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William Henry EADIE was born in Mt. Pleasant, Brant County, Ontario on July 17, 1857 - the first child of William EADIE and Mary Ann WESTBROOK. William came west in 1879 to Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. He started selling farm machinery for his uncle H.S. WESTBROOK who was a partner in the firm of Westbrook and Fairchild.

On the 23rd of April, 1879, William applied for his first homestead permit for the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 21-8-10 near the town of Treherne, Manitoba. He purchased the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 21-8-10 on the 15th of March, 1883.

In 1880/81, William married Edith KELLOUGH and this marriage gave them three children, one of which died in infancy. Mrs. Eadie died in 1889 and the first homestead was abandoned.

William married again in 1890 to Charlotte Ellen SHARPIN who had come to live with her sister in Portage la Prairie. Charlotte was born in Gorrie, Ontario in 1867. William and Charlotte moved to the Treherne district in 1891. He applied for a second homestead on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 12-9-10 on 25th March 1892. Application was made for the patent on the 19th of October 1893 and the patent date is listed as April 15th, 1901.

Mr. & Mrs. Eadie raised seven children on this farm and one child from the first marriage. Two of the seven children are still living today.

William died in 1943 and is buried in Bethel cemetery at Treherne, Manitoba. Mrs. Eadie died in 1972 at 105 years of age and is also buried in Bethel cemetery.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Now that autumn is here, most of us have taken out the papers and books we laid aside over the summer and have turned our interest once again to our ancestors. Those who had good fortune searching during vacations in 'the old country' will have added their finds to the family tree and will have new leads to pursue. Others, like myself, will work away on the problems that have plagued us for some time, hoping for just one new clue or insight that will lead to a breakthrough.

The regular fall upsurge in interest in family history is reflected in our office. Our visitors and callers are often new to genealogy and much staff and volunteer time is willingly shared to help them. This creates problems in handling the day to day administration of M.G.S.'s affairs, because we all agree that service to patrons is our prime concern. Your executive and council have been working on ways to remedy this problem. Financial constraints mean that we cannot hire more staff so the solution has had to come from a RE-ARRANGEMENT OF OFFICE HOURS. Our coordinator must have uninterrupted time to answer correspondence, record membership information on the computer, maintain some of the financial records, and perform other office duties. The decision has therefore been made to CLOSE OUR OFFICE TO PATRONS UNTIL NOON ON TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS. A telephone answering machine will record incoming phone calls and messages. To help make up for the shortened hours, the M.G.S. Resource Centre will OPEN ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, with volunteers to assist patrons. Please refer to a complete list of new office hours which appears on the inside cover of this journal.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO HELP AT THE RESOURCE CENTRE ON SUNDAYS? Please call at 944-1153 or write us a short note.

M.G.S. is fortunate indeed to have received a grant from a new funding source - the Thomas Sill Foundation of Manitoba. The \$2,300 grant is specifically for use in the purchasing of material for the Resource Centre and to assist with the publicizing of our programs within the province. We are grateful indeed for this recognition by the Sill Foundation.

You will notice a ballot enclosed with this journal. Ballots mean elections, which are important to keep any organization vibrant. This year, five members are committed enough to the running of M.G.S. to allow their names to stand for three council positions. Normally, two councillors are elected yearly, but this year a resignation has left a third position vacant. Members of the executive have been acclaimed to their positions and will be announced in the next issue of 'Generations'.

The second part of the ballot seeks your approval for re-organization and house-keeping changes to our general by-law (constitution). These changes have been discussed and accepted by your executive and council and we recommend its approval. Within the next two or three years, a complete review of our structure is planned to make sure that our needs are being met in the best possible way.

Communication is only effective if it works both ways. I hope that this report has helped you to understand some of the decisions of your council. We can serve you best if you talk or write to the M.G.S. Councillors and Executive, letting us know what you would like to see us do. YOUR IDEAS AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS ARE APPRECIATED.



HALL OF FAME

The Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Inc. is located at 1700 Ellice Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3H 0B1 (204) 985-4180. If your ancestor/s were of the athletic field, perhaps you may wish to direct your inquiries to Steve McCarthy or Lois Howard to learn more about them. The information found is primarily concerned with the Inductees athletic achievements and includes date of meets, matches, games, etc. Occasionally, other information may be found about a school or university the Inductee attended, if it relates to the athletic achievements. A current name and address of the Inductee is on file. In the event the individual is deceased, the name and address of a contact person is on file. The following are two examples of information:

Summary of Sport Career: Gordon M. HUDSON

Athletic: Curling

Skipped his rink to Five (5) M.C.A. Bonspiel Grand Aggregates 1914, as a 20 yr. old from Kenora, 1922, 1923, 1928 and 1941. In addition, skipped rinks to approximately 28 additional trophy victories in the annual M.C.A. 'spiels'. The combined total is believed to be the most trophies won by a Skip.

Skipped the Manitoba rink to successive Brier victories in 1928 and 1929, a record that stood for 30 years. Mr. Hudson introduced the "slide delivery" into inter-Provincial play, plus the strategy of 'blanking ends' to retain control of last rock.

Athletic: Baseball

Was an outstanding catcher and managed the Granites in Senior baseball in the early 1920's at Wesley Park.

Builder:

Served a 2 year term as President of his home club Strathcona in 1925-26 and 1926-27 and acted as Club Secretary for some time.

Was a Past President of the Manitoba Curling Association serving in that capacity in 1934-35. Served as Executive Vice-President during the M.C.A.'s 50th anniversary in 1938. In addition, served as Secretary of the M.C.A. for a period of time. For a number of years, was the Draw Master for the Annual M.C.A. Bonspiel. During this period, Mr. Hudson was heavily involved visiting various country curling points through the Goodwill trips.

Was elected President of the Dominion Curling Association, forerunner to the Canadian Curling Association in 1949-50, after serving on the National Executive for a number of years. Was elected as an Honorary Life Member of all three organizations.

In 1959, on the occasion of the Strathcona Curling Club's 50th Anniversary function, the Gordon M. Hudson Trophy, emblematic of the Club Championship, was donated by club-mates and friends of Gordon M. Hudson, who honor him as a great sportsman and master of curling, an outstanding leader and contributor to the game and pre-eminently a man of fine personal qualities whose influence has deeply pervaded and enriched his club.

Gordon M. Hudson was born January 5, 1894 at Kenora, Ontario. Deceased, Friday, July 10, 1959.

Joe RYAN - Football/Builder

Joe Ryan was born in Starbuck, Manitoba in 1900. He was famous for forwarding the concept of the Western Conference. As well, he was instrumental in forming the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

Of Ryan's major accomplishments, one of the most satisfying for him was the successful construction of the inter-provincial football organization in the west. This was called the Western Interprovincial Football Union (W.I.F.U.) and was begun in 1934. This amalgamation of western cities into one football conference eventually included Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver. Some of these cities withdrew from the Union during the thirties because of the depression and during the forties because of the Second World War. However, they all returned when situations became more favourable.

Joe Ryna's career in Canadian Football is also famous because he is the only man to have managed three different professional teams in the C.F.L. These were the Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1933-41); the Montreal Alouettes, during the 1940's and the Edmonton Eskimos from 1959 until 1966.

Ryan was also a central figure in the teams' initial founding, the Bombers in 1933 and the Alouettes in 1945. His management of both teams also made them into winners. For instance, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers were made operational by him in 1933, yet, by 1935 Ryan's management had made them into Grey Cup champions. Indeed, this was the first time that any Western team had won the National title in football.

In 1935, Bomber victory was however only a sign of the future under Ryan's guidance. The Bomber's once more won the Grey Cups in 1939 and again in 1941. However, lack of financial support in Winnipeg compelled Ryan to finally leave the city in 1941. He went East then and obtained a more substantial salary in Montreal as an employee of the federal tax department.

While in Montreal, he again became involved in sport and was instrumental not only in the Alouettes 1945 beginning, but also in the 1944 construction of the Montreal Hornets. Again, as with the Bombers, Ryan's management of the Alouettes made them Grey Cup champions in 1949.

A large part of Ryan's success as a manager was the result of his practice of signing American players to his teams. This was first successfully done in Winnipeg where Joe obtained salaried players like Carl Cronin from Notre Dame. Later on he also obtained other great stars such as Fritz Hansen, Bob Fitz and Reg Threlfall. It was nearly always Joe himself who went out and persuaded these fine athletes and coaches to come North and work for him. In this way, he continued to make winning teams.

One of Ryan's greatest achievements for Canadian football was his tenacity in getting archaic rules and ways of playing football eliminated from the rule book. For instance, he was central in the movement to allow the legality of the forward or pro pass into Canadian football. This one change made the game even more exciting for the fans than it had been previously.

In 1954, Ryan received the Canadian Rugby Union plaque for outstanding service and in 1958, became the first life member in the Winnipeg Blue Bomber Alumni Association. In 1973, he was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame. He died in April, 1979 in Victoria, BC.

BRANCH REPORTS

Southwest Branch Report [Submitted By: Ken Hyndman, President]

This past summer, we have been very active in this part of the Province, with workshops, etc. being held, as well as organizing the Society's '88 Seminar. First of all, the plans for the Seminar are progressing very smoothly, with few problems developing. We have received excellent community support and interest, with registrations coming in very nicely indeed.

Our Branch has been involved in a project to enhance the cemetery transcripts which already exist, as well as making the 'new' transcripts more complete by obtaining local records and combining all sources into one list per cemetery. Most of the information from the City Hall in Brandon has been received to do this very thing, along with encouragement and support from the City. The same attitude is developing in other communities, thanks to a very active publicity campaign on all the activities of the Branch.

This summer has been very good to the members as we have had many reports on success in their family trees, thanks in part to the workshops being held by the Branch. This has resulted in a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in our organization, which is clearly reflected in the attendance numbers at the Branch meetings.

Southwest Branch - School Project [Submitted By: Isabel Hyndman]

In line with the desire to record as much information as possible about the area covered by the Southwest Branch of M.G.S., I offered to research the rural schools in the area, especially those which existed in the past, as not too many one room schools exist today, if any.

Thanks to Ms. Mary Perfect for her kind permission to use her research "One Hundred Years in the History of Rural Schools in Manitoba" in my work, I am locating the various schools into the Municipality in which they existed. I am also referring to the History books which have been printed on the various Municipalities, which in a number cases gives me further information on some of the schools which no longer exist. Hopes are to have the basic work of this project completed and displayed at Seminar '88.

At present, files are being kept on the various Municipalities in this area. Into this file will go all the extra information that comes our way on cemeteries, churches, schools, places and points of interest in the individual Municipalities at a later date. If individuals in these municipalities would like to send us this type of information, it will all be gratefully accepted.

Cemeteries & Grave Sites [Submitted By: Ivan R. Baker]

When the Brandon and District Branch of M.G.S. took on added responsibility and became the Southwest Branch, we undertook to identify sources of information in the 54 municipalities in the area. One of the main priorities was some kind of a list of cemeteries and burial sites, as the transcribing of cemeteries has been a major function of our members. It was felt if we had a list of burial sites, we could organize our efforts better.

We started by reading Topographic Maps made available to us by the Geography Dept. of the Brandon University. With a bit of perusing, we were able to locate the small (c) and determine the legal description and nearest centre.

M.G.S. supplied information they had received from municipal officials regarding cemeteries in their areas. A further reference of help was the "Manitoba Cemetery Index" article by Eric Jonasson which appeared in "Generations" in 1979.

Speaking with people provided many locations of grave sites. A master Index using all sources was composed and it was found that there were different cemeteries on each one.

So far, we have come up with 353 cemeteries and grave sites, but I am sure there are a lot more to be found. If anyone can help with locating more, we would appreciate your support. Corrections/additions to our records accumulated thus far are most welcome.

Winnipeg Branch Report [Submitted By: Heather Hobbs, President]

After a beautiful summer including some well-deserved loafing, we are back into "research mode" and enthusiastic to be involved in genealogy again. The branch executive has been brought back up to full force since the departure of Candy Kelner - Beryl Robbins will now act as first vice-president and we welcome Ed Somers onto the executive as second vice-president.

September 29th was the date of the Branch's monthly meetings started up this fall again. Everyone 'caught up' on the latest development in the Branch and M.G.S. The evening was a "Members Problem-Solving Night" and discussion groups were formed for the Special Interest Sections that we have initiated. Larger groups with six or more people have been assigned experienced 'advisors' who can help beginners or people temporarily thwarted in their research.

The Branch is pleased to sponsor the second newsletter of the Canadian Federation of Genealogical and Family History Societies (C.F.G.F.H.S.) - the importance of this level of organization for genealogical research in Canada is respected and we extend our congratulations for the good work done to Ruth Breckman and company.

Scrapbook Project - This project is progressing well - a computer program for the entries and the actual entering of data is underway. The scrapbooks will be put on microfiche, therefore, if you currently have one of the scrapbooks, please complete it and return it. This will enable all entries to be input on the computer and the scrapbook itself to be microfiched. The deadline for the completion of the data entry/microfiche work is December 1988.

Special Interest Groups - There are about 8 viable groups formed, which include: Scotland, Ireland, England, U.S.A., Ontario, Maritime Canada, Loyalists, and Germany. If your research does not fall into one of these groups, let us know and efforts will be made to form further groups. For example, Quebec and Ukraine.

Upcoming Meetings

October 20, 1988 : 7:30 p.m. McGregor Armouries : the meeting in essence will be a tour of the Fort Garry Horse Museum and the military vehicles.

November 17, 1988 : 7:30 Museum of Man & Nature classroom - Lecture/workshop on conservation and restoration of paper artifacts by paper conservator Mary DeGrow. Members are encouraged to bring articles for estimates and advise if they choose (one item per person, please).

December 15, 1988 : 7:30 Museum of Man & Nature classroom - a Christmas Social will wind up the year, featuring an "Heirlooms and Memorabilia" theme. Bring a special souvenir from an ancestor for 'show and tell'.

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CEMETERY TRANSCRIBERS GET BEAR AND BARE FACTS

Earlier we read of the Southwest Branch's undertaking to do a thorough recording of the cemeteries and burial sites in the municipalities which they represent. The following article was submitted by Jim and Beth Wall respecting their adventures in this worthy endeavour!

As all good researchers have recalled over the years, you just can't get stopped looking for those long, lost family descendants that could be a resident of one of Manitoba's many cemeteries. And so, vacation or not, when the old bug bites you, you are hooked and off you go on one of those exciting chases, not knowing what you will find and usually ending up making new friends and many new tales to tell.

Around the southern area of Riding Mountain National park, you can find a researcher's pot of gold in many of the old cemeteries and find out where much archival data records are held and are available for your viewing. One things leads to another and with a few "Good Mornings", "It's a nice day!" opens many doors to a wonderful group of very helpfull people located in any of our municipal offices. It's good to get that feeling, that many people want to help you, but have never heard of the Manitoba Genealogical Society, want to know more about us and offer to share their family history and family trees. We are told of unmarked cemeteries, private burial grounds and names of people to talk to who are a vast source of historical information. Many of their pioneer descendants live in surrounding areas and always a story leads to another exciting find.

Drive a few miles down a country road, ask one of the old timers where do you find the new cemetery, and then ask for the old cemetery. Chances are, you could be talking to the cemetery caretaker or his friend. From Erickson to Onanole, to Scanandiva, to Crawford Park, to Battle Lake, to Rackham, to Sandy Lake, to Jackfish, and return through Clear Lake makes for one busy day.

As I took a moment and asked a question at the R.M. Office in Onanole, "How do you get to Crawford Park, and who could I talk to and what is the area like?", a new spirit of adventure was taking place. When you get the feeling, that you have just got to go and see for yourself, who is buried there, how old the cemetery is, how it got started and if any records have already been taken, you have been badly bitten by the transcribers bug. Now most of us travel with our partners, who also can't resist checking our latest find, a transcription is made after we talk by telephone to the cemetery caretaker and administrator. He tells us to go ahead and check the cemetery records and have a coffee. The work starts, my wife Beth makes a grid plan, records stones and copies inscriptions. She keeps telling me of what a beautiful day we have, how beautiful the scenery is and the sound of the forest is beautiful. As I am now getting a stiff neck from always looking over my shoulder, listening and plotting my next move, my wife Beth relates she has never seen me as restless. We finish our transcription and return to the car. As we talk about our effort and accomplishments, I now remind her that many tell-tale signs were all around this cemetery. As you might guess, we are in bear country. Natures animals leave many calling cards around the area. I tell her a good hint was, that elephants do not wander around the grass in cemetery areas and grunt in the trees.

Yes folks, don't be surprised when two of Mr. Ranger's forest creatures like Yogi and BoBo would like to know who is digging up the family roots. Beth my wife could have made an Olympic dash down old PTH Highway 359 with a bear behind which would have added much color to the local weekly newspapers. She still shakes when thinking about transcribing cemeteries in bear country. I hope she can forgive me in the next few years and if I could only have taken her photograph, it could have saved me from writing this long report.

Our friends at Crawford Park made us very welcome at their farm. Alice and Ken Griffiths are a credit to the local community. Born in this area on a local farm, having raised seven children, and doing much community services, had made them appreciate our Canada. They had many records, books, and community histories that made our visit most interesting. But in all good encounters, the best and rewarding part is yet to come.

That old familiar question is asked, "Do you have a family tree?" Yes, most certainly names like WELFORD and WINDER are the family lines with many descendants. Alice handed a letter with a birth certificate enclosed. This is Ken's mother and ancestors in England. For my eyes can't believe what I see, the parents of Ken are born in the same small Hamlet as my own father was in England. To our amazement, we now find out that we had met a few years ago and had the same friends now living in Moline, Manitoba. It's a small world, thank goodness for new friends and old. It really makes your day!

BEST WISHES TO BARBARA PAGE

Through the years, Barbara Page has served in many capacities for M.G.S. Many will recall her editorialship of "Generations" prior to this editor. In many instances, her input was received in an ex-officio capacity on various committees of the Society. Most recently, the Society has benefited from her direction respecting the functions of the computer at the Resource Centre. At the last Council meeting held September 17th, Council accepted recommendations drawn up by Barbara respecting the Records Policy. Her ideas have formed a base for the Society to grow on. Your presence will be missed indeed Barbara now that you have moved off to the west coast!

PERIODICAL REVIEWS [Edited By: Lori Frank]

Price International Vol. 1 #1 - a Price family magazine that is now available.

Relatively Speaking Vol. 16 #2 - 'Medicine Hat News' births 1911; German funerals; Volhynian research group address; Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Dakota Homestead Vol. 17 #1 - late 1800's settlers from Steele, N.D.; a German-Russian emigration story.

Greenwood Tree Vol. 13 #2 - Rendall family; Grigg & Gilbert families.

Oregon G.S. Quarterly Vol. 26 #3 - Lane Co. Will Book extracts; Davis family.

Canadian Genealogist Vol. 9 #4 - William Young story; Manitoba cemeteries; Coburg nicknames; incest in genealogy; Cuttle family Bible.

Ancestor, Journal of Victoria, Australia Vol. 19 #1 - life on Bendigo diggins 1853; James Meek story; Nova Scotians to Australia 1852.

Family Tree Magazine Vol. 4 #7 - circus family histories. Vol. 4 #8 - published sources for Scottish Family History; Bassett family; deaths in India.

Families Vol. 26 #2 - researching the original personnel of the establishments; research in the Netherlands; the Young family's trip West; Chrysler family.

Perth Co. Profiles Vol. 6 #2 - sources in Michigan.

Leeds & Grenville Branch, OGS Vol. 14 #6 - some Stevens family history; Brockville cemetery MI's.

Lost in Canada Vol. 14 #11 - ship passengers to Quebec, 1824; Lacadie & Ogdensburg parish extracts.

Alberta FHS Quarterly Vol. 8 #4 - Mayflower genealogy; occupations.

B.C. Genealogist Vol. 17 #2 - history of the Moravian Church.

Genealogists Magazine Vol. 22 #10 - old Scottish registers; use of electoral rolls.

Augustan Society Omnibus Book 8 - honors & awards; ancestry of Austin Killam; Skaggs family; Wimberley & Schwier families; French-Canadian research.

Aberdeen & N.E. Scotland FHS #26 - Mowat family; history of Aberdeen harbour; records in Australia. #27 - military records; military ancestors.

Minnesota Genealogist Vol. 19 #2 - ship passengers to Minnesota 1884; Scott Co. marriages 1869; Mable Lutheran Church cemetery MI's.

East Surrey FHS Vol. 11 #1 - Belgian research.

National Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol. 76 #2 - research in Florida; David Finley ancestry; Jacob Rieser & descendants; research aids for Afro-Americans.

Generations, N.B.G.S. Issue #36 - Dickson name and family; descendants of John White; Mary Queen Parish cemetery MI's.

Whatcom Genealogical Society Vol. 18 #4 - newspaper birth records 1889-1937; WWI veterans.

Mt. Ida Family Family History Soc. June 1988 - members interest directory.

Cleveland FHS Vol. 3 #11 - Stockton parish; Fleck/Cook family; deaths 1928 from N.E. Daily Gazette.

Lincolnshire Family Historian Vol. 6 #5 - Lewthwaite family; Edmund Weaver bio.

Bristol & Avon FHS #52 - Dudbridge family; Clark family history; early deeds for Bitton.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Soc. Vol. 19 #2 - Dutch marriage registration.

The Genealogist Vol. 14 #2 - Hains family; 'Willie Chenette' pioneer; the founding of Detroit; Lambert family; how to translate a French National document; Letourneau family.

Queensland Family Historian Vol. 19 #2 - passenger lists 1914; White family; Burnett area.

Relatively Speaking, Alberta GS Vol. 16 #3 - Duke of Sutherland's property near Brooks, Alberta; 1881 census Peace River; surname ROYALL and variants; Fath Hill Catholic cemetery MI's.

Heritage Review Germans from Russia Soc. Vol. 16 #2 - Soviet Germans & Russian policies; Germans in the Dobrudscha.

Newfoundland Ancestor Vol. 4 #3 - St. John family; early pharmacists; partial list of inhabitants of St. Johns 1781.

Seattle Genealogical Soc. Bulletin Vol. 37 #4 - early Benton County.

N.S. Genealogist Vol. 6 #2 - German given names; sources for research.

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BELANO - A TRUE STORY

The following article submitted by Ernest McCallum was written about 1940 respecting the life on the Prairies ...

In the month of May, 1879, a Red River paddle steamer arrived at Winnipeg, its northermost port of call, and proceeded to unload its passengers, and freight of all descriptions. The human freight was as varied as the miscellany marked on the boat's bill of lading. Grey-bearded men and young men; elderly ladies with silvering tresses and young women on the thresh-old of Life's endeavours; half-grown youths and maidens; smaller children and infants in arms, all embarking at the "gateway of the West," some to settle permanently and grow up with the city; some to take up land near-by; whilst others came on westward, just another contingent to swell the ranks of that van-guard from Eastern Canada, who had been drifting west for the past four or five years, and had settled mostly near the U.S.A. boundary line as far west as Twitte Mountains. South-west from Winnipeg at this time, much of the land which later became first-class wheat land, was then covered with water till late mid-summer, and the settlement was most marked from a point about sixty miles in a south-westerly direction, to the foot of the Pembina Hills.

And now, dear reader, allow me to introduce Belano. His father was a building contractor in the City of Montreal, where in conjunction with a partner, they had carried on a business for some years, and employed at times forty to fifty men. One of Belano's uncles, his father's youngest brother, had come west in 1877 and worked on a survey party from Winnipeg to Edmonton, and returning to Montreal the following winter, brought such glowing accounts of the Western Plains, with their great expanse of fertile acres, covered with luxuriant grasses, that Belano's father decided to sell out his holdings and migrate to Manitoba. Business was very fair in Montreal at the time, but the partnership proved rather irksome, and to dissolve this business relationship proved the deciding factor in making the move westward. A sister of Belano's mother, and her husband, also decided to come west, so in the Spring of 1879, this uncle and aunt, with Belano's mother and her three children -- a sister one year older than Belano, and a baby brother four months old -- left Montreal, and in due course, arrived in Winnipeg by steamboat, and settled temporarily on the corner of William and Charlotte Streets in Winnipeg. Belano's father followed as soon as possible with two carloads of stock and farm equipment, house furniture, tools, and a general inventory of goods and chattels to start farming operations. And there you have Belano, at one month less than four years old.

When Belano's father had arrived in Winnipeg, and he and his brother-in-law had moved the stock and other freight about sixty miles south-west, Belano's uncle returned to bring the women and children, while his father put the finishing touches to the home. The trail lay along the western bank of the Red River to Morris, and then about twenty miles westward across the Boyne Marsh, which was then a trackless, low-lying prairie covered with water right up to the eastern boundary of Section 19, Township 4, Range 3, West. The conveyance used to carry the family westward was a Red River cart, and it was drawn by a stout little French Canadian mare called Posy.

The marsh mentioned above was caused by the overflow waters of the Boyne River to the North, and Shannon Creek, three miles South. There were no railroads in Manitoba then, as the Canadian Pacific Railway did not cross Red River at Point Douglas, Winnipeg, till early in the Spring of 1881; and there were no government roads of any description with their attendant ditches to carry away the surplus flood waters, and consequently the water spread over the thousands of acres, producing great crops of rye-grass which made good coverage and nesting grounds for ducks, snipe, plover, and other wild fowl. It was also

the most typical breeding ground for mosquitoes, and Belano assured me it was no hyperbolic speech or exaggeration, to say that there were more mosquitoes to the square acre in that marsh than there are one-cent pieces in the combined National debts of all the Governments under Christendom. The wild fowl were of much benefit to the pioneers, but the mosquitoes and the bull-dog flies of the higher ground were very troublesome and very costly. By the end of the first summer, five of the six horses had died of the persecution they received from the insects, and only one gray filly and the two cows survived the ordeal.

A word here about that home, and its construction. It was just one step removed from the original pioneer sod-shanty. It had four walls of one-inch rough boards, and outside this the sods were laid tier on tier up to the eaves, which were just high enough to permit fullgrown men to stand erect and little more. Then length-wise from end to end, a pole was placed, and one-inch boards warped over the ridge pole from side to side, and then a tier of sods for a covering. There was a door frame and a wooden door on the south side and a window opposite. The sod walls served a double purpose -- as a wind-break and as a real nesting place for many snakes. They were garter-snake in species and harmless, and into the joints of the sods they came, and made their homes. They were very numerous and very friendly and when the sun shone warm, would put their heads out of the holes in the sods and hiss. With that inherent curiosity which is seemingly common to all the wild things of nature, they seemed to like looking at the children.

From the sight of the above hovel there was nothing to obstruct the view, and nothing to be seen, at that time, but prairie, except the odd scattered dwellings of pioneers to the north and west; the closest one and a half miles away, the next two miles, and nother four miles distant. To the south and east, nothing was visible except the skunks, badgers, and coyotes, which were very much in evidence, more especially the skunks and coyotes. Not a tree dotted that landscape then, and the closest wood within a radius often miles, was some which skirted the banks of Scott's Creek¹ to the west. The great open spaces so glibly spoken of in later years, and so yearned after by the city-dwellers, were here in real evidence in 1879; and when the rigors of the winter of 1879-80 settled over that part of Manitoba, the spaces were truly, very, very open.

Some years subsequent to this, Belano had listened to men recounting their exploits and the hardships endured, and, man-like, the stories lost nothing in the telling, but take it from Belano, the brunt of all these exploits fell on the shoulders of the women-folk; and had it not been for them, no settlement worth the name would have preceded the advent of the Railroad. No it was to women like Belano's mother and her sister, and that band of women like them, who, forsaking their comfortable homes in Eastern Canada, and leaving behind relatives and friends, and all those comforts dear to a woman's heart, lived up to their vows of "For Better or for Worse," and came west with their men-folk. Admitted, the men did suffer hardships, and many of them, but so did the women, and more-so, and added to the burden of their load was the task of comforting and cheering on their men-folk. Too brave to admit defeat, they were the weight which turned the scales from failure to success.

Turning back the pages of memory, Belano can remember the men who came alone, and can see their finish. Some fine types of manhood they were -- healthy, ambitious men of both Canadian birth and British, who, arriving full of hope proceeded to make a home and win a competence for themselves. So they thought. One hundred and sixty acres of land they could homestead for ten dollars, and after proving up on this could secure from the Government another one hundred and sixty acres, as a pre-emption for one dollar an acre. They came with some ready money, and after buying a yoke of oxen and a plough,

1 Scotts Creek - homesteaded on by Janus Scott - W 1/2 6-4-4.

and a few essentials necessary to start house-keeping, or rather, batching -- and there is a very considerable difference -- they started in. But they were bachelors; they lacked God's Greatest Gift to Man -- a good woman. From the first move, the cards were stacked against them. They learned to make bannocks, a large sized scone made of flour and water and a pinch of salt, and which, if eaten hot was most conducive to indigestion and its attendant ills, and when cold were hard enough to make an anvil block. They were about half as palatable as the modern dog biscuit. The bannocks and beans were washed down with tea made from slough water of strong alkaline content. Generally they finished the meal with a helping of black sorghum syrup, which came in wooden kegs of varying dimensions.

They made a good, honest try, those bachelors; but their own cooking, and the mosquitoes, and the flying ants by day, and the crying of the coyotes by night, and the lonesomeness of it all would get them down; and Bill and Sid and Tom, and others, one by one drifted back eastward again. Their strips of ploughed land went back to sod and reverted to the Government who retained title to it for quite a time afterward.

It was not till some years later that a bachelor did come into those parts and make good, but not at farming. He came a long way. He was a Cookney, and known to the people as "Wall-eyed Sam". His left eye was quite a natural looking orb, but the right one was overlarge and had a cock-eyed appearance as though it was sort of swivel-controlled. He could perfectly feign a sort of simplicity of mind which really did not exist. That right eye was a poser, and while the farmers thought he was looking north, he was just as apt to be looking to any other point of the compass, and he had to an uncanny degree the faculty of sizing up people. Only the little black dog, Prince, who followed him, knew where Sam was looking or of what he was thinking.

The railroad had arrived before his time, and many settlers had located to the west and north, specially west, and much land had been broken up and put under crop, and cattle had increased until some farmers had 30, 40, and even to 50 head of stock. The scarcity of wood made fencing well nigh impossible, and it became very troublesome to keep the cattle out of the grain. Here Sam's roving eye saw the main chance. He bought a pony and a tent, and hied him out to the mouth of Shannon Creek, and pitching his tent in the centre of that large tract of good Government pasture proceeded to build a large corral. When this was accomplished, he rode through the settlement and offered to take over the herding of all the stock at one dollar per head for oxen, cows, calves, and stocker cattle of all degrees. The farmers had to agree to bring the cattle to him in the Spring, all branded, and on payment of the \$1.00 per head at the end of the six months, come and take them home. It worked, and the accumulated herd numbered over two thousand the first summer. By day he built large smudges and as evening approached he lit those piles of dry manure, and the cattle gathered to the corral and enjoyed their rest. In such a large herd many calves were born, and Sam kept close watch on all his patron's stock. When the cattle had been comfortably corralled, Sam would mount the pony, and ride to some farm house to acquaint the farmer with his good fortune in the way of stock increase, and remarkable as it may seem, he always arrived at a time when the cloth was being spread for a home-cooked meal. Of course, he did not like to refuse their kind invitation to sit in and eat, and he dined himself well. The following year the herd numbered about twenty-five hundred cattle, and when Sam had cashed in that fall, he left the scene a good winner.

But now to get back to the sod shelter. After a few acres had been broken up and seeded that spring, Belano's father proceeded to bring home from Winnipeg some lumber and shingles to build a better shelter; and when winter came, he and Belano's uncle drew home some logs from Scott's Creek to make the uncle a home. The logs were from twelve inches to twenty-four inches in diameter and of elm. They were hewn to about eight inches thick, and built into a one-story house. The corners were dove-tailed together, and the roof was

boards, and when the logs had been chinked and plastered, the whole outside walls were whitewashed. This made a cozy home, and many a night afterwards, Belano slept beneath its hospitable roof. The winter was taken up with getting home fuel, and the even more difficult task of burning the green elm after it had been hauled home.

Chemistry in 1879 had not produced any kind of early ripening wheat, and the crop was generally frozen. When milled into flour it made a very dark bread which absolutely refused to rise as bread should; and that old-coined phrase "The Patience of Job" could never be more aptly applied to any form of endeavor, than the task allotted to those pioneer women on the bald prairie of those days, trying to make good bread from frozen wheat flour, cooked with green elm. The earlier settlers of 1875, '76, '77, used to haul their wheat to St. Joe in North Dakota to be milled, but in 1878, when the American miller at St. Joe decided to charge Canadians twenty per cent extra for doing their gristing, the settlers along the base of Pembina Mountain, some twenty miles west, decided to have a mill of their own, and after raising the necessary funds, despatched one of their number, who was a miller, to secure the necessary machinery in Eastern Canada.

Prior to 1873 there was no railroad in Manitoba; but in that year the St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Manitoba came into Winnipeg on the eastern side of Red River. It was a branch line from St. Vincent, Minnesota, and was expected at the time to turn westerly from Winnipeg, but the Canadian Pacific Railway later took over the road.

When the flour mill had become a reality, at the foot of Pembina Mountain and on Silver Creek, to be exact, a saw-mill followed, as there was much good red oak timber growing north, south, and west. The saw-mill, when set up, sawed the oak logs into timbers and boards to make a building over the machinery, and the building was even roofed with oak shingles.

The following Spring when the mill began turning out lumber in quantity, a general store was built for a Nova Scotian, and soon his initial shipment of goods arrived from Winnipeg, being brought the eighty miles westward from Winnipeg, in Red River carts driven by Indians. Around this nucleus of a village,² other people built homes and business places till by 1882, five years after the building of a mill was mooted, the village had become a town of close to one thousand inhabitants. It boasted of three general stores, two hotels, two private banks, two hardware stores, a bakery, a harness shop, a liquor store, two blacksmith shops, and three churches. It had also a town hall of brick construction, which housed the Registry Office, County-Court Office, et cetera. It then incorporated as a town, and issued \$20,000 worth of debentures, which were purchased by the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation. Corner lots then sold for as much as \$1,000, and a real land boom took place in Manitoba the same year.

The Canadian Pacific Railway, crossing the Red River in the Spring of 1881, brought a great influx of Easterners looking for a location, and with money to pay for the same, started the boom. Nightly, auction sales were held in an Hotel in Winnipeg to sell town lots and farm lands, at prices far above their real worth, and when the boom broke, many were the disappointments of the would-be get-rich-quick investors.

The up and coming town of which we speak, felt confident the railroad would come to them, and this centre was counted by Winnipeg realtors the choicest plum in the speculative list west of that city. When a railroad did reach Pembina Mountain, it was seven miles south

2 Village of Nelson - does not exist today.

of the hopeful town, which then started to move to the railroad³ when it would not come to them. In 1884 the exodus commenced, and by 1885 was in full swing. Houses were out in sections and moved on wagons or sleighs as the roads permitted and some large houses were moved whole. Belano remembers well seeing one large two-story house moving along on three sleighs and drawn by ten horses in front and two span behind hitched to pusher-poles. When near its destination, and by the way, its present location, fifty-five years hence, one horse slipped and fell, taking his mate down also, and they were both killed.

It seems rather a strange freak of fate that the town which felt so confident of securing railway accommodation, moved entirely away, and the town site reverted to a wheat field, and years afterwards another railroad coming northward was intended to cross the former two roads about seven miles eastward. The latter road, however, was never completed.

With the exodus of building and people to the south, came two Reverend gentlemen, and one, the Anglican Rector, must be mentioned here, not only for his good citizenship, and the high regard in which he was held by the people in general, but for what seemed to many, a queer notion about the driving of horses; To get around his parish he used a team of ponies and a buckboard. When driving he always sat well forward on the seat and held the lines up about level with his ears, and after trotting the ponies along at a merry clip for some time, would put them into a fast canter. He explained that the change to a faster gait rested his team, and it soon became a common saying in those parts, when the Reverend gentleman was seen with his team at the gallop; "The Rev. Tommy is resting his ponies."

When 1881 was still less than half-grown, a baby sister arrived in Belano's home. The land under cultivation had increased till it was necessary to hire a farm helper. Then a domestic was engaged to help with the household duties, and Belano in his boyish way thought her a fine young woman. She, in her turn, thought Belano some pest to have around while busy, and she contrived several dodges to rid herself of his presence. The old Chestnut of a handful of salt was handed out with instructions to put it on the tails of some sandhill cranes stalking along some half-mile distant. Another gag was to point to some weeds, some distance away, and send Belano to find a hen's nest and be sure to bring all the eggs back safely. Some few years later, this young woman lost her sight completely, and for years afterwards, made her living by knitting socks and mitts, an occupation at which she became very expert. The awful affliction of going blind did not blight her usual sunny disposition, and her family never heard her complain of her misfortune.

About this time, Belano's parents and others of the district were faced with a new and very disturbing problem -- to secure a school. The men of the settlement called a meeting and petitioned the authorities to provide schooling for the children. They persevered for a year, but no results were forthcoming. A family from Ontario came and settled about eight miles to the northwest. The man was a blacksmith, and besides helping the farmers with their repairs, managed to have his house gazetted as a Post Office. This led to hopes that a school might follow, but the man died suddenly and his widow and family went to Winnipeg to live, and the name of the Post Office faded from the picture. Strange to relate, a thriving town⁴ stands today on either side of where this Post Office was, and but a short walk distant. With no prospect of a school being secured, Belano's father had a choice - to stay with his farming operations and have no schooling for his family, or go to the hopeful town³ at the foot of Pembina Mountain and work at his trade as a builder, while the children went to school.

3 Hopeful Town - Morden, Manitoba

4 Roland, Manitoba

This latter course was taken, and it must have been a great disappointment after fighting as a pioneer for four years, and getting a foothold, to relinquish all plans just when the railroads were coming with relief from the long hauls and many inconveniences of the earlier years.

As a young man, Belano's father belonged to the Canadian Militia, and was on parade with the Montreal Regiment the first Dominion Day observed in Canada. Being a member of the Militia entitled him, on taking up land in Manitoba, to a script called a "Soldier's Warrant," with which on payment of a small sum, entitled the holder to 160 acres of Government land. In this case the land was taken directly south, and adjoining the pre-emption. Still south, and adjoining, two sections or 1280 acres were purchased, and about the same time, the section directly north of the homestead was purchased from an Englishman, who was a bachelor, and decided he wished to go, and that quickly, to some claimed where the mosquitoes and sand-flies had shorter bills, and where the Arctic breezes in winter were not so much inevidence. The land spoken of here made a continuous line on the west side four and a half mile long, and was 2400 acres.

As soon as a house was erected in Hopeful town,³ twenty miles to the west, Belano's family moved, and to school was the next order. Belano was eight years and some months old, and had been taught by his mother to read and write some, which helped greatly, but the ordeal of starting to school will never be forgotten, he assured me.

The school-house was a low-ceiling one-story room, built at the edge of a thick oak woods. The occupants were crowded in so that Belano was put on a front bench with three diminutive urchins, and no desk in front, and right under the direct scrutiny of as heartless a villain as any set of trustees ever hired. A very large slate and a pencil with its barber-pole decorations, and a first Primer, were shortly handed the over-grown youth from the mosquito-belt, and he was established, or fancied so, on the first rung of the ladder of learning, the summit of which is never reached.

School was opened by the reading of The Lord's Prayer, which was printed in the attendance register, and this particular morning the old strap-wielder was about half-way through the Prayer, when two youths of about sixteen arrived, and with a few cuss-words, kicked the door clear off the hinges and inwards, the top end landing flat in front of Belano and his associates on the front seat. No thermostat self-stoking heating in the school basements of those days, but a large box-stove filled with oak wood was working at all out on this winter morning. The villain forgot the Prayer and made a lunge at the two offenders, who proceeded to do battle. They managed to get him down and get possession of the strap of torture, and then shoved his head under the stove, and plied the strap with a will. But he squirmed out free, and finally got the upper hand enough to stall off further attack. Round One seemed to be a draw, and the two youths in anything but a subdued state, so a boy was dispatched posthaste to bring the trustees. They arrived and expelled one lad and went away. Then the dirty coward piled onto the remaining lad and man-handled him severely.

When quiet was restored, Belano discovered a swell past-time. It was to take the big slats and holding it with a finger and thumb of each hand so as to be horizontal, place the pencil at centre, and then incline it gradually so the pencil would roll to the lower end. Reverse this move and back comes the pencil. To be proficient at balancing requires practice, as do all the arts besides jugglery, and Belano had but little practice when the cat-footed

3 Hopeful Town - Morden, Manitoba.

dominie came up from behind, and with a clout back of the ear, lifted the would-be artist clear of that seat and doing somersaults toward the door. But the forenoon came to an end, and the afternoon too, and when school was dismissed, and Belano was a starting for home, he was confronted by a gang of boys, who had in their number a lad as old in years as Belano, but a much smaller package, who evidently had studied the Napoleonic tactics that proper defense lies in attack, and Belano carried home one black eye, and got a parental trouncing for fighting. It was a dark day indeed; but every hill has a hollow, and for every wound there is balm, and Belano's mother said he would do better bye and bye, and his dog still loved him.

NUNS & PRIESTS - RELIGIOUS ANCESTORS [By: Kathy Stokes]

Many of us have ancestors or more recent relatives who entered religious life. Sometimes these people are difficult to trace. Recently, M.G.S. has received transcriptions of two cemeteries in which the graves are almost exclusively those of nuns or priests.

St. Benedict's Priory is located in West St. Paul, just north of Winnipeg and its cemetery contains nuns' graves, as well as those of "benefactresses" (as noted). Surnames from this cemetery are as follows:

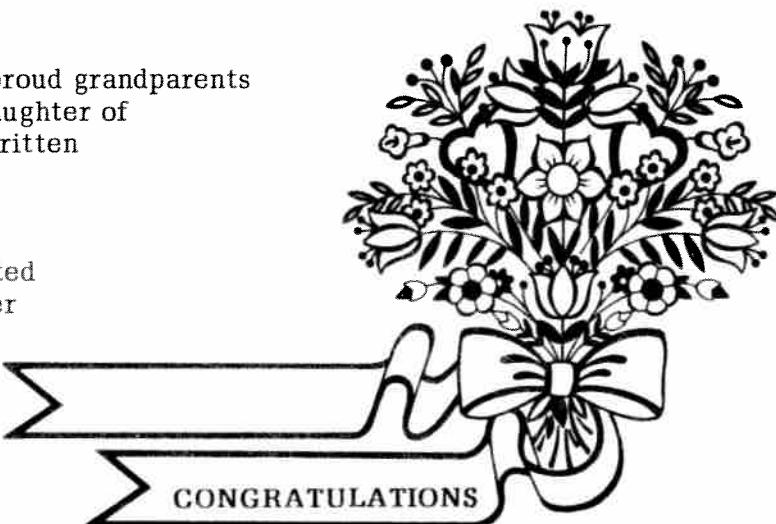
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The cemetery of the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate is located on the grounds of the Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre in St. Boniface. All the graves are those of priests, except one (as noted).

Allard, Baudin, Beaulieu, Bellemare, Blais, Bonald, Bousquet, Brassard, Brouillet, Cahill, Caron, Chaumont, Cloutier, Comeau, Costiou, D'Amour, Dandurand, De Bijl, Desrochers, Donnelly, Dorais, Dubeau, Gauthier, Gladu, Gondeville, Gorieu, Grall, Guillet, Heuchert, Josse, Kalmes, Kerbrat, Kerouanton, Lagasse, Magnan, Marion, Martineau, Masse, Meissner, Mondor, Monje, Morice, Moss, MacCarthy, McNeil, O'Dwyer, Page, Paquette, Pedalue, Pilon, Poulet, Poulin, Poitras, Rioux, Robillard, Savoie, Sylvestre, Thibaudeau, Vezina.

Bill & Alice OLMSTEAD became proud grandparents
to Kelsey Catherine BRITTEN, daughter of
Sandra Lynn (Olmstead) and Tom Britten
- born on July 30, 1988.

Orma (Irvine) SOZANSKY celebrated
the marriage of her eldest daughter
Peggy to Bill LEPINE on June 25,
1988 in Peel Wedding Chapel,
Brampton, Ontario.



James HALLETT b. 17 Aug. 1828
d. Aug. 1904

m/to
Maria BOURKE b. 1837
d. 24 July 1877

Albert HALLETT b. 1861 St. James
d. 18 Feb. 1943 St. James

m/to
Bela BJARNASON b. 1865 Iceland
d. 19 Dec. 1940 St. James

Sigurdur THORARINSON b. 05 Dec. 1852 Iceland
d. 25 Mar. 1936 Winnipeg

m/to
Katarine Kristin BRANDSDOTTER b. 16 Aug. 1854 Olafsrk, Iceland
d. 12 Nov. 1929 Winnipeg

Richard HALLETT b. 1884 St. James, Man.
d. 1950 St. James, Man.

m/to
Sarah THORARINSON
b. 07 Sept. 1886 Iceland
d. 14 June 1958 Toronto, Ont.

Sigurdur THORARINSON b. 05 Dec. 1852 Iceland
d. 25 Mar. 1936 Winnipeg

Katarine Kristin BRANDSDOTTER b. 16 Aug. 1854 Olafsrk, Iceland
d. 12 Nov. 1929 Winnipeg

Harold Richard HALLETT
b. 17 Sept. 1912, Winnipeg, Man.

Richard Ronald HALLETT b. 24 Aug. 1943, Vancouver BC
m/to
Heather Marguerite MORISON *

Thomas WOROBY b. 1871 Austria
d. 1939 Rorketon, Man.

m/to
Rozalia PAPUGA b. 1876 Llow, Poland
d. 1946 Rorketon, Man.

Michaline Ruth WOROBY
b. 29 Sept. 1911, Sifton, Man.

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MEMBER'S PEDIGREE CHART

Interested in learning more on HALLETT of Western Canada, especially
Manitoba (Fur trade family) 1792+; BOURKE; FIDLER; MCNABB; SPENCE;
PARENTEAU; LETENDRE; KNIGHT; BREMNER; PRUDEN; FOULDS;
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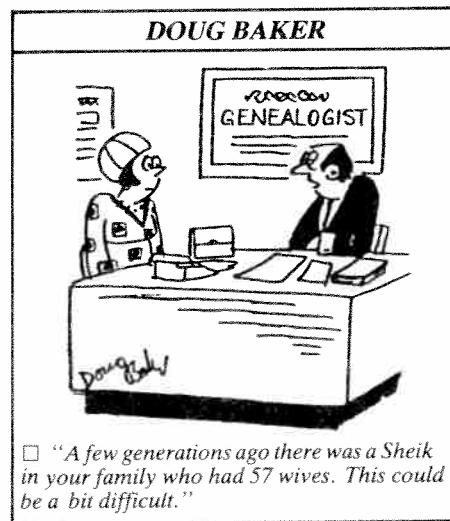
In the Bedfordshire FHS Journal Vol. 6 No. 6 Summer '88 was an article that deems to be reprinted, in part, on these pages:

... I am a member of four FHS and my names have appeared in all their Journals. I have received letters from all over the country, in fact from all over the world. A big proportion of these letters do not concern my family, ... My biggest success to date was a letter I had published in the Bedfordshire Family History magazine. ... I wanted to know if anybody could remember a tailors shop in the High Street of Bedford in the late 1920's or early 1930's of my namesake. ... I had a letter from the daughter of the owner. ... as I read further into her letter I realized that we were actually related, and on consulting my charts I realized that her grandfather and my grandfather were brothers, that made us second cousins. ... She told me that Leonard CARELESS, her uncle, had emigrated to Canada in 1910. This interested me as I had been named after him and I determined to find him or at least his family, as I was informed by my "new" cousin that he had married a girl in Canada called Minnie and was a customs officer in a town called Emerson. ... Not much to go on, but I looked in my atlas and found that Emerson was a town on the American/Canadian border, and that the nearest city was Winnipeg. So looking at my FH News and Digest I found the name and address of the secretary of the local FHS and wrote to her to see if anybody in the society could help me, ... Well after about three or four weeks I received a reply from the secretary saying that there were no Careless's in the Emerson telephone directory but she sent me three from the Winnipeg directory. One of these had the initials W.L. So I thought Billy (which was the name I had been given) must be William and the L must be Leonard after his father who had emigrated all those years ago from Bedford. I wrote a letter to W.L. and ...he was the Billy I had been told about after just those eight lines in the Bedford FH magazine. ... Mr. Lou Pymm, a member of our local Nottingham FHS, was going to visit his son in Winnipeg for a six week holiday and he very kindly offered to search out Billy Careless for me. ... I received word that he had contacted the family and they were very interested as they had already had some professional help in tracing their ancestors over here. The amount of material ... almost amounted to a one name study of the Bedford and Huntingdon area, some going back to the year 1268.

Congratulations to Leonard Careless on discovering a Canadian - Manitoba connection!

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"A few generations ago there was a Sheik in your family who had 57 wives. This could be a bit difficult."

From: Family Tree Magazine
March 1988 issue.

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

M.G.S. # Name and Address

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| 1856 | Carolyn TRUDEAU, P.O. Box 266, Ile des Chenes, MB R0A 0T0 |
| 1858 | Darlene OVERBY, 730 Pitchard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R2W 2K9 |
| 1859 | Florence STROM, 133 Niakwa Rd., Apt. 409, Winnipeg, MB R2M 5J5 |
| 1860 | Tom LaPORTE, 579 McNaughton Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3L 1S7 |
| 1863 | Esther MELESHKO, 507 - 1099 Grant Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3M 1Y7 |
| 1865 | Sheila GILES, 6 First St., Box 282, Vineland, ON L0R 2C0 |
| 1866 | Daniel A. GENN, 19 Berard Way, Winnipeg, MB R3V 1N3 |
| 1868 | Arthur L. BUCKLEY, 74 Jaymorr Dr., Winnipeg, MB R3R 1Y1 |
| 1868 | Christine GIBSON, General Delivery, Gibbons, AB T0A 1N0 |
| 1869 | G. Neil REDDEKOPP, 5712 144 Street, Edmonton, AB T6H 4H4 |
| 1871 | Gary COLEMAN, 15 Durham Bay, Winnipeg, MB R2J 1T9 |
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| 1873 | Ellen PAUL, 6019 Carmen Ct. W., Orchard Lake, Mich., USA 48033 |
| 1874 | James MCCLELLAND, Box 301, Emerson, MB R0A 0L0 |
| 1875 | Gale M. MacRAE, 44 Trigwell Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3K 0H8 |
| 1876 | Rod SMITH, 316 - 212 Greenway, Winnipeg, MB R2Y 1Z2 |
| 1878 | Mrs. Margaret BELLHOUSE, M2P - 300 Roslyn Rd., Winnipeg, MB R3L 0H4 |
| 1883 | Joan M. WHISTON, 15 Lakeridge Rd., Winnipeg, MB R2Y 1K3 |
| 1885 | Martha (Mart) HARRIS, 307 - 415 St. Jean Baptiste, Winnipeg, MB R2H 2X6 |
| 1886 | Elizabeth ARGALL-ANDREWS, Box 7, Barrington, NS B0W 1E0 |
| 1887 | H. T. ODGERS, 289 Renfrew St., Winnipeg, MB R3N 1J5 |
| 1888 | Mrs. W. J. SPINK, 551 Lyndale Dr., Winnipeg, MB R2H 1N3 |
| 1889 | Gail O'RILEY, #8, 172 Centennial St., Winnipeg, MB R3N 1P3 |
| 1890 | Daryl Lynne FRAME, 20 Ericsson Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3K 0T9 |

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| Bell | Manitoba | 1877 | 1866 |
| Binmore | Newton Abbott, S. Devon, Eng. | 1868? | 1888 |
| Bonin | Quebec | 1680's | 1860 |
| Bowles | Ontario / England | 1900 | 1860 |
| Brock | Ulster, Co. Fermanagh, Derrygonnelly | Pre1880 | 1878 |
| Buckley | Manchester | Pre1800-1850 | 1868 |
| Cadotte | (not of the Sault) English River Dist. | c1810 | 1873 |
| Cassette | Quebec | 1680's | 1860 |
| Clemence | Uxbridge, Ontario | 1882 | 1859 |
| Conner | Morden, Manitoba | 1877 | 1866 |
| Cooke | London, England | c1850 | 1871 |
| Coomber | Kent, England | 1800-1850 | 1883 |
| Corrigal | St. Andrews, Manitoba | 1800+ | 1868 |
| Daly | Ulster, Co. Fermanagh | Pre1880 | 1878 |
| Donnelly | Tipperary Co., Ireland | c1800 | 1889 |
| Dwyer | Pickering, Ontario | c1800 | 1889 |
| Everette | Berens River, Manitoba | 1890-1973 | 1858 |
| Fisher | Scotland | | 1872 |
| Flammand/Flamand | St. Francois-Xavier (later St. Laurent) | 1800-1900 | 1869 |
| Frame | Lenore | 1879-1940 | 1890 |
| Grant | Lenore | 1880's+ | 1890 |
| Hammell | Ireland | Pre1800 | 1865 |
| Hingston | | 1800+ | 1887 |

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| Hogue | Ile des Chenes, Manitoba | 1800-1900+ | 1856 |
| Hoskins | Thornhill | c1881-c1920 | 1890 |
| Jackson | Ontario / England | 1900 | 1860 |
| Jamieson | Holland | 1878+ | 1890 |
| Keith | English River Dist. - Columbia | 1799-1827 | 1873 |
| Kelly | Thornhill / Darlingford | 1889-1940 | 1890 |
| King | Winnipeg, Manitoba | 1880 | 1866 |
| Kinsella | Dublin, Ireland | 1900 | 1872 |
| LaPorte | Quebec (Montreal) | 1600's | 1860 |
| Lafreniere | St. Francois-Xavier | 1800-1900 | 1869 |
| Lingwood | England | c1850 | 1871 |
| Loney | Cork Island, Ire. (Russell, Ont.) | 1853 | 1888 |
| MacRae | Cookstown, Simcoe Co. St. Johns / Pinkerton Churches | 1800-1860 | 1875 |
| McClelland | London, Ontario | 1850-1869 | 1874 |
| McClelland | Manitoba | 1869+ | 1874 |
| McClelland | N. Ireland (Co. Down) | Pre1850-1860 | 1874 |
| McGinty | Pickering, Ontario | c1800 | 1889 |
| McMurdo | Dumfries, Scot. / PEI / Sask. | Pre1800-1850+ | 1883 |
| Meleshko | Poplarfield, Manitoba | 1900+ | 1863 |
| Munro-dix-Sincennes | Ferland & Meyronne, Sask. / Montreal & Hull, PQ | | 1866 |
| Nix | Stirling, Ontario | 1878+ | 1859 |
| Nutt | Poplar Point, Manitoba | c1885 | 1886 |
| O'Sullivan/Sullivan | Pickering, Ontario | c1800 | 1889 |
| Odgers | Swansea (Swansy) Wales | 1873 | 1885 |
| Orr | Dunrea, Manitoba | 1850+ | 1858 |
| Orr | Dunrea, Manitoba | 1900+ | 1858 |
| Overby | Norway / Manitoba | 1890+ | 1858 |
| Overby | Pine River, Manitoba | 1916 | 1886 |
| Parr | Harding, Manitoba | 1800+ | 1887 |
| Paulin | Treherne/Bioyne Creek/Souris/Holland | 1905+ | 1890 |
| Robbie | Kirriemuir, Forfar | 1800-1850 | 1883 |
| Rusciano/Russiano | Italy / Lancs. | 1900 | 1872 |
| Searle | Newton Abbott, S. Devon, Eng. | 1854 | 1888 |
| Sinclair | Brandon House, Manitoba | 1800-1850 | 1865 |
| Sinclair | Minnedosa, Manitoba | 1800+ | 1865 |
| Sinclair | St. Andrews, Manitoba | 1800+ | 1865 |
| Sinclair | St. Catharines Par., Prince Albert, Sask. | 1890-1900 | 1865 |
| Sinclair | Wick, Scotland | Pre1800+ | 1883 |
| Smith | Manitoba | | 1876 |
| Soens | Tourcoign (France) & St. Rose du Lac, Man. | 1850-1950 | 1856 |
| Strom | Sweden | 1840+ | 1859 |
| Taylor | York Factory - Red River Settlement | 1787-1845 | 1873 |
| Teefy | Tipperary Co., Ireland | c1800 | 1889 |
| Thiessen | North Dakota & Minnesota, USA | 1850+ | 1863 |
| Thorne | St. Francois-Xavier | 1820-1900 | 1869 |
| Trudeau | Ile des Chenes, Manitoba | 1880-1950 | 1856 |
| Veld Kamp | Holland / Manitoba / Ontario | 1890+ | 1858 |
| Viau | Montreal, PQ | | 1866 |
| Vindevogel | Belgium / St. Boniface, Manitoba | 1800-1950 | 1856 |
| Whiston | Leicestershire, England | 1800-1850 | 1883 |

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH [Submitted By: Roy A. McLeod]

I've always regarded Black people as relatively newcomers to the cultural mosaic of our province, however, my impressions have changed, thanks to Mrs. Stella BROWN.

Mrs. Brown is currently one of a number of researchers who are compiling a history of blacks in our province, and tells me the first blacks came here in the 1870's.

A lot of her research is on Pilgrim Baptist Church which she said services a wide ethnic group, but it's base and founders were primarily blacks.

Pilgrim Baptist had its beginnings in the home of Mr. & Mrs. George BLAIR on Sutherland Avenue in Winnipeg. The church was organized on October 24, 1924 by Dr. Joseph T. HILL, described by Mrs. Brown as "A Negro Minister from Hot Spring, Arkansas".

The first members were: Mrs. Daisey BURNS, Mrs. W.E. HOWE, Mrs. Sarah LEWSEY, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew JACKSON, Mr. Nelson PORTER, Mrs. Nacisissia NEALY, Mrs. Lagunita WILLIAMS, Mrs. Roberta WILLIAMS.

This congregation first called themselves "Hill Memorial Baptist Church", but it was soon changed to Pilgrim Baptist.

The congregation bought its first building at 41 Maple Street in 1935, but fire destroyed the contents of the building in 1950. The church was repaired and used until the new building was built in 1984.

Mrs. Brown points out with pride that an old stain-glass window from the old church was installed in the new church along with the pictures of the Sunday School teachers who had served over the years.

Records of marriage, births, and death have been carefully kept over the years and are accessible through permission of the Minister's office.

In conclusion, the church which was the heart of the black residential district of Winnipeg remains the centre of the people who now live in all parts of the city. The people of Pilgrim Baptist can take pride in their role in the history of our city.

Ministers of Pilgrim Baptist include: Dr. Joseph T. HILL (1924); Rev. CASTERN (1924-1925); Rev. W.K. LOLO (1925-1926); Rev. W.E. WADDINGTON (1926-1935); Rev. R.O. JOHNSON (1935-1942); Rev. G.S. GRAVEN (1944-1945); Rev. Ivan MOORE (1945-1947); Rev. Melvin SINGLETON (1947-1950); Rev. J.C. MACK (1950-1966); Refus SMITH (Lay Minister) (June-Sept. 1966); Rev. A.R. McCARVER (1966-).

Families of Pilgrim Baptist include: TYNES, SIMONS, AIISON, WINSTON, WILLIAMS, LUCAS, FRANCES, SUMTER, LESTER, SPARKS, CARVERY, HILLS, JARVIS, BROWN, HARRIS, ASHLEY, SIMMONS, WEST, SING, JAMES, HAYNES, BRISCO, JAMESSON, TILER, HOPSON, ROSS, STEVENS, FAY, LONG, BAILEY, LANG, GARDENER, GOODMAN, HAMILTON, and SHELLBY.

FROM AMONGST THE FAMILY PAPERS

The article included here was submitted by Debra Yerex, "It was found with Ida TAYLOR's belongings, from Neepawa. I believe the notes were written by her father, Alfred GREENTREE, of Glenholm (Neepawa area)."

On Wed Mar 20th 1878 I left Hamilton Ontario for N.W.T. now Man by train to Detroit the train was ferried across Detroit river and then on to Chicago changing trains and then on through St. Paul. and on to Fishers' Landing, on the Red River in north Dakota where the boat started for Wpg. I and about 7 others walked across the country to Grand Forks merely to see the country we were able to meet the boat there owing to River being crooked (distance about 1 miles) we boarded the boat which was a flat bottomed boat drawing about 2½ foot of water. On the boat were 54 head of horses probably 50 persons beside luggage feed for horses. and wood for fuel From Fisher Landing to Wpg is about 120 miles crow fly.

when we reached Emerson Mr. Frazer & myself got off the boat and made for Pembina Mountain distance 75 miles we walked most of the way staying one night on the way our object was to see friends and country and to look for land we stayed there about 4 days and then started for Wpg distance about 75 miles walked every step in two days for 25 miles we walked through water from the ankle to knee with one or two places we had to take off our clothes to keep them dry this was a very chilly job as it was in March we reached Wpg Apl. 1st we stayed in Wpg that night next morning we took the stage to Selkirk distance about 24 miles we have friends there and stayed with them till we rented land from Hudson Bay. Co, bought yoke of oxen each and plows harrows and seed so on and started to farm

Mr. Burton came in with us, we were all aquainted in Details, after putting in the wheat Mr. Frazer came with to take a homestead and returned and looked after the farm and stock while Mr. Burton and myself wrot to take a homestead our mode of travelling from Selkirk to Eden about 150 was one ox and Red River cart. A Red River cart is made of wood all though and can squeal worse than forty cats you can hear them for miles some people call them the Red River Band it took one week to reach Eden about one week to locate land one week to go back and by that time Harvest was about ready we cut the grain with a yoke of oxen (2) and reaper we had about 70 acres in crop we threshed with a Horse power butsot a very big yield rather too hot and ripened too quickly. we got the wheat all ground into flour and sold it to the merchant in Selkirk to sell to Railway Construction camps being more profitable than selling the wheat Oats we sold to Rail Construction Camp which was a profitable comidity getting 40cs bushell. We split up our pattership at the end of the season when I sold my oxen to a Lumber man for 150 dollars same as I paid for them I then drew lumber from Rapids to Wpg 18 miles with two yoke's of oxen usually taking a day for each journey I did that for about one month and then went to a Lumber camp Jany 1st till Apl 1st drawing logs to River with horses.

came back to Selkirk and did various work till about July and then came & built shantys on our homesteads (Mr. Burton & myself) we went back to Selkirk and work away till about Oct 1st when my Father & Mother & family came to St Boniface which was the end of the railway Oct 2nd 1879

we then started out with two oxen and two Red River Carts which carried all we possessed

When my parents reached St Boniface which is one side of the Red River and Winnipeg on the other they had 85 dollars I had one yoke of oxen two carts and a little cash perhaps

about 150 dollars This was a very hard trip so much rain and bad roads no bridges over rivers had to ford them heavy load for oxen twice we were mired and had to unload everything except stove and carry stuff in water up to our waist for about 50 yards to get a dry place Once while fording river the current was so swift it turned oxen round and carried it down the stream and but for a big stove which stopped the cart would most likely have drown as man was in a boat and went to the oxen head and turned him back. we had a boiler full of provisions sugar teas tobacco soap & ___ which got flooded the worst f___ about this was it got we at night and we didnt find out till morning which didnt improve things. We had a tent and camp where ever night ever took us. We were about 17 days making the trip 130 miles, we arrived at the homestead about Sun down the home was 14 feet x 18 feet no upstairs thatch roof no door or window till we could put them on as we brought them with us we had no wood floor all that winter we sawed our boards for floor in March with Whipsaw (Pil Saw) it was an exceptional, cold winter with lots of snow I believe 3 feet on the level. When we reached the Homestead and got a bit settled I went back again to Gladstone about 30 miles & bought 2.00 4 bags of flour 20 bushell of potatoes (25c bushell) which made a good load for one ox and cart which took about 3 days. That winter I went to the Mountain about 7 or 8 miles to get logs for stable and flooring & poles to make fences. I got enough to fence in 10 acre 3 Rails high. Our meat was Prairie Chickens which were abundant those days, butter rather scarce we had no cows that winter but manage to exist very well on Bread toast Potatoes & Chicken (Prairie Chicken are about like your Pheasants) When spring came we broke up 10 acres of land planted 7 acres of wheat (seed wheat cost 1 dollar per bushell (froze at that) the rest Oats & garden stuff my Father brought out 2 potatoes medium size Beauty of H___ he cut them in as many pieces had had eyes planted them taking special care adn dug up 90 lbs 1 oz of Onion Seed grew 8 bushells of first class Onions I brought up from Selkirk about 1/2 cupful of White Fife wheat which we planted taking special care which grew on sheaf which he threshed out by hand next year planted that as careful as before and grew 7 bushells Our Post Office was Gladstone 30 miles also marked town for provision also Grist mill for Tea we sometimes had what we called sin and misery hot water on scorched barley sin to burn the barley misery to drink the Tea this would be when we run out of Tea as we didnt got to shop everyday. It was the Custom if any one was going to Gladstone to bring mail for everybody in the settlement and anything else needed providing it didnt exceed a load Usually we went to Church in one of the Settlers houses where we often received our mail and made arrangements if any one was going to Glad to post letters or fetch any of our need those days it was necessary for one to help the other any one of us would do the same when we went. There was no house in Neepawa for a few year after we came in Neepawa There was no good road from Wpg here only Indian cart trails across the prairie oftentimes would have to go a long way round a pond If we happened to camp on a camp ground vacated by Indians it was very risky as we would have to do some scratching and use a fine tooth comb

THANK YOU

Thanks to the following people who helped with the mailing of the June issue of "Generations".



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Ruth Rogers

MISCELLANEOUS

Marian Wells, M.G.S. #1740 - interested in the origin of **CHATLEY, ESSEX** (situated on an old Roman Rd. - near the parishes of Fairstead and Terling). Marian's maiden name was Chatley. Write: Box 2112, Swan River, MB R0L 1Z0

Did you have family in **MUSKOKA** or **PARRY SOUND** areas, Ontario? Articles are being received for print in the "Muskoka Sun". Write: Barb Paterson, R.R. #4, Huntsville, ON P0A 1K0 - further information letter on file at the M.G.S. office.

LETHBRIDGE GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES published by the Lethbridge & District branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society contains both geographical and alphabetical listings of over 1000 titles of books and microforms available in Lethbridge. Contact: Norma Bosman, Resource Book Committee Member, Box 1001, Lethbridge, Alberta, T1J 4A2

WAR GRAVES - the secretary-general of the Canadian Agency of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission was on a two-week inspection tour in rural Manitoba. In Mapleton (St. Clement's) cemetery, there are 13 graves from the First World War. The following grave, however, could not be found: Taylor, Pte. Frederick, C 291388. Fifth Battalion, CEF; died August 4, 1919. Son of Sarah Ann Taylor, 274 Simcoe St., Winnipeg. Grave location: G.65.A. Anyone having information respecting this individual could write to: Canadian Agency, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 284 Wellington Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0P4 [Source: Free Press]

PERCY NICKLIN - the British Ice Hockey Assoc. is attempting to locate any relatives of this individual who is believed to have come from Winnipeg. He was the coach of the British Olympic Hockey team who won the 1936 Olympics. Several years prior to the war, he also coached a team at Harringay, England. His son, Jeff, also played there and was killed in the war. Please contact: Mr. Phil Drackett, Ice Hockey World, 9 Victoria Road, Mundesley, Norwich, Norfolk, NR11 8JG England [Source: Free Press, Aug. 1988]

NATIONAL RESOURCE MOBILIZATION ACT & THE WAR MEASURES ACT - there was a National Registration which required all Canadians over the age of 16 to register during the period 1940 - 1946. These records are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Statistics Act, but are instead covered by the Privacy Act. According to this Act, where a person has been dead more than twenty years, the information is no longer considered personal information and can be disclosed under the Access to Information Act. Records are stored geographically. There is a fee of \$5.00 and an application form (TBC 350-57) to be completed. The form which was filled out by the Canadians who registered contains information on parents, schools, occupation, military service, and other genealogical data. Contact: Ms. Ledoux, Data Access & Control Services, 25th Floor, Section B, R.H. Coat's Bldg., Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, ON K1A 0T6 [Source: Branch Notes, Vol. XVI, No. 3 Waterloo Wellington Br. of OGS]

THE SCOTTISH CONNECTION - planning on going to Scotland - a course if being offered for individuals with Scottish roots. For registration/travel/brochure, contact: Mrs. Isobel Stuart, St. Andrews University Holidays, 3 St. Mary's Place, St. Andrews, Fife KY16 9UY, Scot. (copy on file at the M.G.S. Resource Centre).

QUEENSLAND / AUSTRALIA - a Public Records Resource Kit is available which will enable the genealogist access to records for the whole of Queensland and even Australia. More info.: The State Archivist, Queensland State Archives, 162 Annerley Road, Dutton Park, Queensland 4102 Australia.

RALPH NORTHRUP of Ida Grove State of Iowa and **EVA SCOTT EASTON** of Ida Grove State of Iowa were United in Marriage ... on the 26 day of September A.D. 1900 Witnesses G.W. Walters & Anae ? Walters Rev. C.H. M ? - are these your ancestors? M.G.S. member Margaret Kilfoyle found their wedding certificate lining the bottom of a box. The back of this large and beautiful certificate sports a page from the 'Saskatoon Star-Phoenix' dated March 12, 1951. Contact: Thelma Findlay, M.G.S.

KNEESHAW FAMILY REUNION to be held in Barrie, Ontario in the summer of 1989. Contact: Sylvia Hill, 102 Weatherstone Place, Winnipeg, MB R2J 2S8 or Jodine Boos, 38 Springhome, Barrie, ON L4N 2W8.

M.G.S. AT FOLKLORAMA PAVILIONS [By: Florence Cox]

This year, the Society had a table at two pavilions from August 7 to 13. Many thanks are being extended to those who spent time manning these tables:

Mug Pub, University of Manitoba: Joyce Elias, Connie Fillion, Beryl Robbins, Mary Wirth, Bill Olmstead, Heather Hobbs/friend, Florence Cox, Dorothy Marshall, Ruth & Gordon Breckman, Sylvia Hill, Margaret Kilfoyle, Edith Bjornson, Debra Yerex, Allana Tayfel, Penny Makin, Marion Howe.

Irish Pavilion, Red River College: Mavis Menzies, Evelyn Bruneau, Beryl Robbins, Bev Kiendl, Edith Bjornson, Pat Haimes, Louisa Shermerhorn & dau. Marilyn, Florence Cox & dau. Laura, Eleanor Corbett, Dianne Johnson, Thelma Findlay, Bob & Kathy Stokes, Don & Susan McLaren, Gayle Man.

A special 'Thanks' to Gordon Breckman who helped put up the booths.

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OUR CONDOLENCES are extended to Beryl Robbins (Samuel) - her mother-in-law Alice Robbins passed away on 12th July 1988 in Winnipeg. Also, to the family of the late Dr. George J. Houser (Bob) who passed away on July 28, 1988 at his residence in Winnipeg (aged 72 years).

M.G.S. Member #656A - Nairn Kirkland Horn passed away while vacationing in Alberta on 14 July 1988. Nairn, the elder son of the late Mable and Alex Horn, was born in Winnipeg. He leaves his brother Charlie; sister-in-law Phyllis and nieces, Linda and Donna; his aunts, Agnes McLaren, Margaret Hollingworth, Amy Cook, Mary Sweeney and uncles, Charles Eades, Ted Eades and their families.

DONOR'S BOOK LIST [By: Louise Shermerhorn]

Sincerest thanks is extended to all who have donated the following items to the Resource Centre.

- REF 011 Inventory of archival material in Western Manitoba. 2 vols.
001.74 Roots and Relatives Manual. Computer program.
283 The Anglican Church in Canada
284 Hugenot ancestry.
287 The Old Stone Church (Little Britian, Man.).
287 Tyvan, Sask. United Church 1907-1972.
312 Index to 1871 Census of Ontario. Ottawa/Carleton & Peterborough/Victoria.
324.7127 R.M. of Cartier, Man. List of Electors 1986.
325 Trail of the Black Walnut.
353.008 Census: 190 years of counting America.
366 Union Club of British Columbia.
366 Freemasonry in Manitoba. 1864-1925 & 1925-1974.
366 History of Purple Valley Orange Lodges (Bruce Co.).
370.5 Pharos. Dalhousie Univ. yearbook, 1940.
371 Les Ecoles de Saint-Leon (Manitoba).
785.06 Crescendo: Major G. Sharp.
914.21 Bartholomew's pocket atlas & guide to London.
920 Har Pioneers of Manitoba.
920 Mac Fifty mighty men by Grant MacEwen.
920 Mox Manitoba journal 1885-1889, by William Moxham.
920 Sin Preliminary survey of the Harpers of Orkney and Hudson Bay, by Warren Sinclair
920 Spe The Spence Journals, of Robert Spence of Lundys Lane 186-1872
921 Bro My Browning family album, by Vivienne Browning.
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921 Dun Alex Dunsmuir's dilemma, by James Audain.
921 Enn Elder Enns 'Ohm Franz', by F. F Enns.
921 Hen The Blacksmith and the Beekeeper, by Wes Henderson.
921 Hen Under whose shade, by Wes Henderson.
921 Hil A backward glance, by Jacob Hildebrand.
921 Laz A voice from the wilderness, by Joseph M. Lazarenko.
921 Mac Life of Archbishop Machray.
921 Tes Son of Pioneers, or a barefoot boy with boots on, by Felix Tesarski.
921 Wac Pioneer: a profile of John Wachniak, by Robert W. Markowitz.
929.051 Mennonite Historian. Index 1975-1986.
929.1 Meyer's directory of genealogical societies in U.S. & Canada. 1988 ed. on REF.
929.11 Genealogical periodicals (a guide to).
929.2 Ang 1 History of a family "Angus", by A. J. D. Angus.
929.2 Bea 1 Beaudry. Une histoire a raconter .. A story to tell, by Beaudry Fam. Comm.
929.2 Bre 1 Memoris of the Bretecher family 1893-1985.
929.2 Bul 1 Bullock: a family history, comp. by Marian Howe.
929.2 Car 1 Journey in the footsteps of our forefathers (Carlson family).
929.2 Cou 1 Notre livre de famille. Genealogie des Couture 1649-1972.
929.2 Historical memories of the past, 1596-1984 - Doucette-Boisvert.
929.2 Dri 1 Driedger family history, by Henry Driedger.
929.2 Dry 1 Drysdales 1788-1985: pioneers of Flos, Ontario.
929.2 Dry 2 Muriel Adeline Berry nee Drysdale, by Clayton A. Berry.

- 929.2 Dyc 1 Genealogical register of the descendants of Peter Dyck of Neuenburg, Chortiza Colony, Manitoba.
- 929.2 Fei 1 Feilberg family history 1686-1986, comp. by Lorna Feilberg Annell.
- 929.2 Fro 1 What is my house: the story of the Peter K. Froese family.
- 929.2 Gau 1 Historical genealogical study of Joseph-Elie Gauthier and his descendants since 1626.
- 929.2 Han 1 Our Handford Family 1808-1987.
- 929.2 Har 1 Three brothers from the Ukraine, Ivon, Wasyl and Harry Harapiak and their descendants in Canada 1858-1986.
- 929.2 Hea 1 Emma Barendina Deyoung Hearn, by Alfred Lyman Musson & Beverly Smith Kiendl.
- 929.2 Kei 1 Descendants of Daniel and Elizabeth Disbrow Kieth.
- 929.2 Lar 1 Larocque family history.
- 929.2 Mac 1 Machan family history.
- 929.2 MacD 1 The Genealogy of Donald and Effie MacLannon Macdiarmid of Duirinish Inverness, Skye, Scotland, c1777-1985, comp. by Leila (Lee) K. Leck.
- 929.2 Mor 1 Moriers of Manitoba. Joseph Morier and Delphine Braise.
- 929.2 Oke 1 The Oke tree: a family history of England and Newfoundland, by John Templeton.
- 929.2 Pla 1 History of the Platford family.
- 929.2 Ros 1 Earls of Ross and their descendants.
- 929.2 Rus 1 The Russells, by Christopher Trent.
- 929.2 Sch 1 A Schoch Genealogy through seven centuries, by Gunter A. Schoch.
- 929.2 Sch 2 Schmidts (Smith) a family history. Descendants of Phil 'John' Schmidt and Clara Becker.
- 929.2 Ski 1 Skikewich Ladanowski family history. (Islay, Scotland to Red River Settlement).
- 929.2 Sno 1 Snowden story (of Souris, Manitoba).
- 929.2 Ste 1 Genealogical classification by family group (Stewart).
- 929.2 Sto 1 The Stock Family, by Harold Thompson Stock.
- 929.2 Sto 2 Our Stoesz heritage, 1836-1987. Cornelius and Aganetha (Wiebe) Stoesz.
- 929.2 Tod 1 William Todd M.D. 1787-1851 Chief Trader Hudson's Bay Company, by J. G. Costello.
- 929.2 La Tremblaye millenaire Tome I, by Paul Mederic.
- 929.2 Wel 1 Histoire du patronyme 'Welde(n)': depuis 980 jusqu'a a nos jours. Plus, four other volumes, one the English translation of above, and the others tracing the Welde(n) name in Norvege, U.S.A., Canada, Brabant; Belgium-Germany-America; and Germany-Norway-U.S.A.-Belgium.
- 929.4 Irish Genealogical Assoc. Member's directory 1984.
- 929.4 Kelowna & District GS Members' directory 1984.
- 929.5 Monumental inscriptions in the Library of the Soc. of Genealogists.
- 929.5 Wentworth County, Ontario, Cemeteries. 3 binders.
- 956.94 Jewish people.
- 970.1 Canadian Indian.
- 971 Canadian history before Confederation.
- 971.0049 Irish migrants in the Canadas (Elliott).
- 971.2 Mac Braehead (McLeod, Drever, Cross families).
- 971.27 Manitoba Historical Society Centennial Farm awards.
- 971.27 A Packsack of Seven Decades. (Reynolds L.G.D.).
- 971.3 Pioneering in North York.
- Neu Aurora.

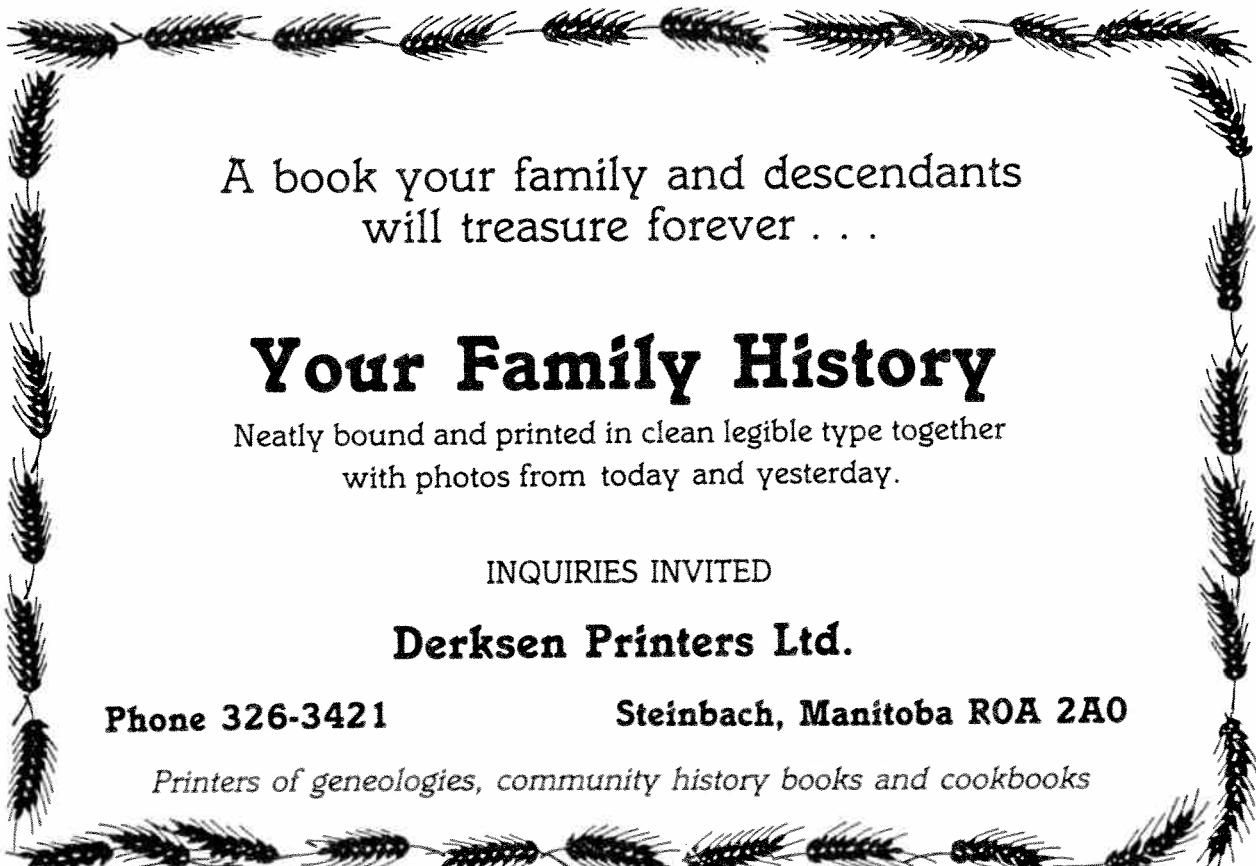
FURTHER, some members have indexed some Manitoba Local History books and these are catalogued as follows:

- 971.2 A Index to 'A view of the birdtail' (Connie McLeod)
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BORLAND: Samuel J. **BORLAND** b. Ont. 1825 d. Napanee, Ont. 1898 m. 1848 to Elizabeth (Eliza) **DRURY** (1832-81) Ont. Chn: Charles (1856-1930) m. Mary **BIGHAM** [dau. Mary E.]; Edward (1851-1887) m. Hattie **FITZGERALD** [chn: Audrey, Cora Mabel, Geraldine Gert, Charles E., Cyril Cliffe]; Anson F. (1853-1942) m. Jessie **MCDONALD** (Winnipeg) [chn: Claude, Eddie, William, Edna]. Charles Edward **BORLAND** lv'd Winnipeg area 1906-1915. Any wife or chn.? Any info. on **BORLAND** family appreciated. Contact: Joseph Borland, Box 12, So. Lancaster, ON K0C 2C0

CADOTTE: country wife to m. to James **KEITH** c1810 English River Dist. Identified as '2nd dau. of Jean Bte. **CADOTTE**' in **KEITH**'s personal papers. Mother of Helen b. 11 Sept. 1811 and Mary b. 01 Jan. 1814. Not directly descended from the **CADOTTE**'s of the Sault. Contact: Ellen Paul, 6019 Carmen Ct. W., Orhcard Lake, MI 48033 USA

COX: John **COX** b. Canada and Elizabeth **WEST** b. Canada - pars. of Anna Mae b. 28 Feb. 1861 and Harriet Ida b. 06 Nov. 1868. Lv'd in/near Winnipeg 1860-80. Any info. appreciated. Contact: James L. Mayers, 203 Benham Ave., Syracuse, NY 13219 USA

DAVIDSON: Joseph b. 1834 Marlborough Twp., Carlton Co., Ont. s/o Peter **DAVIDSON** and Elizabeth **GUTHRIE**, m. Mary Ann **MCGREGOR** b. 1841 Kemptville, Ont. Chn: Annie, Jane. Any info. on family welcome. Contact: Shirley A. Lowe, R.R.#3, Manotick, ON K0A 2N0

DEWIT/MEYER: Peter **deWIT** b. 1815? m. Johanna **MEYER** b. Delfshaven, Holland d. 1900 Holland (Roherasm) dau. Johanna Theordora **deWIT** b. 14 Nov. 1845 d. 21 Aug. 1920 Rotterdam, Holland. Pars.? of P. **deWIT** and J. **MEYER** - her father? b. ?1870 Germany m. to ?. Johanna T. **deWIT** m. Jacobus Carolus **KRUDLER** b. 1842 d. 1921 Rotterdam, Holland. Contact: Marj Sarna, Box 431, Ste. Anne, MB R0A 1R0

DRYSDALE/BERRY: Muriel Adeline **DRYSDALE** b. Brandon, Man. m. Arthur Henry **BERRY** 1920 Brandon, Man. Book being printed on Muriel's family. Anyone with info. they wish added to book or updated from previously submitted material - contact: Clayton A. Berry, RD #1, Box 48, Zeigler Road, Rochester, PA 15074 USA

GLENN: Robert b. Ont. 1844. Bro. William & James ? Robert m. 1873 to Frances **STURGEON**. Any info. on parents of Robert or place of m. - contact: George W. Glenn, 518 Bowman Ave., Winnipeg, MB R2K 1P6

HALLETT/MCNABB/SPENCE: Henry **HALLETT** b. 1799 m. Catherine **PARENTEAU** b. 1804. Chn: Henry b. 1825 m. Ellen **MCNABB** b. 1830 - lv'd at Poplar Point, Man.; Catherine b. 1842 m. Joseph **SPENCE** b. 1839; Charlotte m. Thomas **MCNABB** b. 1834. Desire all info. on descendants. Will answer all corres. Contact: Heather Hallett, 2824 1st Ave., Castlegar, BC V1N 2R2

HARRIS: Charles b. 1847 Manotick, Ont. [s/o Silvannus **HARRIS** & Elizabeth **LANE**] m. Mary Elizabeth **DAVIDSON** b. 1844 [dau. of Peter **DAVIDSON** & Camilla **HARRIS**]. Chn: Cecil b. c1881; Percy b. c1884. To Winnipeg Pre1891. Any info. on family welcome. Contact: Shirley A. Lowe, R.R.#3, Manotick, ON K0A 2N0

JARDINE: Robert & Margaret **PERRY** both of Scotland. Son Harry John b. 31 Aug. 1865 Blenheim Twp., Ont. m. Annie Fraser **STEWART** 1888. Lv'd Stony Mountain, Man., Lethbridge, Alta., and Great Falls, Mont. in 1891. d. 28 Feb. 1908 Vancouver, BC. Siblings: Arthur; Charles; Agnes m. Alfred **CALVERT**; Dollie ? m. **MORRIS**. 3 other sisters. Any info. on family. Contact: Mary Lou Hall, P.O. Box 3747, Butte, MT 59702 USA

KUNZ/SCHNERCH: Martin b. 26 Dec. 1881 m. Karoline **SCHNERCH** b. Sept. 1883. Son of Andrew **KUNZ**, Germany. Chn: Joe; Mary; Martin Jr.; John; Della; Katie; George. Searching any info. on husband's and wife's families. Contact: Candy Rubenick, 1731 Donald St., Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5W6

MCDougall/Brownell/Bonney: Thomas **MCDougall** (wid. of Mary Ann **MCLEAN**) arr. in Neepawa c1885 with chn: Lillie Woods b. 1874; Florence Irene b. 1876; Robert D'Alton b. 1879; Louisa Maude b. 1882. M/to Cynthia Amelia **BROWNELL** (wid. of Richard **BONNEY**) Eden Dist., Man. Were related to **CLARE**, **EVERALL**, **COUTTS** families. Interested in all families. Contact: Donna Strang, Box 65, Ochre River, MB R0L 1K0

MCNEILL/HATCH/MCINTOSH/MCCULLOCH/BARR/EASTON/MCLELLAN: Info. requested on families of Haris L. **MCNEILL** & Anne E. **HATCH**; George **MCINTOSH** & Elizabeth **MCCULLOCK**; Peter **BARR** & Elizabeth **EASTON**. Peter **MCLELLAN** c1909 Brandon with chn. Peter, Ann, John, Flora, Catherine and Jane. Contact: Mrs. P.M. Lindsay, 2189 Henry Ave., Sidney, BC V8L 2A8

MILLER: (Clan **MACFARLANE**) Alexander 'Barney' **MILLER** m. 1st Sadie 2nd Grace. Chn: Alexander 'Mosey', John 'Jock', William, Robert, Allan, George, Marian. Fireman with St. Boniface. Searching for children's families. Contact: Donna G. Portree, 972 King St. W., Apt. 1A, Hamilton, ON

MYERS/MCDougall/FALLOON: William Alexander **MYERS** b. 1866 Stratford, Ont. s/o Robert **MYERS**/Margaret **MCINNIS** m. 1st Lillie Woods **MCDougall**, 2nd ?? **FALLOON** div. c1907. Lv'd Saltcoats, Sask. (Newspaperman) Nass Valley, BC (Missionary) Denver, Col. (Newspaperman) d. Ochre River, Man. 1935-36. Info. on Descendants/relatives. Contact: Donna Strang, Box 65, Ochre River, MB R0L 1K0

PAYETTE: Martial m. Sara **HAMELIN**. Son Patrice, dau. Isabelle, Sara, Josephine (adopt. 1982). Would like info. on her or Hamelin relative. Contact: Jeanne Tardiff, 891 Mission St., Winnipeg, MB R2J 0A4

RUBINUk/HRUBENUCK/RUBENIUK: Michael/Martha **NOWOSAD** chn: Alexander; Nick; Frank; Stanley; Rosie; Annie; Marie b. c1880's Ukraine d. Brandon, Man. Any info. his or wife's family. Contact: Candy Rubenick, 1731 Donald St. E., Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5W6

SMITH: James J. (English Anglican) b. c1841 m. Corolina **BABY/BAUBEE** (French) b. c1836 m. c1860. Chn: Mary Elizabeth b. c1861; William Rob b. c1865; Alexander b. c1867; John James b. c1873; Sarah Jane b. c1875; Henry George b. c1878. Possibly 2nd marr. Lv'd Poplar Point, Man. Contact: Rod Smith, 316-212 Greenway Cres., Winnipeg, MB R2Y 1Z2

SUTHERLAND: Ebenezer d. 26 Sept. 1883 Brandon. Son of William **SUTHERLAND** & Mary **PEARSON**. Contact: Mrs. P.M. Lindsay, 2189 Henry Ave., Sidney, BC V8L 2A8

TAYLOR: Seeking more info. on the country wife of George **TAYLOR**, HBC sloopmaster, often called 'Jane' and later 'Widow Taylor'. Mother of surveyor George **TAYLOR** & Margaret **TAYLOR**, Gov. **SIMPSON**'s country wife. Died 1844 at Red River Settlement. Contact: Ellen Paul, 6019 Carmen Ct. W., Orhcard Lake, MI 48033 USA

VERMILYEA/WHITNEY: Peter **VERMILYEA** m. Catherine **WHITNEY** chn: Horace (1883-1946), Clarence, Inez. Horace's family: Orrin Horace (1906-1978), Eleanor Minerva (1911-1986) m. **ROSS**; Fred Whitney (1907-1908); Thomas Bruce (1908-1983) m. Margaret **ROSS** (1913-1988); Dorothy Lilian (1911-) m. Robert M. **SIMISTER** (1914-); Eileen Emily (1914-1985) m. 1st Vernon Everet **TICE**, 2nd William Frederick **CULBERT** (1908-1982). Info. wanted on Peter & Catherine. Contact: Dorothy Simister, 757 Dowker Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3T 1R5

ZALUSKY (TSKI) (SKY) (LJ): Peter b. July ? 1893 Ukraine d. 24 Dec. 1965 Winnipeg, Man. m. Mary **PROKOPCHUK** in Komarno; younger bro. John b. ? d. ? m. Anne ? - had 5 chn, Elsie, Catherine b ? Ukraine m. William **PROKOPCHUK** b ? Ukraine d ? (Wm. & Mary Prokopchuk were bro/sis). Any dates? Did Peter's mother come with them? Contact: Len Sarna, Box 431, Ste. Anne, MB R0A 1R0

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by: Kim Milne

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THE LIFE OF PETER FIDLER - A Thumb Nail Sketch
Submitted By: Edsel C. Bourque

The only official notice of the passing from this life of Peter Fidler is to be found in the Hudsons Bay Company Archives, where it is recorded in the Cumberland House Journal on 26 January 1823 that "Mr. Peter Fidler departed this life at Fort Dauphin on the 17th. of last month". A brief, cold statement of fact that reveals nothing of the life itself. A short life in today's terms, a christian life, a life guided by a direction of purpose, a strong resolution of spirit, a dedication to family and fellow man, a strong loyalty to his calling, a firm belief in himself and his abilities, a devotion to his work and a foresight to record the successes and failures so that posterity may benefit, and above all, a high respect for the land, the flora and fauna that nurtured and sustained that life.

His was an adventuresome and arduous life that drained his strength and left a body worn out at an early age to be interred in an isolated grave in the wilderness he knew and loved so well. A life, that with its passing, was soon lost to the memory of his fellow man, its significance forgotten for many generations, but, by its very nature, was destined to live on in history and in legend. A life that will never be fully recorded and the legends never completely told.

Peter Fidler's life began in Bolsover, Derbyshire, England, when he was born on 16 August 1769, the eldest son of James and Mary (Glossop) Fidler. He was christened at Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton, Derbyshire, on 17 September 1769 in the Church of England faith, which he held throughout his life. He was living on Addle Street, Cheapside, London, in 1788 when he contracted to serve with the Hudson's Bay Company as a laborer on 18 April of that year and arrived at York Factory on the coast of Hudson Bay later that summer. Little is known of his early education at this time, but he was well able to read and write and possessed mathematical skills. This is evident in his work and advancement in the Company.

In his early years with the Company, Peter travelled extensively with Phillip Turnor, training under him as a surveyor and from 1790 to 1795 he acted as assistant surveyor. When Mr. Turnor retired, he was appointed chief surveyor and became the Company's only map maker, a position he held until the amalgamation of the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company in 1821.

During his years with the H.B.C., Peter Fidler travelled the length and breadth of the Territories. He travelled by canoe, on horseback and on foot, living off the land and in Indian villages, enduring the hardships of harsh Canadian winters with no more protection from the elements than tepees and hand-built shelters; the agonies of sleeping on hard cold ground; long gruelling hours and days of paddling and portaging; the hours of deep concentration required in surveying, mapping, and note taking on the country through which he travelled.

Thus, he surveyed and mapped the major waterways and topographical features of the Canadian west, providing his Company with the material on which to base important decisions on the direction of the fur trade was to take, and the Cartographers in London with the geographical data to prepare their maps of the territories ranging from the Hudson Bay on the east to the Rocky Mountains on the west, from as far north as Great Slave Lake to well south of the present day Canada - U.S.A. border. He accurately recorded and mapped the 2,575 kilometer route from Hudson Bay to Lake Athabasca and Great Slave Lake. His notes provide the first picture of the drainage system of the Missouri River and confirmed the existence of the Continental Divide. He pinpointed the location of the Rocky Mountains and sketched the passes through them used by the Indians. He was the first to discover the coal fields near present day Drumheller, Alberta, and the first European to see the Athabasca Tar Sands.

Among the major waterways Peter surveyed are the Seal, Churchill, and Nelson Rivers flowing into Hudson Bay; the Albany River flowing into James Bay from Martin Falls House to Seul Lake and from Suel Lake, the English and Winnipeg Rivers as far as Lake Winnipeg; the Swan River from near Carlton House to Cedar Lake. He surveyed the South Saskatchewan River from Chesterfield House and the North Saskatchewan from Fort Edmonton to their confluence at Fort La Corne; the Slave River from Great Slave Lake south to Lake Athabasca and the Athabasca River from there to Ile-A-La-Crosse.

In addition to his surveying duties, Peter Fidler held other important posts with the Hudson's Bay Company. He built a number of inland forts and in naming them, he remembered his native England; Bolsover House, near present day Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, Nottingham House on English Island on Lake Athabasca and Chesterfield House near the junction of the Red Deer and Saskatchewan Rivers. He conducted the first surveys carried out in Lord Selkirk's Red River Settlement (now Winnipeg, Manitoba) and began construction of Fidler's Fort between Pioneer and McDermot Avenues in present day Winnipeg, building a Masters house and eight other buildings surrounded by a palisade. It is thought that the entire structure was destroyed in the 1826 flooding of the Red River. He assisted William Tomison, Chief of Operations for the H.B.C., to establish Buckingham House on the North Saskatchewan River, not far from present day Edmonton, Alberta.

During the years 1789 to 1800, his duties were many and varied. He served at Manchester House (near Maidstone, Sask.); South Branch House (north of Saskatoon, Sask.); Carlton House (not far from Pelly, Sask.) as assistant surveyor and at Buckingham House as surveyor. He also served at Cumberland House on Cumberland Lake; Red Deer Lake, somewhat south of The Pas, Man.; Greenwich House on Lac La Biche; Chesterfield House; Nottingham House and Ile-a-la-Crosse.

His first twelve years of training and experience fitted Peter well for his work over the next twenty-one years. From 1800 to 1802, he was in charge at Chesterfield House and from 1802 to 1806, in charge at Nottingham House. From 1809 until his leave to return to England, he was in charge at Ile-a-la-Crosse. Upon his return, he spent some time escorting settlers to the Red River Settlement and in helping them in every way possible to obtain food and provide shelter. From 1814 to 1819, he was appointed surveyor and District Master at Brandon House and from then until his retirement, Manitoba District Master at Fort Dauphin.

In the fall of 1794, Peter Fidler married, by Indian Rites, Mary, a Home Guard Cree Indian girl at York Factory. In 1821, Reverend John West, the first Church of England Clergyman to be sent out from England to minister to the needs of the people of the Territories, arrived. On 14 August of that year, Peter and Mary were married by Church of England rites at Norway House. Those of their children living with them at the time were baptized.

For twenty-seven years, Mary was Peter Fidler's wife and constant companion. She travelled with him throughout the territories. She was his confidante and helpmate. Fourteen children were born to the union, four of whom passed away at an early age and they, like their father, were laid to rest in isolated graves in the wilderness. The remaining ten children grew to adulthood, married and raised their families in widely scattered districts in the Territories. Peter and Mary have many descendants today in all walks of life, the professions, trades, technologies, and labor.

Mary survived Peter by only four years. She passed away at the Red River Settlement and was buried in what is now the St. John's Cathedral cemetery (Winnipeg) on 20 June 1826 at the age of 61 years. She was well cared for in her last years as Peter provided for her well being in his last will. During the time between his retirement and his death, Peter Fidler set his affairs in order, providing first for Mary's well being, then ensuring that his many books and journals and his library would be preserved by leaving them in trust to the Hudson's Bay Company and to the Governor of the Red River colony. The balance of his estate went to his children. Peter Fidler had died a fairly well-to-do man.

He left other legacies as well. On 24 June 1811, Peter Fidler took a year's leave of absence to return to England to visit his Mother. While there, he had a house built for his Mother's use for as long as she required it. It was then to go to his brother, James. He returned to Canada on 26 August 1812. Over the years, Peter also sent a number of artifacts to his brother James including: a quiver of arrows, some say 180 in all; a number of bows, two of which were made of horn; a quill work shot pouch; a Mandan Irving kettle, one quart in size; a horn ladle; a hook and line; a pair of men's boots; a pair of gloves; a man's coat and many other items. These are all items accumulated from the fur trade and from the Indians and Eskimos with whom he associated during his years of travel in the Territories.

And now we ask, "Are these items still in existence? Does the house still stand in Sutton Mills, Bolsover? Are the artifacts still in the possession of the Fidler Family in Derbyshire? Are they tucked away in some Museum?"

Peter Fidler was my gr-gr-gr-grandfather. The foregoing is a brief recording of some of the data I have found while researching the Fidler Family in preparation for the writing of an historical genealogy. It is written in the hope that it will kindle a spark of interest in other descendants and help bring to light more information on this remarkable ancestor and his family, thereby enhancing Peter Fidler's efforts to preserve for posterity a recording of his life and work that played such a vital role in the development of the Canadian west. A heritage of which we may well all be proud.

In writing this sketch of Peter Fidler, it is my hope that all interested descendants will write to me at 30 South Murphy St., Campbell River, BC V9W 1Y4 and share their knowledge, family histories, and anecdotes in order that the Fidler genealogy may be complete, accurate, interesting, and a worthwhile addition to our libraries and archival records.

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