cairns, their last child (my grandfather), was born to John and Eleanor Cairns at Easington Demesne.

In January 1875, he was baptized at St. Mary's parish church in the nearby town of Belford.

An agricultural depression in the 1870s was caused by a series of poor harvests that coincided with the rapid settlement of prairie land in Canada and the United States. North American railroads and fast steamships brought plentiful wheat that was far cheaper than English grain. English agriculture could no longer compete. By the late 1870s John Bell was well over 70 years of age, and John Cairns was in failing health. They left their farm life at Easington Demesne and moved to Linthorpe, York, on the outskirts of the city of Middlesbrough, where they took over the management of the Royal Oak Hotel. The 1880 Middlesbrough Ward Directory listed Mrs. E. Cairns as the licensed victualler at the Royal Oak. The family was living there when John Cairns died of heart disease at the age of 45, on February 23, 1881. He was buried in the Lowick churchyard with his little daughter. The 1881 census, taken on April 3, then showed Eleanor Cairns, innkeeper, as the head of the household.

In August 1881, daughter Eleanor Isabella (age 19) gave birth to a son in Middlesbrough. By the following spring, the family had decided to emigrate to Canada. Eleanor Jane Cairns was 41 years of age, and she had five children including her daughter's baby, and an elderly father. They made the long voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, landing in Montreal in April 1882. They traveled by train across the Canadian Shield to Brandon, Manitoba, in the heart of the Canadian prairies. From there, a paddlewheel boat took them another 30 miles west along the Assiniboine River, and they disembarked a few miles from the land they homesteaded, north of the town of Oak Lake. They endured much hardship in the first few years, but eventually became well established in their farm community.

Eleanor Jane Cairns raised her daughter's child as her own son, and the younger Eleanor moved to British Columbia and later married and had a family there. John Bell died in 1897, at the age of 92. He was buried at Johnston Cemetery, just a few miles from the land he had homesteaded. Andrew Cairns, Eleanor's youngest child, married Frances Townsend in 1907, and they became the

parents of two sons, Harold (1908) and Henry (1910).

Andrew and Frances were my grandparents, and Henry was my father. He and Harold both farmed all their lives in the area where their grandmother

and great-grandfather had homesteaded. "Grandma Eleanor" died in 1928, just a few days before her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was truly a remarkable woman.

## RURAL RAMBLINGS

by Kathy Stokes

Free Press 4 May 1936:

Mrs. Alice Hewitt, wife of Robert of Oak Bluff died at home on May 2nd. Born in Berkshire, England, she has been a resident of Oak Bluff for 44 years. Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. John Fisher, Mrs. S. Acheson, Mrs. A. Jensen, Mrs. H. Erb, all of Oak Bluff, Mrs. F. Hartnoll of Austin and Mrs. T Phillips of Myrtle. There are two sons, William and Thomas, both of Oak Bluff. Burial took place in Oak Bluff Cemetery .

Elizabeth Jones, widow of Eppineatus Jones died May 1, 1946 in Teulon. She and her husband lived in several places, Fort William, Transcona, and Cochrane, ON, but later returned to Teulon. She is survived by five children, Elmer at Sterco, AB, James in Transcona, Mrs. Charles Clifford, Jesse and Percy in Teulon. Burial was in Windsor Cemetery.

Free Press 8 May 1936:

Mr. And Mrs. Andrew Young of Cypress River celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 6, 1936. Mr. Young, now in poor health, was born in Hullet Twp., Huron County, ON, 17 Jan. 1863. Mrs. Young, formerly Mary Ann Berry was born in St. Mary's, ON, 26 May 1866. They were married in the Methodist parsonage in Walton, ON in 1886. Mrs. J.Y. Campbell, nee Berry of Cypress River was the bridesmaid and Robert Watson was the best man.

The Youngs came west in 1888, and but for a few years back east have resided here since. For some time they farmed, and later moved into town where Mr. Young was a butcher. Yet again they moved to a farm, finally settling in Cypress River for good. There are five surviving children from a total of seven. Elbert, Cordie (Mrs. I. Craik), Wm. J. and Mervin A. , all reside in Greenway, and Mrs. Ralph McKay of Rosebank are their children.

Free Press 30 March 1946:

John V. Holmes, 48 yrs, was buried in Lakeland cemetery near Langruth on March 28, 1946. He was born in Dunbar, Wisconsin and came to Canada in 1915. IN 1922, he married Elsie May Tummey in Fort Frances, ON. After two years in Emo, ON, the Holmes returned to the USA and in 1939 they moved to the Langruth area where they raised cattle before moving to town in 1942 where Mr. Holmes was in charge of the telephone exchange. He is survived by his widow, four sons - Harry George, Frederick John, Vincent Earl and Thomas Edison - and one daughter, Geraldine Enola, now Mrs. S. Mc Dougal of Ashland, Minnesota. There are also three brothers and two sisters in Minnesota.

Free Press 2 Sept. 1916:

There is a lovely photo of five sons of James Moar of Kinosota. All are members of the 222 Batt'n CEF. They are Walter, Charles, Reggie, Angus and Donald Moar.

## JUDGE STUBBS AND THE MACDONALD WILL CASE

by Marilyn Boyle

Lewis St. George Stubbs is described in his obituary as a frail little man with the heart of a lion and a tongue that was scalpel-sharp. Judging by excerpts from his speeches which were reported in the Winnipeg Free Press, he was a colourful and dramatic orator.

Lewis Stubbs was born at Turk's Island, British West Indies, in 1878 and educated in England, finishing at Christ College, Cambridge. In 1902, he came to Canada and worked for a year as a hired hand on a western farm. He obtained his law degree at the University of Manitoba in 1908 and practised in Birtle until 1922. He and his wife, the former Mary Ann Wilcock, married in 1904 and had three daughters and four sons, several of whom also practiced law. He first came into the limelight with the Macdonald will case in 1929.

Alexander Macdonald was a wealthy businessman and philanthropist. He was active in civic affairs and was the Mayor of Winnipeg in 1892. He founded Macdonald's Consolidated, the wholesale grocery chain that extended from the Great Lakes to the Pacific coast, served as a Director of Northern Trusts and Northern Mortgage Co., and was the first President of Great West Life. He devoted the salary he received for this last position to public and semi-public institutions which he had personally organized or in which his sympathies had been enlisted. He was instrumental in the establishment of a Children's Home at Tuxedo for which the entire cost of acquiring the land and constructing and equipping its buildings, an amount approximating \$130,000.00, was paid before its doors were opened. He was also the major benefactor of the Home for the Friendless, a non-denominational refuge for women and children which grew from a small operation in the Sargent-Furby area of Winnipeg to a large complex in West Kildonan.

It was generally understood that Macdonald intended to establish The Macdonald Trust which would finance his charities after his death. The Trust was to administer at least one and a half million dollars, providing these charities with an annual

income of \$75,000.00 in perpetuity. Unfortunately, he never committed his intention in a legal document. He had made two previous wills which specified the gifts to be made to those charities which he supported, but these wills were not completed legally. When Macdonald died on August 28, 1928, at the age of 85, Lewis Stubbs' problems began.

Macdonald was predeceased by his wife and his sons. His only survivor, aside from his daughters-in-law and grandchildren, was his daughter, Grace, who was married to John A. Forlong, an American who was manager of a local trust and loan company. Although he was also, through his wife, a beneficiary, it was he who supervised the completion, signing and witnessing of Macdonald's will.

This will came before Lewis Stubbs, who was now a surrogate court judge, on February 26, 1929. He granted probate to John Crawford, John Alexander Forlong and Alexander B. Flett, but on March 1, 3 days later, he revoked the grant, ordering an investigation of the will's execution. The following, minus its preamble, is the official reason which he gave for his decision:

*The above order was made by me upon information received and representations made which raised grave doubts in my mind, both as to the due execution of the will and as to the testamentary capacity of the testator at the time of its execution, notwithstanding the proofs in common form.*

The will was a fill-in-the-blanks printed form, not the sort of document one would expect for one of the area's wealthiest citizens. Although Forlong had checked it with a lawyer beforehand, it was he

who completed it. Macdonald signed it in the presence of Forlong, W. A. Irish who was a friend, and the private nurse who, in the course of her duties, was constantly in and out of the room. The will left the very large estate to the family and made no mention of the establishment of the Macdonald Trust. Macdonald's doctor testified that, outside of his business and immediate family, the care of these charities was Macdonald's principal concern. He observed that the signature on the will in question was not very much like Mr. Macdonald's usual signature.

Grace Macdonald Forlong launched an appeal to have the revocation set aside and applied for Letters of Administration of her father's estate. She and her husband demanded that Stubbs grant Grace administration of the estate "*within a stated period*" or an application would be made to force him to do so. Stubbs appealed the order which he considered "*beyond the competence of any judge to make*." Initially, the Attorney-General ruled that, while there was no reflection of impropriety on the part of the beneficiaries, it was in the interest of the executors and all others concerned to have all rumours and suspicion absolutely removed and that proving the will in solemn form would have this effect

The Court of Appeal set the order aside, but instructed Stubbs to reconsider Mrs. Forlong's application. Stubbs followed that instruction for nine months, building his case and refusing to grant the probate. The day before he was to present his case, he was served with the Order of the Court of Appeal which issued the letters of administration without a judge's fiat. It all happened so quickly that he was not given time to attend the hearing accompanied by representatives of the charitable institutions affected. Stubbs reported that, "*The solicitor for the application took the order and literally stood over the clerk of the court until the letters of administration were prepared and placed in his hands.*"

Stubbs was determined to stake his reputation on the stand he had taken, even if it meant that he had to leave the bench. Backed by some members of the legislature, he took on the Attorney-

General's department, the Forlongs and the media, going so far as to hold a public meeting at the Walker Theatre (currently the Burton Cummings) to present his case. To a sympathetic audience he is quoted by the Free Press reporter who attended the meeting as saying, "*I have not been allowed to be a judge in my own court, the rights of my court have been violated, the constitution of my court has been torn up and its soul has been raped.*" He believed that Alexander Macdonald "*retained his lifelong charitable intentions to the end, retained them even through his mental and physical infirmities when his natural facilities were not functioning properly.*" He saw the potential for misuse invited by the legally unspecific language of the will regarding Macdonald's charitable intentions and maintained that Macdonald had never given Forlong instructions for a will. He charged that "*two million dollars, backed by a battery of big-gun lawyers scared the liver out of [the Court of Appeal]. ... I am not going to be made the goat in this matter ... Let's have a general showdown. All cards on the table.*"

Stubbs' allegations resulted in the arrests of Forlong and W. A. Irish on several charges of perjury and conspiracy. While questions about the signing of the will and the witnessing of the signature remained, the court deemed the evidence was unproveable. Forlong and Irish were acquitted of the charges.

The Manitoba judges and Stubbs made formal counter-requests of the Minister of Justice in Ottawa that the matter be investigated and that "*appropriate action*" be taken. To Stubbs' adversaries, that meant impeachment. On March 18, two law officers of the crown were delegated to review the complaint of the Winnipeg judiciary against Stubbs.

The following December, Forlong ordered a \$500,000.00 cruiser to be constructed at Orillia, Ontario. He sent his chief engineer, who lived in Kenora, to Orillia to complete the plans. When Forlong, his wife and three children returned from spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida, they would spend the summer cruising on the Lake of the Woods.

Judge Stubbs was removed from the bench on June 1, 1933 for judicial misconduct, but he did not go quietly. Declaring that he had been "*officially murdered*" and that the hands of his accusers were red with his blood, he insisted that he did not regret and would not apologize for his actions. He called the press reports of the proceedings full and fair (a change from his earlier controversies with the Free Press) and accused the judge who conducted the inquiry of executing a political mission rather than a judicial function, of "*murdering the living spirit of the British judicial system. ... I lose my judicial office in the cause of liberty of speech and the independence of the bench.*"

On June 6, Stubbs was invited to run in the north east Saskatchewan constituency of Mackenzie as one of the first CCF candidates to be nominated for the federal house. As he was now unemployed, funds were raised to defray his personal as well as his political expenses. He campaigned on behalf of the CCF in Preeceville and Brandon, and in Ontario. He told an audience in Kingston that he would support any move in Parliament to release the Toronto communist, Tim Buck, and others sentenced with him, from custody in the Kingston Penitentiary on the ground that they were political prisoners. He didn't win many fans when, after the war, he labelled Winston Churchill as "*the world's number-one Red-baiter and Anti-Soviet propagandist.*" He actively protested the treatment of several people arrested in a spy-ring investigation mounted in response to the Igor Gouzenko defection. He was defeated by the Liberal candidate.

Stubbs' next step was to open his own law firm in Winnipeg, in association with some of his sons. In 1936, he turned again to politics and won a seat in the Manitoba Legislature for Winnipeg Centre, garnering 500 more votes than any other candidate, including the Premier. He campaigned for representation by population in the Manitoba Legislature on the grounds that "*a country vote was now worth 5 or 10 times as much as a city vote.*" He pointed out that one St. Boniface member represented the choice of 24,000 electors, while Premier Garson's rural seat had an electorate of 2,326.

In 1949, he raised ire among the CCF members when he advocated complete autonomy for all Canadian trade unions, believing that they were dominated by American "*labour racketeers*" who were "*labour men who exploited labour*" and cited examples of the unions' "*internal decay*" as the real danger to union members. His CCF colleagues accused him of insulting the Canadian workers and "*subtly putting a knife in their backs*" so he quit politics to devote his time and energies to his profession and his personal affairs. In 1953 he ran for the legislature again, as an Independent for Winnipeg Centre, but this time he was defeated by future Winnipeg mayor, Steve Juba. He returned to his law office and his humanitarian causes.

Lewis Stubbs died in 1958 at the age of 79. His lengthy obituary summarized his career from his handling of the Macdonald will case to his removal from the bench. The paper's opinion of his actions was tempered by the perspective of distance. Its version was that the Manitoba appeal court granted the administration letter to the Forlongs "*over his head*" and continued that he had "*repeatedly struck back at those charging him*", accusing his accusers of being "*men who ought themselves to be under criminal indictment ... I have not been a conventional judge but I have said nothing from the bench of which I need feel ashamed.*"

In the words of one commentator, Stubbs was "*was removed from the bench but the attorney-general and his colleagues were to get no rest from Stubbs' bitter tongue. He won a seat in the legislature on an anti-government platform in 1935 by the biggest majority ever recorded in a provincial election and kept after his old foes continuously until his retirement from politics years later.*"

Quite a few years ago, someone left a birth certificate at MGS. It has been posted in the library for some time. If anyone has a connection to a Kristbjörg Halldórsdóttir, born September 30, 1892 in Iceland, and wants her certificate, please contact MGS. (Kristbjörg was the daughter of Halldór Kristjánsson and Kristín Árnadóttir).

## ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

by Kathy Stokes

We in Manitoba are blessed with an abundance of lakes and rivers to use for recreation in both summers and winters. However, there is an ever present danger on the water, even for those who are experienced at handling boats.

The Winnipeg Free Press of 10 July 1923 tells of a shocking accident at the Norwood Docks on the Red River. The Anna H, a sixty foot launch exploded shortly after reaching the docks after a short cruise up river to the King George Hospital on the evening of July 9<sup>th</sup>. Trapped inside and burned to death was 15 year old Arnold "Buster" Hall, son of Richard Hall of 121 Goulet St. There had been some trouble with the engine during the cruise and, once docked, Buster ventured into the engine room to turn off the engine, taking with him a lantern for light. It is thought that the lantern ignited gas fumes and caused the explosion. His father and a friend could do nothing to save the boy. It was the first known accident of this type on a Winnipeg river.

Further investigation revealed that the Anna H had been renovated during the spring. Mr. Hall had plans to take the launch up to Grand Beach and offer cruises there. There were continuing problems with the engine and a mechanic whose advice had been sought had refused to ride in the engine room, preferring instead to sit in the stern in case of engine explosion. Much controversy was attached to this incident, with the owner who was the father of young Buster, claiming that he had had the boat reconditioned and inspected. The tragic death of the boy focused attention on the need for better safety inspection regulations.

Another horrendous accident happened on Lake Winnipeg near Gimli and was revealed in the Winnipeg Free Press of 18 August 1916. A party of five friends, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peterson who had been married but three months, Mrs Sigridur Einarson, wife of John and two brothers, Herbert and Alfred Bristow, sons of William Bristow, set out from Gimli in a large fishing boat for Elk Island in Lake Winnipeg on a berry picking expedition on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Some of the men were experienced sailors.

Mrs. Einarson left her young daughter with relatives for the day. When the party did not return, family members were not alarmed, thinking they had stayed overnight on Elk Island where tents were available. It was not until a couple of days later, when John Einarson came home from a trip and found that his wife and the others were missing that a search party was organized.

Apparently gale force winds had struck the boat and a load of stones which provided ballast in the hull had shifted, causing the boat to turn over. The search party found the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson on the west shore of Elk Island. They had disentangled themselves from the rigging. Mrs. Peterson was lashed to a piece of the mast and it was believed that Mr. Peterson had tried to swim for help. Later, the body of Herbert Bristow was located. He too was found lashed to a piece of mast. No record of the finding of Mrs. Einarson's body was noted in the newspaper, but the body of Alfred Bristow was located on September 4<sup>th</sup> by Timothy Swain of Black River, some 25 miles north of Victoria Beach.

There is lesser coverage of the accident in the Winnipeg Tribune of 19 August 1916. Photos of some of the victims are included with the Free Press article.

### Home Visits

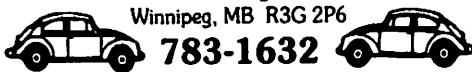
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**BOOK REVIEWS**  
by Enid Dorward #4502

***The Unpaid Second Man; A Salute to the Wives and Widows of the Now Retired Members of the R.C.M.P.*** by A. Harold Clark. Winnipeg, 2002. 213 p. photographs. (MGS library call no. CANADA 363.2 CLA)

The author, a retired R.C.M.P. sergeant, served the force from 1940 to 1965, most of those years in rural Manitoba. Genealogists with R.C.M.P. connections might be lucky enough to find the names they are seeking among the names of numerous R.C.M.P. officers and wives, local persons, and even criminals, although there is no index. The book begins with accounts of various incidents Mr. Clark dealt with as an R.C.M.P. constable, many of them when he was on one-man detachments. He also describes his wife's role in answering phones, cooking for prisoners, advising people when the constable was attending to something else, occasionally caring for prisoners' children, and once even finding specimens from an autopsy in her refrigerator!

The majority of the book is devoted to a campaign waged by the author and his wife, attempting to rectify the situation of some R.C.M.P. widows who receive no pension because their husbands' pensions died with them. It includes information about the Act of Parliament dealing with R.C.M.P. pensions, correspondence with government officials and legal experts, and an account of the frustrations resulting from their attempts to make changes that would benefit the many women (the "second men") who provided so much unacknowledged support to their R.C.M.P. husbands.

***Jacob Niebuhr (1766 – 1835) Descendants*** by Bill Klassen. [Winnipeg, 2001].  
456 pages, photographs, index. (MGS library call number: FH & BIO 929.2 NIE)

The first Mennonites in Holland lived mainly in the coastal provinces during the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Because of religious persecution, they migrated to Prussia and, by the latter part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, many had moved further east into Russia. The Niebuhrs came from Tiegenhof in West Prussia, and settled in the Chortitza Colony in Russia. Jacob Niebuhr, a miller, was among the people who arrived in Russia in 1789. With his first wife (name unknown) he had four children, and then another ten children with his second wife, Aganetha Wiebe. The descendants of nine of these children are the subject of this book. Many of the families emigrated to Canada during the 1920s. Apparently there are now very few people in Canada who actually bear the Niebuhr name, but there are many descendants nonetheless. Niebuhr descendants are scattered far and wide, living in various areas of Canada and the United States.

One chapter is devoted to each of the nine families. A numbering system, using a combination of letters and numbers, is used to identify which branch and generation each person belongs to. Each chapter lists all the known descendants of the Niebuhrs from the 1700s until 2001. There is some narrative, which fills in some of the details of the families' lives. The author has managed to collect an amazing number of photographs with which to illustrate the book. A name index includes over 1500 names with birth dates – a very convenient way to locate information about specific individuals. If you are of Mennonite background, or simply interested in Mennonite history, you would be well advised to check out this extensive account of the Niebuhr family.

***The Cullen Collection*** compiled by Lorene Slack Woodland Cullen. 19 vol. (approx. 1992). (MGS library call no. FH & BIO 929.2 CUL). Please note that the index is now available on the computers at the MGS library.

This is a huge research project which consists of 18 binders, plus a 19<sup>th</sup> volume that indexes dozens of surnames connected with Ms Cullen's family. There are family group sheets, photographs, letters, clippings, family trees, maps, and even some birth certificates. A few of the family names go back as far as the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Most of the more recent persons resided in Manitoba, Ontario, and the USA. The greatest amount of material is on the SLACK family, with considerable space devoted also to WOODLAND, STEEL, BUCK, CRYSLER & CULLEN.

## Library Lines

**by Mary Bole, Librarian, MGS**

First of all I would like to thank the Seminar Committee for the very nice donation to our library. Some of the new books in this list came from that money.

### **Manitoba**

- 016.971 Bar Barkwell, L. ed. *Metis Legacy*, 2001. A Metis historiography and annotated bibliography. The most ambitious annotated bibliography of Métis history and culture to date, Métis Legacy contains an extensive collection of Métis material culture and the largest collection of previously unpublished Métis articles ever assembled.
- 368.1 Fir *Fire Insurance Plans, Manitoba*. An inventory of Fire Insurance Plans. Read the introduction on how to locate and what are contained in these files. Plans are available for all of Canada, but MGS only has an index to municipalities and counties of Manitoba and Ontario. No personal names.
- 378 UofW *University of Winnipeg Alumni Magazine, The Journal*, 2007. 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue.
- 384 Man *Manitoba Provincial Telephone Directory, December 1947*. This directory lists all of the Provincial and Rural subscribers of Manitoba in December 1947 except those in Greater Winnipeg. [CD ROM, Reference]
- 929.3 Dau Tucker, J. *Dauphin Births, Marriages and Deaths, and Index from Dauphin Newspapers*, 2007. Births and death indexes cover the year 1896-1915, some marriages go as late as 1920. [CD ROM and Reference copy].
- 956.94 Beg *Beginning of the Jewish Community in Manitoba*, 1991.
- 971.27 Dau *Dogtown to Dauphin*, 1988. Dauphin municipality. [Reference]
- 971.27 Min *Tent Town, 1898-1979*. Minitonas municipality.
- 971.27 Pip *Ebor Echoes, 1885-1970*. Pipestone municipality.
- 971.27 Win *Garden Site*, 1983. A historical and archaeological study of a 19<sup>th</sup> century Metis farmstead in St. Norbert, located on the west bank of the Sale River near the Trappists monastery.
- Eastern Canada**
- 283 Jef Jefferson, R. *Faith of Our Fathers*, 1957. The story of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

- 333.3 Alp *Alphabetical Index to the Land Grants by the Crown in the Province of Quebec from 1763 to 1890*, 2005. Contains 1145 pages of names with 30 names per page. [CD ROM, Reference]
- 368.1 Fir *Fire Insurance Plans, Ontario*. For information see Manitoba 368.1.
- 911 His *Historical Atlas of the Maritime Provinces, 1878*. The atlas features maps, historical and geological descriptions, and a business directory. Each page contains a map of one county in the Maritimes (the scale was one inch to seven miles) and features the added bonus of color to highlight each parish within a county. In addition to the county map, the Roe Brothers Atlas contains a number of Maritime towns and city maps including Saint John, Halifax, Moncton, Fredericton, St. Stephen, Chatham, Newcastle, Saint Andrews, and Charlottetown. [Shelved with the atlases]
- 911 Ont *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Dominion of Canada and Lanark County*, reprint 2007. The final section of the atlas is dedicated to the history, maps and images of people and places in Lanark County, Ontario, Canada in 1880. [Shelved with the atlases]
- 912 Ont *Wiarton, Bruce County*. [Map]
- 912 Ont *Leeds and Grenville West* [Map]
- 971.024 Cru Cruikshank, E. *Settlement of the United Empire Loyalists on the Upper St. Lawrence and Bay of Quinte in 1784*, 1966. A Documentary Record is comprised of a collection of letters and journal entries of the people who were most closely involved with planning and accomplishing Loyalist settlement along the St. Lawrence River and the Bay of Quinte area between May 1783 and November of 1784.
- 970.004 Fau Faux, D. *Understanding Ontario First Nations Genealogical Records*, 2002. After the Revolutionary War in the United States, the people of the Six Nations, who had remained loyal to Britain, made their way to Ontario and most settled in today's Brant and Haldimand counties. They

took European names and many became Christians. Intermarriage, which had begun before the war, continued in the new environment. By the end of the 1800s, there was not a single "full-blooded" Native to be found on the Six Nations Reserve. Furthermore many Natives simply merged with the general North American community, so that their descendants gradually lost any clear awareness of their Native heritage. As a result, many North Americans have a vague family tradition that a great-great grandmother was an "Indian," but lack specific details.

971.3 Aab *Miscellaneous County, District and Township Maps of Ontario*.

971.3 Huro Graham, R. *Index of Huron County Books*, 200-. A valuable edition to our library – an index of all the published Huron County Local History books, some of which we have at the MGS Library.

971.3 Keno King, S. *Lake of the Woods*, 1993. Kenora district.

971.3 Talb Ermatinger. C. *Talbot Regime, or, The First Half Century of the Talbot Settlement*, 1999. Reprint of 1904 ed. SW Ontario. Topics include: early settlers, establishment of the Talbot road, Port Dover burned, the Talbot settlement in London township, farming in 1825, St. Thomas in 1830, London's early settlers, official, layers, and doctors, new arrivals in 1832, rebellion of 1837, progress of settlement including towns villages and townships described, Chatham, and Windsor in the 1840's, Muster Rolls to the War of 1812, Lists of persons plundered in Long Point Settlement, and the Talbot Settlement, and much more.

971.31 Gui Guillet, E. *Pioneer Days in Upper Canada*, 1993.

#### **Western Canada**

378 Sas *Greystone*, 1928. Yearbook of the University of Saskatchewan.

971.002 Pea Pearce, W. *Detailed Report Upon all Claims to Land and Right to Participate in the North-West Half-Breed Grant by Settlers Along the South Saskatchewan and Vicinity West of Range 26, w. 2<sup>nd</sup> Meridian*, 1886. Includes settlements St. Louis de Langevin, St. Laurent or Batoche, and Duck Lake.

971.24 Lloy *Lloydminster Times Vital Statistics, 1905-1945*. Names are from both Alberta and Saskatchewan, many communities included, not

only Lloydminster. [See also partial index 971.24 Lloy i].

#### **Canada**

030 Can *Canadian Encyclopedia*, 1985. [Reference]

355 Bla Blatherwick, F. *Courage and Service*, 2004. A compilation of British and Canadian awards to Canadians including the full text of all citations, concentrating on the Second World War but with bonus databases which cover other important periods of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In printed format the information would easily exceed 8,000 pages. Entries include: name, rank, service number, award, etc.

355.4 Sar Sarty, R. *Maritime Defence of Canada*, 1996.

363.2 Cla Clark, A. Harold. *The Unpaid Second Man*, 2002. A salute to the wives and widows of the now retired members of the RCMP.

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355.3 Ger Geraghty, T. *March or Die: France and the Foreign Legion*, 1986.

912 Gre *Tourist Map of Greece*.

912 Hun *Budapest*. [Map]

943 Lei *Leitfaden fur Presse und Werbung*, 1957.

943.7 Cze *Czech word list*, 1985.

944 Row Rose, V. *Chateaux of the Loire*, 1954.

949.1 Sch Sherman, K. *Daughter of Fire*, 1976. A portrait of Iceland.

#### **Great Britain and Ireland**

355.3 Arm *Army*, 2006. Part of the series "Tracing Your Family History". Introduction explains break down of units within an army. Also contains useful addresses, websites and a comprehensive bibliography.

355.3 Mer *Merchant Navy*, 2005. Part of the series "Tracing Your Family History." There has always been a close connection between the Merchant Navy and the Royal Navy. The primary functions of the Merchant Navy are trade and transport, while the Royal Navy's vessels are armed for a defense role.

380 Mer *Merchants Marks*. Merchants used 'marks' from at least as early as the thirteenth century and continued to use them for the next four

or five hundred years. This CD ROM details the collection of Toby Elmhirst who owned possibly the largest private collection of marks every known. [CD ROM, Reference]

The following cover partial census returns:

[Reference - Microfiche]

Buckinghamshire 1851

Lincolnshire 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1891

Yorkshire 1891

912 Dev *South Devon* [Map]

912 Ken *Kent to Cornwall* [Map]

912 S.E. *South East England* [Map]. Includes town maps of London, Brighton, Canterbury, Portsmouth, Windsor, etc.

929.8 Pee *Peerages of England, Scotland and Ireland, 1790*. Copy of: Fielding's New Peerage of 1790 containing the descent and present state of every noble family of the three kingdoms with an index and their mottos translated. [CD ROM]

941.4 Gla *Glasgow, Kyle and Galloway, 1953*. Includes description, travel and history. Scotland

941.5 Iri Ryan, J. ed. *Irish Church Records, 2001*. This book details the records of each of the 8 major Irish denominations and their value for family history and for church and local history.

941.5 Spa Spalding, H. *Lilt of the Irish, 1978*. An encyclopedia of Irish folklore and humor.

941.6 Dic Dickson, R. *Ulster Emigration to Colonial America, 1718-1775, 1966*.

941.6 Ord *Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland*. The following have been added to our collection:

Vol. 3 County Down 1

Vol. 4 County Fermanagh 1

Vol. 5 County Tyrone 1

Vol 14 County Fermanagh 2

Vol. 17 County Down 4

Vol. 20 County Tyrone 2 (A big thanks to the members who have purchasing these and donating them to the library.)

941.6 Rou Roulston, W. *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors, 2006*. This book can claim to be the first comprehensive guide for family historians searching for ancestors in seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Ulster.

942.5 Ind *Index to Probate Records of the Archdeaconry Court of Buckingham 1483-1660 and of the Buckingham Peculiars 1420-1660, 2001*.

942.5 Int *Introduction to the Oxfordshire Quarter Session Records, 2008*.

942.8 Bel Bellerby, R. *Tracing your Yorkshire ancestors, 2006*.

942.8 Gre Gregson, K. *Tracing Your Northern Ancestors, 2007*. Northumberland, Tyneside, Durham, Wearside, Tees Valley and Cumbria General

004.6 Fam *Family Origins, version 6. [CD ROM]*

004.6 Gen *Generations. [CD ROM]*

004.6 Lor *Official Guide to Family Tree Maker 2008, 2007*.

004.6 PAF *Personal Ancestral File 4.0 Users Guide, 1999*.

284 Nea Neale, J. *The Age of Catherine de Medici, 1962*. Of particular interest when researching Huguenots.

355 Fow Fowler, S. *A Guide to Military History on the Internet, 2007*. There are thousands of websites devoted to all aspects of military history from ancient Greece to the modern Gulf. This unique book helps you find the ones that will help with your research whether you are checking out a soldier ancestor or an airman or researching a naval campaign.

411 Spe Sperry, K. *Abbreviations & Acronyms, 2003*. An exceptionally detailed list of meanings of abbreviations, alphabetic symbols, initials, contractions and shortenings of words. [Reference]

526 Lie *Lie of the Land, 2001*. Understanding and reading maps.

977.6 Pri *Price of Freedom*. The story of 14 members of St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Minneapolis.

#### Family History and Biography

921 Fid MacGregor, J. *Peter Fidler, Canada's Forgotten Explorer, 1769-1822, 1998*.

921 Pit Turner, K. *In Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pitblado and Hoskin, Dec 17, 1982*. Winnipeg.

921 Sim *Mrs. Simcoe's Diary, 1971*.

921 Ste Stewart, E. *Letters of a Woman Homesteader, 1942*.

929.2 Gun *An Introduction to the Clan Gunn Society*.

929.2 Liv *The Livingstone Family in American and its Scottish Origins, 1949*.

929.2 Nie      *Jacob Niebuhr (1766-1835)*  
*Descendants*, 2001.

929.2 Win      Bloch, M. *The Duke of Windsor's War: From Europe to the Bahamas, 1939-1945*,  
1983.

**Pictures**

971.27 Ros      *Lilyfield School* [photo]. Rosser  
Municipality, Manitoba.

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Our Council members help to keep us on track...Do you have the fortitude to serve on our Financial Department?  
We need people with the confidence to work on our financial objectives. If you are the member willing to give this your concerted effort for our organization please contact our V.P. Administration – Daryl at ddportfolios@shaw.ca*

## What's new in MGS Public Relations!

In case you haven't heard, the MGS is in the process of creating a greater internet presence. We are redeveloping our website, so watch for further announcements.

In January 2008, we launched the *MGS calendar*. Be sure to check it out through our website, [www.mbgenealogy.com](http://www.mbgenealogy.com). The calendar features the events of the MGS, including our Branches, as well as other events of interest to our members. If you have questions, or would like to add an event to the calendar, please email [outreach@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:outreach@mbgenealogy.com).

*We are now on Facebook, so join our Group  
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8750026759>  
or become a fan of our Page  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Manitoba-Genealogical-Society-Inc/7054423205>.*

*You can help promote the Manitoba Genealogical Society on a personal level. When sending out emails or letters, especially on behalf of the MGS, be sure to let everyone know your affiliation. You can easily add a "signature" on most email programs. Let people know if you are a volunteer. Be sure to tell everyone you are a "Proud Member of the Manitoba Genealogical Society and the ..... Branch". Show the link for the MGS website and Facebook. All these little efforts can increase the awareness of the MGS. Do you have an idea you want to share with other members on how you can promote the MGS? Email [outreach@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:outreach@mbgenealogy.com).*

Please join us for the celebration of Manitoba Day. The Manitoba Genealogical Society will host our annual Open House at the Resource Centre in Winnipeg from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 10, 2008. Everyone is welcome, so please bring a friend to introduce them to the world of Genealogy.

Debbie Clark, Vice-President Public Relations, MGS

## Forms for Researchers

by Bill Burland

Thanks to Margaret Turnbull who brought this to my attention!! Gary Minder 2051 Marina Vista CT NE Poulsbo, WA 98370 has built a website (sponsored by Ancestry.com) on which he offers many different forms which can be of use to the family historian. These forms have been created in Excel 97, but can be imported into other spreadsheet programs.

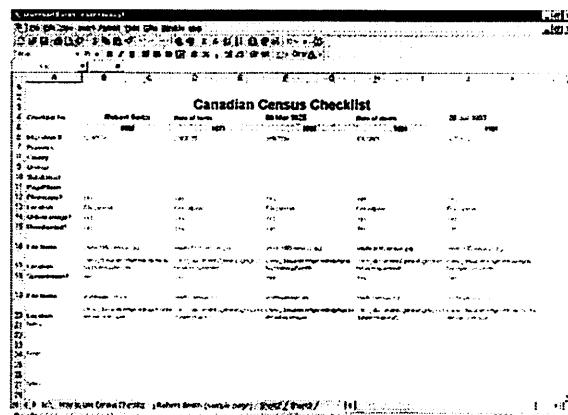
They can be printed out and filled in with pen (or pencil!!!), or filled out on the computer.

Although there are many forms provided, I am giving small screen shots of only 3 – all relating to Canada (but he has appropriate forms for the US, Scotland, and many other regions).

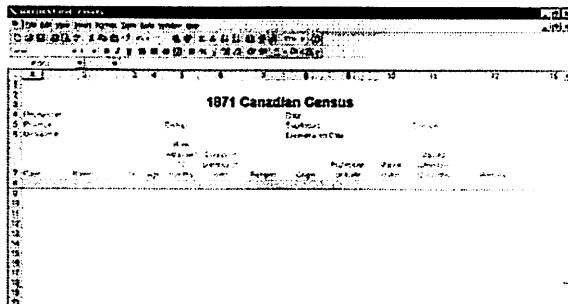
One form is Census Tracker. This allows you to conveniently keep track of what censuses you have searched for an individual, and what you have found on each of them relating to that individual. A printed copy could save you from going back over the same ground as well as let you know what you still must do.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "Canadian Census Tracker". The first column contains a list of census years from 1851 to 1971. Subsequent columns provide fields for tracking information such as Name, Director, Place of birth, Age, Marital status, and Remarks. The rows correspond to the years listed in the first column.

The Census Checklist is another way to organize your census information for an individual, keeping track of where he was on each census as well as the census tape number and whether you have made a copy of the image.



The individual census pages (this is a copy of the 1871 page) allow you to copy census data into preset columns. This is very useful if you are working off a microfilm, or if the image is not very clear.



The forms can be downloaded in Windows, but there is also a Mac version. As well, there are pdf versions which can be downloaded and printed out. View these forms at [www.censustools.com](http://www.censustools.com). Download some and give them a try. I am certain you will find them very useful.

In accordance with the **Southeast and Winnipeg Branch** By-laws, this is a call for nominations for all positions on the Branch Executive except Past President, as outlined below. These are for one-year terms, to be filled by election at the Annual Meeting of the Branch on Monday May 12, 2008. Nominations may be made by any member in good standing and should be in writing and forwarded or given to **Jim Oke** Chair of the Nominations Committee. They may be left at the Resource Centre for his attention, or mailed to the Branch c/o the MGS Resource Centre. Nominations should be received before May 7, 2007. Please indicate if consent of the nominee to stand has been obtained or not.

The positions on to be filled:      President  
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2nd Vice-President  
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**CHARLOTTE WHITTON TO THE RESCUE**  
**CHILD IMMIGRATION TO MANITOBA**  
**AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**

By Marilyn Boyle, #3473, 2007

Nineteenth century British society viewed poverty as the responsibility of its victims. Almost no provision was made by the state to aid jobless men or women and their families. People could turn to crime, go into the workhouse, try to eke out a living as peddlers, or go into domestic service. Compulsory education was not introduced until 1880, so there were few opportunities for children to break out of this life. Many were orphans; others had parents who were unable to care for them and gave them up to be raised in the Homes. Vast numbers of them lived on the streets, surviving by their wits. Many died of hunger, exposure and sickness.

Several philanthropic agencies were founded with the express purpose of alleviating these children's plight. Most were run by fundamental evangelical Protestants who brought children from work houses, not reformatories, and arranged their emigration into what was hoped would be a better life.<sup>1</sup>

Some of the immigrant children were mistreated by employers who viewed them as convenient slave labour, but as Phyllis Harrison<sup>2</sup> points out, "*One must remember when reflecting on bitter experiences what worse lives these boys and girls could have expected had they remained in the industrial slums of Great Britain.*" The majority, who were sponsored by reputable agencies, were successfully integrated. Those agencies whose names are most familiar today were the Barnardos and the Home Children.

Dr. Barnardo, for one, took good care of his charges. They "*passed through a period ... of careful, practical training and education in a 'Sheltering Home' that would fit them for life in the New World and had satisfied those in charge that they were 'physically healthy, mentally sound' and in character were 'at least honest, decent and inclined to be industrious'.*" Each Barnardo child arrived with a metal trunk filled with new clothes that had been made to fit him or her, religious books, and a brush and comb. In 1881, Dr.

Barnardo sponsored a Home for younger boys in Winnipeg and a training farm at Russell.<sup>3</sup>

Some of the children were adopted into good families; others followed their natures as far as circumstances, luck and initiative allowed. Except for the occasional regrettable lapse, they became valuable and productive citizens. Many distinguished themselves in service in World War I. One joined the Regina police force after he was demobilized and then moved on to long service in the R.C.M.P. W. A. Cochrane, who became President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calgary, was the son of a Barnardo child. Another distinguished descendant, J. E. Comer, became Director of the Saskatoon Art Gallery and Conservatory Corporation.

The situation seems to have deteriorated rapidly after 1903. It was not only in Britain that life was hard. Unscrupulous groups throughout Europe filled ships with anyone of any age who was desperate to find a new life and could scrape together the price, then dumped their cargo on the east coast of North America. These immigrants were ill prepared. Rather than finding streets which rumour said were paved with gold, they found themselves unable to speak the language in a xenophobic society that viewed them as some lower form of life, possibly useful as cheap labour. As in Europe, children were the most vulnerable victims of these groups.

<sup>1</sup> Macdonald, Norman, *Canada – Immigration and Colonization 1841-1903*, The Macmillan Company of Canada, Limited, 1966

<sup>2</sup> Harrison, Phyllis, *The Home Children*, Copyright © 1979, Watson & Dyer Publishing, Ltd., Winnipeg

<sup>3</sup> Macdonald, Norman, *Canada – Immigration and Colonization 1841-1903*

Appalled by the influx of what they considered outlandish foreigners, the general populace demanded this immigration stop. The commonly-held view, then, was that the northern, Teutonic races were superior, embodying "*the highest principles of Christianity and civilization*", and that an imaginary line drawn across the European continent from northeast to southwest "would separate the Scandinavian Peninsula, the British Isles, Germany and France, which exemplified representative institutions and popular government, universal education and Progressive manufacturing and agriculture; from a peasantry barely removed from serfdom under the absolute monarchies, [almost] universal illiteracy and primitive hand labour which were the norm in Russia, Austria-Hungary, Italy and Turkey, the home of Latin, Slav, Semitic and Mongolian races."<sup>1</sup>

Ironically, the reality did not support the theory that the English were the most desirable immigrants. Some who arrived on the prairies were wealthy. They took large tracts of land which they planned to turn into private hunting preserves and built imposing houses. They expected to find in Canada a respectful peasant class eager to serve a laird or squire; they would then be able to establish themselves as founders of a landed aristocracy similar to those which they admired in Britain but could not join. They were quickly disabused. But the majority, who were from the cities, had never seen a cow and seemed "*actually helpless on a farm.*" They took off for towns and cities as soon as they could. "*On many western farms, certain Englishmen have proved so useless, that when help is needed, 'No Englishmen need apply.'*"<sup>2</sup>

The Province of Manitoba was governed by the usual provincial Premier, Cabinet and Legislature and was run by the usual deputy ministers and civil service, each with its regulations and duties. One of its departments dealt with Health and Public Welfare. There were specific regulations for the treatment of immigrant children, specifically "*any*

*child brought into the province by any organization or agent for the purpose of settlement in [in this case] Manitoba."*

Generally, before 1923, these children<sup>3</sup> were placed almost entirely in agricultural or domestic employment in rural districts "*on a wage agreement made by the juvenile immigration societies with the persons with whom they were placed. In the case of younger children under 14, no wages were paid, but food and maintenance provided.*" They were also supposed to receive an education. The immigration societies were to obtain prior authority by Order in Council to carry on this work and to post a \$500.00 bond in cash or "*satisfactory security therefore*". The Board, for its part, was to issue a certificate in writing, stating "*the age at time of entry to the province of any immigrant child as prima facie evidence of the age of the child in any case of dispute.*"

In 1928, the stated duties and responsibilities of the Manitoba Director of Child Welfare included obtaining reports from the agencies which were supposed to enroll all unaccompanied immigrant children as wards of the province. The reports were to contain the following information for each child:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Home address in country or province of emigration
- Vocational training already received
- The home or situation in which the child was to be placed
- The agreement or contract with the proposed foster parents or employer
- The names and addresses of parents or guardians
- The cause of surrender

The April 12, 1928 edition of the *Winnipeg Free Press* printed this short notice:

*Charlotte Whitton, executive secretary of the Canadian Council of Child Welfare, with an*

<sup>1</sup> Woodsworth, J. S. *Strangers Within Our Gates*, Originally published in 1909, Copyright © University of Toronto Press 1972, Introduction by Marilyn Barber

<sup>2</sup> Woodsworth, J. S. *Strangers Within Our Gates*

<sup>3</sup> Legally, a child was anyone up to age 18.

*international reputation as an expert on social welfare matters has been invited to conduct the investigation into child welfare legislation in Manitoba and its administration.*

Charlotte Whitton may be best remembered as a post-war mayor of Ottawa at a time when it was almost unheard-of for a woman to hold such a post, but she had also served as one of Canada's representatives at the League of Nations in Paris. Her genius, according to her biographers<sup>1</sup> was in using survey techniques to analyze and expose the discrepancies between the practices of charity organizations and the legislation which was supposed to regulate them.

Miss Whitton opened her investigation on July 5, 1928. Her surveys resulted in a powerful indictment of conditions in Manitoba, especially of the treatment of immigrant children. Her preliminary report on the Manitoba Child Welfare Act administration covered 900 typewritten legal-size pages and was divided into fourteen sections. Part VIII deals with Manitoba's legislation for the protection of the immigrant child unaccompanied by an adult who was brought into Canada by one of various overseas charitable organizations.

In practice, Whitton found no social history and no copies of any wage agreements had been obtained. The records contained only a child's name, age and sex, and the name of his or her employer. None of the children were enrolled as wards of the province and, frequently, the data was received after the child had been placed. She recommended the standardization of child welfare legislation, increases in better-trained professional staff, more generous public funding and a more rapid adoption of foster-care practices.

When she left Winnipeg in 1929, work had begun to establish a case work agency and a private central family exchange. In addition to the

formation of a central council of social agencies, the boards of welfare supervision and of child welfare were re-organized. The mandate of the first became to investigate claims; and the mandate of the second, to advise the administrators of the Health and Welfare Act. The well-documented abuses some children had experienced led to the restriction of the movement to children over school-leaving age who passed medical and mental examinations.

Unfortunately, for all of her commendable qualities, Charlotte Whitton espoused belief in a form of racism called eugenics, one of two opposing factions which, at the time were labelled "*Nurture vs. Nature*". The Nurture advocates believed that, given favourable conditions and opportunities, there was no limit to the degree that people could improve their and their descendants' lives through education and progressive influences. The Nature group believed that certain races possess a monopoly of desirable characteristics and that racial differences, being caused by heredity, are resistant to any modification. They believed that no amount of education or training could lift one out of the conditions into which one was born, that characteristics acquired through education and acculturation could not be passed on to the next generation because heredity was fixed. For example, as a eugenicist, Whitton believed that illegitimate British children and all Europeans were "*two or three centuries behind the civilization and social development*" of Canada and that they carried physical and mental defects which would taint Canadian society.

This belief in scientific racism and racial stereotyping is similar to that which Hitler's Third Reich tried to enforce. Whitton's many accomplishments are tarnished by her having "*played a significant role in preventing refugee Armenian and Jewish children coming to Canada in the 1940s.*"<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rooke, P.T. and Schnell, R.L., *No Bleeding Heart: Charlotte Whitton – A Feminist on the Right*, U.B.C. Press, Vancouver, 1987. She was ahead of her time in that she advocated equal pay for women on the basis of occupation, and not on the basis of sex

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<sup>2</sup> Rooke and Schnell

## **PERIODICAL POTPOURRI**

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### **AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND**

The Genealogist, Vol. 12, #4

- Christmas around the world.

### **CANADA**

Anglo-Celtic Roots, Vol. 3, #4

- Canadian immigrations records; Sarah Fairbrother.

Branches, Brant Co. OGS, Vol. 27, #4

- Reekie family of Forfar.

Cariboo Notes, Quesnel Br BCGS, Vol. 24, #3

- Quaker ancestors.

Chinook, Alta FHS, Vol. 28, #2

- James Davidson; Calgary 100 years ago.

Connections, QFHS, Vol. 30, #1

- Moses Hays.

Vol. 30, #2

- Eaton's of Montreal; Jews in Montreal in the 1760's.

Generations, NBGS, Vol. 35, #4

- Hartt family; Jacob Treitz; NB passenger lists 1833-38; Kent County history; African Episcopal church in Woodstock; James McCracken ancestry; Clarke family; Edward DeWolfe.

Manitoba History, #56

- all about Brandon and its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Newfoundland Ancestor, Vol. 23, #3

- Burin petition, part 1; Oke & Hobbes families; Thomas Mackey family.

Vol. 23, #4

- Burrin petition, part 2; names of the women of Notre Dame Bay; Godfrey family; Thomas Mackey-pt2.

Notes from Niagara, OGS, Vol. 27, #4

- Martin McLellan; Mennonite archives.

Nova Scotia Genealogist, Vol. 25, #3

- Leo Blackadar; newspaper vitals 1898 M-Y.

Ottawa Branch News, OGS, Vol. 41, #1

- Samuel Rogers; John & William Kehoe; Joseph Coombs.

Relatively Speaking, Alta GS, Vol. 35, #4

- Emily Yates.

Saskatchewan GS, Vol. 38, #4

- Northern Saskatchewan Archives; Finnish ancestry.

York Region Ancestors, OGS, Vol 13, #4

- Willoughby family.

### **COMPUTERS**

Internet Genealogy, Jan 2008

- publicrecords.onlinesearches.com; finding obscure Internet sources; ancestry.com resources; world vital records.

### **EASTERN EUROPE**

Galizien German Descendants, #53

- tour of Galicia.

Palatine Immigrant, Vol. 33, #1

- German church registers; Palatine colonies.

### **ENGLAND & WALES**

Banyan Tree, #112

- Lockington parish; James McGeeah family.

Berkshire Family Historian, Dec 2007

- Purley parish; Jerome family.

Cleveland FHS, Vol. 10, #5

- Easby family.

Cornwall FHS, #126

- Sampson, Watts & Giles families; Mary Broad.

Derbyshire FHS, #123

- Ashbourne St. Oswald church; John Hall born 1843; Lucy Talbot; a family of wills; Thomas Middleton.

Devon Family Historian, #124

- Thomas Luxton; Gregory family.

Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 24, #2

- English civil war; removal orders; check certificates for errors; soldier heroes of WWI; Dodds family to NZ; Falkland Islands battle.

Vol. 24, #3

- country school teacher; wills; census questions; apprentice records; a fraudulent forbear; facts on

the 1899 census available in 2009; regiments; the 'Peculiar People'.

#### Hampshire Family Historian, Vol. 34, #2

- Holdip bros; Tithe records; Ventham family; Henry Cox; servant job descriptions.
- Vol. 34, #3
- Fanny Adams; marriage licences.

#### Journal of Bristol & Avon FHS, #130

- non conformist records on line; Easton-in-Gardano parish; Samuel Whitaker.

#### Lancashire, Vol. 29, #1

- Michael Campbell; a Dixon family; Fish, Reid & Parkes families.
- Vol. 29, #3
- diary of Jabez Stuttard; Lustig family; Memorial card index A-D.
- Vol. 29, #4
- Memorial cards D-J; Jabez Stuttard, part 2.

#### Metropolitan, Vol. 30, #2

- Rousset family; Origins network.

#### Norfolk Ancestor, Vol. 5, #4

- Caistor St. Edmunds parish; Daisy Egleton; Wyndham, Stangroom, Murray & Carver families; Robert Allen.

#### Northumberland & Durham FHS, Vol. 32, #4

- cocoa rooms; Hall & Roddam families; seaman's chest; a family of nuns.

#### Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol. 21, #3

- Burford plaque – Part 1; Ward family.

#### SIB Folk News, #44

- Corston family; John O'Groats; HBC origins; John Inkster; William Smellie.

#### W. Middlesex FHS Journal, Vol. 25, #4

- Bennett family.

#### Wiltshire FHS, #107

- James Clifford; White family in Jamaica; Forde family.

#### IRELAND

#### Irish Roots, #64

- Jewell bros.; Desmond Castle; Parliamentary papers; MacRagnall family.

#### North Irish Roots, Vol. 18, #2

- Robert Moore; Lyon family – part 1.

#### The Septs, Vol. 29, #1

- Irish ancestors at Ireland.com; Dublin City Archives; Irish Family History Foundation.

#### ONE-NAME

#### Journal of One-Name Studies, Vol. 9, #9

- surname Vayro and its roots; millions of new records go on-line.

#### SCOTLAND

#### Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS, #105

- Lobban & Dunn families; military marriages 1817.

#### Dumfries & Galloway FHS, #60

- Penman, McMurdo, Jardine, Rome & McTurk families; Agnes McKie.

#### Newsletter of Glasgow & NE Scotland FHS, #80

- Scots in Canada; Ayrshire archives; Cuthill family.

#### UNITED STATES

#### American Spirit, Vol. 141, #6

- braided rugs & their meaning; women preachers; Henry Knox.

#### Vol. 142, #1

- Eliza Pinckney letters; Baker's chocolate.

#### Family Chronicle, Jan/Feb 2008

- county court records; divorce records; a Fisher family secret; old money; emigration from England 1620-40.

#### Minnesota Genealogist, Vol. 38, #2

- Scandinavian roots and sources.

#### New England Ancestors, Vol. 8, #5-6

- Connecticut colony; Terry family; the Salem witch Judge; Dexter asylum.

#### Seattle GS, Vol. 56, #2

- Callow family of Isle of Man; disease epidemics.

#### Vol. 57, #1

- Washington mining accidents.

## Rewards From Genealogy

by Mary Bole

I am very fortunate to have found a genealogical chart of Andrew Carmichael and his partner Jane Moore. Andrew was born in Ireland, of Scots-Irish descent, about 1735, probably in Dublin. He married Elisabeth Crofton in 1758, but deserted her for Jane Moore. Andrew and Jane had the following children:

Margaret, born about 1769, married Thomas Wilson

Elinor, born about 1772, married Walter Bourne

Zachariah William, born about 1777, died young but did have one son

Jane, born about 1778, married George Abernethy Gibbs

Andrew Blair, born about 1782, married Jane Calbeck

Hugh Richard, born about 1790, married a "French Woman"

James, born about 1792, married Elizabeth Emily Murray Walker

The family was fairly affluent: Zachariah, Andrew Blair and James were all solicitors, as were their brothers-in-law, Thomas Wilson, Walter Bourne and George Gibbs. The one exception was (of course) my ancestor Hugh Richard Carmichael. He became a medical doctor and married the "French Woman".

But this is not about Hugh Richard Carmichael, but rather my enjoyment finding the descendants of Andrew and Jane. When we hear about Ireland and the potato famine we think of all the poor people starving and having to leave Ireland, but not only the poor were affected. Even the affluent were forced to leave. I have found, over the years, many descendants of this family living all over the world, and by corresponding with them have learned about other's lives and customs. For example this last year I have discovered four 5th cousins, all of whom descend from the above 7 children. One lives in Argentina, another in South Africa, one in Toronto and one in Romania. Prior to that, I had been in contact with a sheep farmer in New Zealand and a nurse in Newfoundland. All descendants, and all 5th cousins.

Lately, my Romanian cousin sent me a poem entitled GENEALOGIE. He enclosed a copy of the

poem and a translation. The poem was written in 1974 by one of the greatest living contemporary Romanian poets, Ana Blandiana, who publicly opposed Nicolae Ceaușescu during the communist regime.

The poem is interesting and shows genealogy on an altogether different plateau.

### Genealogie (Genealogy)

a poem by Ana Blandiana

We appear in somebody's dream,  
who appears, at his turn,  
    in somebody else's dream,  
which is the dream of an another special dream.

When overwhelmed by our sleep  
we dream a world as well  
which is, wildly,  
worked out in sleep  
dreaming,  
we are the weak link  
in a row without start,  
and which shall  
never end,

although  
it could be sufficient a scream,  
strong enough to wake up,  
partially,  
the first gentleman  
from his sleep,  
the very one who sleeps  
at the foundation  
of the dreamed  
worlds.

(Translated from Romanian by George R. Stanculescu, for Mary Bole from Winnipeg).

The sympathy of MGS and its members is extended to:

Julia Pierce (#1222) on the death of her sister, Pearl Sutcliffe, at Birtle in November, 2007.

Louisa Shermerhorn (# 567) on the death of her sister, Mildred Ella Creegan, nee Dobie, in December in North Battleford.



## Searching Scots-Irish Family at the MGS Library

by Mary Bole, Librarian, MGS

This article is not a history lesson, but I feel it is necessary to give a brief outline to define Scots-Irish.

Early in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, after the death of Queen Elizabeth, James I (previously James VI of Scotland) granted land in Ireland to some of his Scottish followers. This land was in Northern Ireland in the area known today as Ulster. Thus began the "plantation" of Scots in Ireland. During the century the number of Scottish settlers was augmented by religious troubles in Scotland, various wars, and in the late 1600's a famine.

The Scots-Irish were predominantly Presbyterian and hard working. They are known by various names – Scots-Irish, Scotch-Irish, Ulstermen, Ulster-Scots, etc. (I was once informed that Scotch was a drink and not a person but the term appears to have stuck to these northerners.)

Times did not remain good in Northern Ireland and the Scots-Irish were on the move once again, many going to North America. It is interesting to note that nine former presidents of the United States were of Scots-Irish descent.



The nine counties of historic Ulster are Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Donegal, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, Monaghan and Tyrone. Listed below are some books about the Scots-Irish in Ulster, but also check the card catalogue or KOHA under the names of these nine counties for other resources.

**Agnew, Jean. *Funeral Register of the First Presbyterian Church of Belfast, 1712-36 / 1995.***  
[929.5 IRE/BEL]

The First and Second Presbyterian Congregations of Belfast owned a collection of palls, cloaks and hats which were hired out for funerals. This register which covers the years 1712-1736, is a record of the hiring of this gear for about 2000 funerals which took place as far afield as Counties Londonderry and Tyrone.

**Bell, Robert, *Book of Ulster Surnames*, 1988. [929.4 BEL]**

The Book of Ulster Surnames has entries for over five hundred of the most common family names of the province, with references to thousands more. It gives a history of each name, its original form, where it came from.

**Dickson, R.J. *Ulster Emigration to Colonial America, 1718-1775*, 1966. [941.6 DIC]**

The acknowledged work on migration in the 18th century of a quarter of a million people from Ulster to the New World, it combines detailed investigation of the economic, social and political background to the exodus with information on the

emigrant trade and an analysis of the motivations and origins of the emigrants themselves.

**Durning, Bill and Mary. *Scotch Irish*, 1991. [941.6 Dur]**

Lots of names and maps. They also mention the correct term being "Scots-Irish" in spite of their title and say this group was "a close-mouthed, secretive people who left few records or historical documents". This is an easy read to become acquainted with the topic.

**Falley, Margaret Dickson. *Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral research*, 1961. [929 Fal]**

The first volume is a guide to preliminary research. It describes genealogical collections and indexes in all the major Irish repositories and the published indexes, catalogues, and printed sources available in Ireland and the United States. The various chapters detail the types of records that exist and where, the nature and extent of the holdings, dates of coverage, and the existence of indexes to wills and probates, birth, marriage and burial records, land, census and tax records, and church and parish records. Volume Two is a bibliography of family histories, pedigrees, and source materials published in books and periodicals. It covers such printed

works as parish, town and county histories, church records, and family histories. It also has a list of over 1,400 manuscript family histories deposited in public record offices, a survey of the microfilm holdings of various American and Irish institutions, inventories of other manuscript collections, and an index of family history articles appearing in over twenty periodicals.

Familia. [941.6 FAM].

Periodical of the Ulster Genealogical and Historical Guild.

Hanna, Charles A. *The Scotch-Irish*, originally published in 1902. [941.5 Han]

This is the basic sourcebook on the Scotch-Irish in North America, a massive compilation (more than 1200 pages) of source records pertaining to the Scots who settled in the north of Ireland and their descendants in America. From the 200,000 original settlers, up to 2 million of their descendants eventually reached North America.



*Irish County Maps Showing the Location of Churches in Ulster Province* [929.1 Iri 2]

*North Irish Roots*. [Periodical]

*Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland*, 1990-2000.  
[941.6 Ord]

Written in the 1830's to accompany the Ordnance Survey Maps, the memoirs record landscape and situation, buildings, antiquities, land holdings, population, and employment and livelihood, on a parish by parish basis for Northern Ireland. Though these books (40 volumes) do not necessarily cover the Scots-Irish they do cover Northern Ireland, and contain many names belonging to the original Scots-Irish. [The MGS library has 11 of the volumes plus the name index of all 40.]

Roulston, Wm. *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors. The Essential Genealogical Guide to Early Modern Ulster, 1600- 1800*, 2006. [941.6 Rou]

Information on the whereabouts of records and how they may be accessed and used. The appendices to the book include a full listing of pre-1800 church records for Ulster; a detailed description of nearly 250 collections of seventeenth-and eighteenth-century estate papers; and a summary breakdown of the sources available from this period for each parish in Ulster.

*Septs*. [Journal]

A good article in Vol. 23, No. 3 on resources and websites for Scots-Irish research.

*Ulster Libraries* [027 ULS].

A guide to Ulster libraries, archives, museums and ancestral heritage centres.

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## *Ancestry.com Available at the Public Library*

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Some years ago the public library purchased subscription to [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) and it was available in all Winnipeg libraries. As the current service is limited it is in our interest to use the database frequently as this might encourage the library to increase its availability to library users.

To help individuals become familiar with the database there are two hands-on computer sessions at the Millennium Library these are:

March 12:      Ancestry.com (Canada/US)  
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Both sessions are free of charge and anyone interested may wish to register by calling the Millennium Library.

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### **More Are These Your Ancestors?** by Kathy Stokes

Winnipeg Free Press - 2 February 1928

John L. Ross, barrister successfully defended Frederick Sewell in county court on a charge of stealing four fur coats from the residence of George Scales valued at \$535.00. The charge was dismissed because Judge Cory believed the boy's story that he and two men planned to steal several coats. Sewell's intention was to learn about their plan and then tell the police. He did tell the police but by then it was too late. Witnesses said that Sewell was not at the crime scene.

After his success for his client, Mr. Ross went to the lawyer's cloak room in the Law Courts building, "thoroughly and justly satisfied with the success of a hard afternoon" but found his own blue chinchilla coat was missing. He checked everywhere and informed the police. A practical joke? Alas!

Winnipeg Free Press - 4 February 1928

Gertrude Reilly, 10 Westminster Block was in court charged with bootlegging. This was a sad story. Gertrude had served in the war as a nurse in the British army. Her wounded husband later died. She returned to Canada and through various means lost some property that she had owned in the city. She could not make ends meet. One creditor suggested that she sell liquor to enable her to make enough money to pay him and this she did. Later the police laid charges on her under the Temperance Act. She was found guilty. Three young male boarders in her home raised \$200.00 to pay her fine and the judge suspended her two week jail sentence.

## *The End is in Sight, Indexing the 1891 Census*

Elizabeth Briggs

Researchers are using the 1891 census for the districts Lisgar and Winnipeg and they are finding ancestors! This is great news for all of us who worked on the project.

Our volunteers have done a wonderful job transcribing and checking each sub-district and as of Tuesday February 12, 2008 Selkirk, Provencher and Marquette have been transcribed, checked and sent to Bill. Another file which includes Institutions was discovered recently and this file covers entries from all five districts. It, too, has been completed. There will be one final check of the files when all the sub-districts are joined before they are put onto Access.

There will be an Introduction to the Census with lists of abbreviations used and some suggestions for searching family names.

We are indebted to the following volunteers who have made a significant contribution to this project between November 15, 2007 and February 15, 2008:

Barbara Andrew	Barrie Atkinson	Bonnie Bridge	Colin Briggs
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A Report has to be submitted to Heritage Manitoba for the grant we received in order to complete the project. If anyone has any outstanding expenses or mileage claims please submit them to *John Christie* at the Resource Centre before **March 15<sup>th</sup> 2008**. Final reports must be submitted to Heritage Manitoba, then we should receive the second payment and clear outstanding claims for volunteers.

*To thank all volunteers and supporters we will hold a  
Cheese & Wine Social  
MGS Resource Centre  
Saturday May 10, 2008 from 6:30-8:30 PM  
after Open House*

When the project is complete, and with Council approval, we plan to send copies of the database to our branches. We are grateful to SouthWest Branch, Beautiful Plains Branch and Swan Valley Branch whose volunteers have made a major contribution to this activity.

Coordinators  
Elizabeth Briggs, Bill Burland and Kathy Stokes



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