

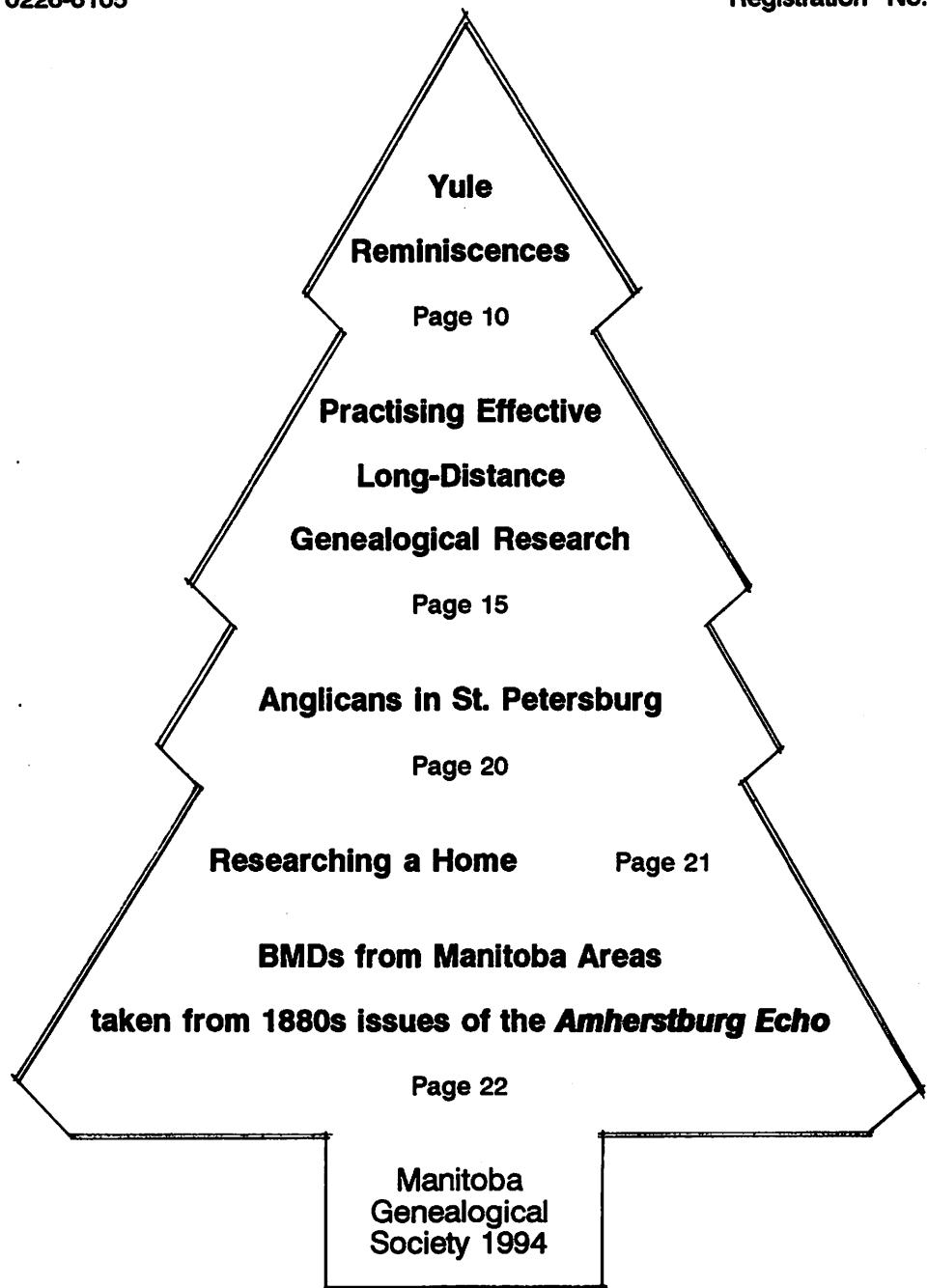
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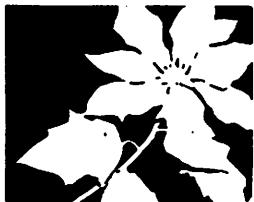
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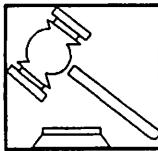
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031



When we have such a terrific fall, it's hard to switch into winter moods. There is so much that has been accomplished by the volunteers of the society in the last few months that I hope you, like me, read our journals from cover to cover. One report that I strongly urge you to get your hands on, if you haven't seen it, is the Annual General Meeting Report. This gives a comprehensive overview of all the Branches and Committees of MGS for the past year. You may want a voice in how your membership money is being spent and how the need for volunteers is crucial to our operation. Next time you run into one of the many volunteers, take the time to congratulate him/her on a job well done, and ask how you can help out.

As we've come to expect, our Seminar '94 was a well-attended and successful event. Many thanks to Elizabeth and Colin Briggs, who co-chaired this event, along with the many organizers on various committees who put it all together so smoothly for us to enjoy. An extra pat on the back goes to Lorne Harris, who was the recipient of the **1994 Certificate of Merit**, which recognizes those members with a history of volunteer commitment that excels all expectations over the years. Also, many members were recognized for continuous membership over ten years.

On a "down note", we have had no volunteer for chairing a seminar for 1995. The MGS Council will decide what we will do. Possibly a one-day workshop of some kind will happen, along with the Annual General Meeting. Some plans are surfacing for 1996, as this will be our 20th anniversary.

Now, if you will indulge me, I'd like to end with a more personal anecdote from my family history. December and January can be hectic at best, but I cherish them for the strong memories of family that they evoke.

As a little girl, my very favourite time of the whole year was visiting Grandma on Christmas Eve. The three of us kids would pile into Dad's old station wagon, anticipating the sights, smell, and hugs awaiting us at Grandma's. I would be wearing a homemade, red velveteen dress, complete with a lace slip, white cotton gloves, and black patent shoes. My brothers had on their only pair of pants without patches on the knees and red and black tartan vests and actually had their hair combed into place with Brylcreme. My sister wasn't born yet, but was basically a bundle of blankets wherever we went for years as far as I can remember... We'd pour into the old back porch, along with all the other cousins, and wait in line, as no person at any age could enter Grandma's house without a great big bear hug. This came as quite a surprise to those friends we later brought along as teenagers!

The evening itself was a non-stop blur of fun, games, singing, eating, and visiting with all our relatives and a mix of new and old friends. We would pause only to turn down the lights and admire the tree - a magical thing with glowing bubble lights, glass ornaments and birds, and angel hair. Those sights you never forget.

I'd like to leave you with this thought for the season that my Grandma instilled in us over the years. All people have a special quality inside them that we have to try and find. Make the effort and you will reap the reward.  
Best of the season!

## EAST EUROPEAN BRANCH REPORT

Les Recksiedler, MGS #2139, President



Seasons Greetings! At this time of festivities I wish to thank the EEB Council for their dedication and support of the branch activities in 1994. I wish a rewarding "genealogical year" for all in 1995.

The MGS Seminar, "Canadian Trees & Old Country Roots", offered three sessions on east European topics and an EEB Display. Dr. Stella Hryniuk spoke on "Recognising & Understanding East European Documents" and Dr. John Lehr's presentation was on "Ethnic Settlements in Western Canada." These professionals gave interesting presentations and supplied valuable information to East European family historians. My workshop, "Doing Genealogy in Eastern Europe: A General Overview", was attended by 25 seminar participants. Selected materials from the EEB and MGS library were available for perusing. The East European Branch display, located in the Cross Common Room, highlighted the family of Denise Kolesar. Mavis Menzies, EEB Librarian, assembled the library display for my presentation and also the EEB display. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the MGS seminar, meet other genealogists searching in eastern Europe, and publicize our branch activities. Thank you to Elizabeth and Colin Briggs and their committee for organizing the MGS '94 Seminar.

More information is available on the probability of a third set of church records being prepared by the clergy in eastern Europe. At the September EEB meeting John D. Pihach mentioned the possibility of their existence, but he had not seen all three sets at the same archival location. Howard Krushel's article in the September 1994 issue of *Wandering Volhynians* states that in 1883 the Cantor would make three copies of the church book record. A copy would be kept for the parish church, a copy would be available for the civil registrar, and a copy would be sent to the consistory office in St. Petersburg. I will keep you informed on this issue.

### **Branch Update:**

The branch boasts 161 members/subscribers to date, exceeding our target for the calendar year. All will be happy to hear that President Les Reckseidler has received approval from Revenue Canada for tax-exempt status for the branch. Income tax charitable donation receipts will be issued for branch fees and donations. Procedures for this status are currently in process. Associated with this tax exempt status is the filing of a "Registered Charity" Income Tax Statement each year.

**EEB members will be on staff at the MGS Resource Centre the first Sunday of each month to assist family historians researching in east Europe. A training session is planned for 1995 for these volunteers and other MGS volunteers who also wish to attend. Date and time will be announced.**

Mavis Menzies, EEB Librarian, reports that the EEB exchanges journals with six other societies. Journals and newsletters are also donated by EEB members. For information on east European societies, the Federation of East European Family History Societies [FEEFHS] has published a booklet that lists 63 member organizations, addresses etc. [EEB 113.2] We now include videos of speaker presentations in our library holdings. We request that the individual who is donating copies of the *Wandering Volhynians* to the MGS Library, please contact any of the Executive of the EEB, or Beth Audette, MGS Periodicals.

The MGS Annual General Meeting was held at Seminar '94. The EEB financial statements and annual report for the previous year were published in the MGS Annual Report booklet. These EEB reports were presented and accepted as information during the meeting. Copies of these reports are available upon request.

The fall meetings of the EEB were extremely informative. At the September meeting John D. Pihach from Yorkton, Saskatchewan spoke on his recent Galician research trip focusing on the southeast Poland/Western Ukraine area. He displayed slides of archives, churches, museums, cemeteries, and castles. John provided several research suggestions. At the October meeting, Ted Sosnowski, editor of *Czas - the Polish Press*, presented a history and background of this early Winnipeg Polish newspaper. Subscribers include individuals from western Canada. Samples of the paper were displayed as well as Polish magazines which are sold locally. Heather Hobbs spoke on "Ethnic Costumes" at the November meeting. Pictures, clothing, and other accessories were brought by members to display.

### **Upcoming Branch Meetings:**

**December 21, 1994, Wednesday - 7pm.**

**885 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg**

**Lech Galezowski will present "Lech and Brian's Excellent Adventure in Poland and the Ukraine". A pictorial record**

of their trip to Europe will be presented. A Christmas social gathering will follow.

**January 18, 1995, Wednesday - 7pm.**

**885 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg**

**Brian Lenius will speak on "New Discoveries in the Archives of Poland and the Ukraine". Brian reports a very successful genealogical expedition.**

**February 15, 1995, Wednesday - 7pm.**

**45 Dalhousie Drive, East Entrance, Winnipeg**

**Field trip to the Family History Centre [LDS]. Viewing of the new Family History Library Catalogue (FHLC) for east Europe and other east European resources at the LDS. George Glenn will serve as facilitator.**

**March 15, 1995, Wednesday - 7pm.**

**885 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg**

**Edward Kowalchuk will discuss his research on records in the Riding Mountain/Dauphin area including land records and Ukrainian family links.**

**April 19, 1995, Wednesday - 7pm.**

**885 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg**

**Problem Solving Workshop.** Members are urged to bring specifics on their family history "stumbling blocks". Suggestions for these "challenges" will be given by members.

**May 17, 1995, Wednesday - 7 pm.**

**1175 Main Street, Winnipeg**

**Field trip to Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Manitoba Branch [Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral]. Guide - Mrs. Nellie Pawluk [silver collection].**

### **SOUTH WEST BRANCH REPORT**

**Lois Forsberg, MGS #2428, Corr. Sec.**



Following a two-month break over the summer, meetings in the South West Branch resumed in September. An added feature this year has been time devoted to short information sessions where several of our own members have made presentations on specific research topics: Researching With Censuses, Church and Parish Records, the GRD and other Directories. Members have found these presentations very interesting and helpful.

Our October meeting was held at the Brandon University Library where we were made aware of their holdings and learned how to access these valuable resources. In November, a visit to the Provincial Archives and the MGS Library in Winnipeg had been arranged to coincide with Seminar '94, so several of our members took advantage of this opportunity.

In addition to our regular meeting nights, this fall we introduced special study groups for those interested in researching specific countries or locations. To date, small groups focusing on Ireland, Ontario, or Europe, have met and further discussions will be held according to the needs of those involved.

Work continues on cemetery transcriptions, newspaper extractions, and indexing family history books. As we continue to receive quite a number of research requests coming in from other parts of the country, our research committee is also kept quite busy.

On behalf of the members of the South West Branch, I would like to wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season, health and happiness in the year ahead.

## **SWAN VALLEY BRANCH REPORT**

Donna Fox, MGS #1738, Secretary

Branch meetings continue to be held in our office [located in the Town Office Building] on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

Our summer break brought the completion of about 50% of Benito Cemetery transcriptions. Our members found this cemetery to be very organized and in good condition. We will have to find an interpreter for the many Ukrainian stones. We were able to gain a copy of the cemetery plans and this has proved very helpful.

Thank you to the MGS Resource Centre for the generous donation of extra books.

Our October meeting was particularly interesting as it was held at Glen McKenzie's residence and we were treated to using his new CD Rom IGI collection. We spent a couple of hours using Glen's expertise and programs to "tap in" to church records, histories, census, and as mentioned, the International Genealogical Index. It was amusing to discover that two members have a "common line". No wonder the Cleaveleys are having a reunion in 1995!

For future discussion is to open our office for another Open House and to possibly open the office for a few hours on Saturdays.

## **WINNIPEG BRANCH REPORT**

Dorothy Marshall, MGS #751, President

Ian McGregor gave an interesting talk on "Canadian War Dead" on 17th November. Unfortunately the heavy snowfall deterred members from venturing forth so his audience was small. Hopefully the weather will be more



co-operative for our tour of Dalnavert at 7 p.m. on Thursday 8th December.

We will have an evening of slides on 19th January to brighten up the winter.

Elizabeth Briggs has agreed to speak to our group on Thursday 9th February on "Salt Lake City Survival": where to stay and eat, and how to go prepared to make maximum use of one's time at LDS' research centre.

Our March meeting falls on Thursday 16th March, St. Patrick's Eve - so wear green and come out to a discussion on Irish research.

We have a special day planned for Sunday 30th April when Dennis Pearce will talk to us on British Records. Some of the records that our members have asked him to speak about are wills, courts, [e.g., Chancery], emigration, military and merchant navy. Dennis maintains the "Register of British-born People Dying Abroad" so if you have not already given him a list of your U.K. pioneer forebears you may bring it to our April meeting or mail it to Dennis H. Pearce, Wayside, Roman Road, Twyford, Winchester, Hants. SO21 1QW, England. Doreen, Dennis' wife, will be accompanying him and she is Chairman of her local Women's Institute and eager to contact W.I. members here. MGS' Southwest Branch plans for Dennis to speak in Brandon on Saturday, 29th April and for Doreen to meet WI members there.

The executive would like to make this a special day and have in mind: meeting at 10 a.m. for a one hour talk, followed by questions and socializing, going for lunch as a group, reassembling at 2 p.m. for a further one hour talk, again followed by questions and time to meet Dennis personally. There will be no Thursday evening meeting in April in view of this special event.

**Winnipeg Branch AGM will be held on 18th May, 1995.**

## **VP FINANCE REPORT**

Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L

MGS is currently applying for Grants which may open up remunerative positions for computer data entry, and Ukrainian language translation into English. For the computer entry positions, persons applying need to have access to a computer and the WordPerfect® program. The Ukrainian translation project requires a person to transcribe Ukrainian headstone inscriptions in rural cemeteries and to live in the rural area for several weeks. Written resumés to be submitted, by mail or in person, to Vice President Finance, MGS, 885 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3E 0M4, by March 31, 1995.  
**No telephone enquiries will be accepted.**  
Only those being called for interviews will be contacted.

## OUTREACH REPORT

### [formerly EDUCATION]

Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031

I'm looking to retire my hat as Chair of this committee in the New Year, as I feel that five years is sufficient for any Council position. Please contact me if you would be willing to take this on - 668-9366. I want to remain active in our Outreach endeavours and will assist wherever I can. There are now several events that we attend on an annual basis and the format/process is fairly routine once you get to know the contact people. As other things come in as requests to MGS they are filled with presenters. If you enjoy speaking and meeting new people, this is one committee with a lot of public social events.

Since the September report, over 7 bookings were completed. They ranged from the Family Day at The Forks display to a small presentation for Age and Opportunity. Most of these were listed in the last report. With teachers becoming more aware of our existence, they are introducing genealogy into the school curriculum. This is one area of our outreach that will still require further development.

Jim Rutherford volunteered to help on this committee to develop some of the materials used for outreach. If you have ideas for this category, we welcome your input.

For a complete listing of all the events that were attended by this committee during the last year, refer to the Annual General Meeting Report [Editor: available at MGS and includes the list of volunteers - we thank them!].

### LIBRARY LINES

Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L, Chair

Blessed are those  
who return their  
books  
on time!

During 1994-5 there are a number of anniversaries for some significant military operations of World War II. Military records often provide important data to those searching for family history. The MGS Library has a considerable number of works which may be useful. The following list may not list every reference we have but if you check the Card Catalogue for the following subjects you should find all references that we have. Please do not expect to find all 'military books' in one section. That would be too easy!!!

#### ARMED FORCES

BRITISH ISLES - MILITIA - DIRECTORIES

CANADA - ARMED FORCES

CANADA. CANADIAN NAVAL FORCES

CANADA - HISTORY, MILITARY

ENGLAND - ARMY RECORDS

MILITIA

MILITARY HISTORY

ROYAL AIR FORCE

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR, 1899-1902

WINNIPEG - MILITARY HISTORY

WORLD WAR 1914-1919 [Sometimes WORLD WAR I]

WORLD WAR 1939-1945 [Sometimes WORLD WAR II]

All subjects, i.e. MILITARY HISTORY, may be followed by the geographical area and Geographical areas, i.e. CANADA, may be followed by a 'military' subject, i.e. MILITIA

Journals of the different genealogical societies often print lists relating to 'military' operations. For instance, *Families [OGS]* Vol. 25, No. 3, pp 164-168, has an article 'The Ontario military hospital, Orpington, England, 1916-1919', [Orpington is located to the south-east of Greater London, in Kent Co.] Included in the article is a list of the personnel who are buried in that cemetery. You can write to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7DX, England, and usually get such information. You can also write to the Military Records, National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N3, and most often get positive results. I have received the basic data on both my father and one uncle. When I wrote about a first cousin who was killed at Passchendale in 1917 I was quite overwhelmed with the information sent to me.

We should also remember to check for articles and names of deceased in such periodicals as *Legion Magazine*. [There is a 3 ring binder in the CANADA [red maple leaf] section of MGS with pages of names taken from *Legion*. They are by year and month and not indexed - but a wonderful collection of names.] Recently, I came across an article in *Airforce Magazine* on a Manitoban, William Barker, VC, of Dauphin, Manitoba. A copy of this article will be put into the Vertical File under MANITOBA - DAUPHIN R.M. An article in *Scottish Genealogist* March 1993, pp 16-17, explains the division of records at the Public Record Office in London and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Some books in MGS' Library which relate to some aspect of military history:

MANITOBA - [yellow dot section]

355 Hod *Lest we forget: ...Hodgson Legion*

355.1 Hol *Alphabetical casualties of WWII ...Manitoba*

355.3 Roy *Royal Winnipeg Rifles - 100 Anniv.*

355.3 Roy *Devil's Blast, 3 issues only*

355.3 Tas *Militia of Manitoba*

EASTERN CANADA [blue]

929.3 F *New Brunswick militia ... officer's list 1787-1867*

971.3 S *British occupation of the Niagara frontier 1759-96*

CANADA [red maple leaf]

REF 940.4 Six.. 6000 Cdn men. 44th Bn. Cdn. Inf. 1914-19

REF 968 M *Canada's sons of Kopje and Veldt. [1899-1902]*

- 351.7 P *Records of the RCMP [NAC]*  
 354.71 C *Royal North-West Mounted Police*  
 354.71 N *New West. RNWMP 1888-1889*  
 355 Tra *Tragic victory: exhibition at the Canadian War Museum*  
 355.1 All *They shall grow not old [Commonwealth Air TC]*  
 355.1 Bel *100 years: [Royal Cdn Rgt. 1883-1983]*  
 355.1 Paq *Honours & awards Cdn Naval Forces WWII*  
 355.1 Rid *DCM to the CEF 1914-1920*  
 355.1 Rid *DSO to the CEF*  
 355.1 Rid *Military Cross ...CEF 1915-1921*  
 355.3 Hop *South Africa & the Boer-British war*  
 355.3 Lis *List of officers & men, ...Rebellion 1885*  
 355.3 M *Canadian militia ...from 1855*  
 355.3 *Official lists of Cdn. ...South Africa*  
 355.3 Roy *Nominal roll RCAF 1 April 1924*  
 940.53 W *War service records, 1939-1945. CIBC*  
 940.54 All *Canadians in the Royal Air Force*  
 940.54 C *Cdn. regimental #s of WWI*  
 940.54 C *Canadians in Britain 1939-44 [history]*  
 940.54 F *From Pachino to Ortona: Italy 1943 [history]*  
 940.54 Sta *Six years of war. Vol 1. [history]*  
 941 C *Canada NAC British ... records*

#### GREAT BRITAIN/IRELAND [red]

- 016.4 Hol *More sources of WWI army ancestry*  
 355.1 Fow *Army records for family historians*  
 355.1 S *Supp. to the London Gazette ...10 June 1919*  
 355.1 Wat *My ancestor was in the British Army*  
 355.3 Gib *Militia lists & musters 1757-1876*  
 355.3 Pub *Records of officers & soldiers ...British Army*  
 355.3 Wil *Records of the Royal AirForce*  
 929.11 Hol *Location of British Army records 1914-1918*  
 929.11 Hol *World War I ancestry*  
 940.3 Anc *Anchor Thread Mills & the war 1914-1919*  
 942 Six *6th annual report of the Imperial War Graves Commission*

#### GENERAL [green]

- 355.1 R *Badges & insignia of World War II*  
 355.1 Tyl *Military uniform identification*  
 940.54 S *Secrets and stories of the war [1939-45]*

#### FH & BLOG [pink]

- 921 EDW *Kittyhawk pilot [W/C J.F. (Stocky) Edwards]*



#### CONGRATULATIONS

to  
Hazel, MGS #824, and Cliff Runchey, on their 50th wedding anniversary, June 23, 1994.

Florence Cox, MGS #217L, on the arrival of granddaughter, Maya Kirstein, daughter of Margaret and Kurt, on November 28, 1994, in Winnipeg.

#### SEMINAR '94

CoChairs Elizabeth, MGS #484, and Colin Briggs

From Friday, October 21, until Sunday, October 23, we celebrated our MGS Seminar "Canadian Trees & Old Country Roots". Our festivities began when Shirley Render, MLA for St. Vital, welcomed participants to the conference. Mrs. Render was an appropriate choice to represent the Department of Culture & Heritage as she had majored in History and had won recognition for her research on "Women in Aviation", her scholarly manuscript combining her passion for aviation with her aptitude for history.

Friday evening began with three concurrent sessions. Eager genealogists could begin with an "Introduction to Family History" or learn about resources held at the Family History Centre. We ventured into new horizons with a session on "Adoption", led by two teachers who had searched their biological parents in Manitoba and Ontario.

As we had received registrations from outside Winnipeg, the keynote speaker, Colin Chapman, made his first presentation, on Newspapers, later in the evening. Colin also opened the Saturday morning session with a less familiar topic - researching the lives of poor ancestors from the lower echelons of society. Colin Chapman's presentations were scholarly, informative, and packed with genealogical clues for research.

Kathy Stokes, one of our resident experts on Manitoba resources researched documents from church records in Manitoba. These important resources are necessary for a thorough approach to genealogical research. Elizabeth Briggs gave an introduction to British Records, allowing Colin Chapman to concentrate on less familiar resources. She explained how to look for further clues in common British records, giving illustrations on how pertinent information can easily be overlooked. Robin Connor is the international expert on Weights & Measures. He shared some of his findings with a select group of interested participants through his exploration of the Scottish Pint.

Our East European section included three talks: Stella Hryniuk explained how to interpret East European resources. John Lehr enlightened his audience with a discussion of "Ethnic Settlements in Western Canada", and Les Reck-siedler, President of the East European Branch, gave a general overview on researching ancestors through East European sources. Les was able to share with the participants the extent of the facilities in the MGS Resource Centre.

Some very popular sessions included Percy Thomas' discussion on "Computers & Bulletin Boards in Genealogy", Hugh Larimer's maps and printed resource at Dafoe Library and Jim Blanchard's discussion of a variety of

records at Dafoe Library, which could aid the genealogist with future research.

Heather Hobbs and John Cooper offered fascinating sessions on Antiques and Antique Jewellery. They were well received and Heather gave a relaxing "hands-on" approach to her hobby.

Our keynote speaker, Colin Chapman, led us through pre 1841 Census returns where we could search lists for our family names. His Sunday presentation was an overview of the development of Ecclesiastical Courts in Britain and the availability of non-publicized records.

Saturday evening a number of people enjoyed an excellent dinner prepared and served by St. John's College staff. Colin Dawes had the challenge of entertaining us through a combination of humour, his profession - dentistry, and the theme of the seminar - genealogy.

Sunday afternoon MGS Seminar '94 provided facilities for a forum "Whose Records Are They?". Representatives from MGS, Public Archives, Legal Services, and Social Services gave professional viewpoints on challenging questions.

With one hundred and ten paid registrations, speakers, additional guests and contributors, we accounted for over one hundred and forty people who participated in the conference. Appreciation is due to many volunteers who assisted with the organization of the program. Our successful seminar was due to the efforts of the following people: Daryl Dumanski, Reginald Dyck, Joyce Elias, Barbara Finkleman, Heather Hobbs, Ernest McCallum, Alison McKinnon, Mavis Menzies, Chris Radons, Jim Rutherford, Harry Skene. [Editor: Add Elizabeth and Colin Briggs!] These people formed the committee. In addition, our thanks are extended to the following, who volunteered their time to produce a successful event: Pat Allan, Beth Audette, Eleanor Corbett, Flo Cox, Hennie Dyck, the Rutherford twins, Heather Hobbs' sons, Erik and Rhett, Louisa Shermerhorn.

#### **Heather Hobbs, MGS #502, Seminar Gifts & Prizes:**

On behalf of the Seminar Committee, I give a sincere thank you to all members who generously gave door prizes for the Seminar. We hope it added to your enjoyment of the weekend. We have had several businesses who were also kind enough to donate and we would like to recognize them and hopefully send some customers their way. When you shop please mention that you noticed they contributed and thank them:

Angus Murray Books, 163 Stafford  
Burton Lysecki Books, 527 Osborne  
Canada Safeway  
Carriage House Lane, 75 Ste. Anne's  
Cherry Tree Lane, 847 Corydon

d'8 Schtote Restaurant, 1842 Pembina  
Dalnavert Museum  
Delicious Sausage & Pepperoni, East Winds Shop. Ctr.  
Dugald Costume Museum  
Food Fare  
Geo Gem of Canada, 301-93 Lombard  
Gilded Lil'y Jewellery, 107 Osborne & the Forks  
Gary's Gold, 239 Manitoba, Selkirk  
Independent Jewellers, McIvor Mall  
Krevco Pools & Spas, 700 Berry  
Manitoba Museum of Man & NAture  
Matthon Motors  
McDonalds Restaurants  
Movie Village  
Nesbitt's Desserts, 726 Osborne  
Northern Images, 1790 Wellington  
Ormiston's Florist, 925 Corydon  
Pederson's Natural History, 382 Main, Selkirk  
Prairie Theatre Exchange  
Royal Winnipeg Ballet  
Scouts Canada  
Time Centre, St. Vital Centre  
Ukrainian Cultural Centre  
U of M Bookstore  
White Knight Books, 220 Osborne



#### **IRISH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP [SIG]**

This group met at the Family History Centre Nov. 23. Following is a brief outline of Irish information which can be found there. Thanks to George Glenn, MGS #262, for his assistance.

#### **FILMS [blue cards, on indefinite loan]**

- Birth Indexes: 1864-77
- Marriage Indexes: 1845-97
- Death Indexes: 1864-66, 78, 81-87, 96-97
- Land & property deeds Index: begins 1708, by surname [later by land description], includes dowry details.
- Registry of Deeds
- Probate Indexes
- Ireland Marriage Index
- Land & property Index by County

#### **FICHE [pink cards]**

- Griffith's Valuations Index
- Cavan - Bailieborough Church List in old Corglass
- Biographical studies of famous Trinity men
- Maps for Ulster, Leinster, Connaught Provinces
- 17C emigration to North America from G.B. & Ireland
- Alphabetical Index to Townlands [MGS has this book in the library]
- British & Irish biographies
- \* Also check long-term [6 mos.] loans drawer.

#### **LOCALITY CATALOGUE [FHLC] Drawer 2**

- Winnipeg Branch is purchasing copies of the Great Britain [England, Ireland, Scotland] Locality Catalogue fiche [also Canada] for donation to MGS' library.

**SUBJECT CATALOGUE** Drawer 3 [blue]  
° Look for subjects: eg. Irish in Canada

**FAMILY GROUP RECORD ARCHIVES EXTRACTION**  
° Order film by surname.

**INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX [IGI]**

° Ireland is in Drawer 14.

**Next meeting:** Jan. 21, 1995 1:30pm. at MGS. Pat Moreau will tell us about her October trip to Ireland.

## GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS



### UPCOMING SEMINARS / TOURS

OGS' Seminar '95, May 19-22, 1995, Chatham, Ontario.

### OTHER HELPS

#### Hamlet / Village / Town?

When researching ancestors in England it would be handy to know that a "HAMLET" has no Episcopal church; a "VILLAGE" has a church; a "TOWN" has a royal charter to hold markets [and has a church]; and a "CITY" has an Anglican Bishop. [For years only clergymen of the Anglican Church / Church of England could legally perform the marriage service].

[*Forum Insider*, Oregon Gen. Soc., seen in *Trails*, Essex Co. Br. OGS, Vol. 16 #4, Oct. 1994, p.8.]

#### Some Special Characters in WordPerfect®

[If you have the correct printer.]

For á, é, ú characters, [acute accent] type "ALT" + "ä", then the desired vowel. [Or press "CTRL + V", followed by "1 comma 2 7" for á, "1 comma 4 7" for è, or "1 comma 6 7" for ú.]

For è, [grave accent] type "ALT" + "g", then the desired vowel. [Or press "CTRL + V", followed by "1 comma 4 7"]

For ö, [tilde] type "ALT" + "j", then the vowel. [Or press "CTRL + V" followed by "1 comma 8 3".]

For ô, ê, [circumflex] type "ALT" + "h", then the desired vowel. [Or press "CTRL + V", followed by "1 comma 6 1" for ô, "1 comma 4 3" for ê.]

For ö, [umlaut or diaeresis] type "ALT" + "k", then vowel. [Or press "CTRL + V" followed by "1 comma 6 3".]

For æ, [digraph / Icelandic character] type "ALT" + "a".  
Thanks to Pat Allan, MGS #2513

#### American Genealogical Lending Library [AGLL]

The Winnipeg Centennial Library is now a participating member of the American Genealogical Lending Library [AGLL]. United States' sources available from the AGLL

include census records, military records, ship passenger lists, USA locality listings and surname collections. The microfiche of the AGLL holdings is available through Bonnie Bodner, Inter-Library Loan Department, Winnipeg Centennial Library. Fees are \$3.50 [US funds] for three weeks viewing privilege at Centennial Library. A handling fee of \$2.00 US funds is also required; however, the fee is only charged once per any number of microfilms ordered. More than ten microfilms ordered in one shipment reduces the fee charged per film.

Thanks to Mavis Menzies, MGS #718.

#### U of M's Elizabeth Dafoe Research

**PERIODICALS:** The *Gentleman's Magazine* [1731-1907] was discussed at the MGS Seminar'94. It is British and took much of its information from other newspapers and magazines of the day. It is housed in the Microform section of the library at Micro Fiche 052 G289.

**NOTES AND QUERIES:** This is another little-known source - especially for people searching the British Isles. The *Notes and Queries* are a number of volumes of periodicals housed on the 3rd floor, call number 052 N84. Each volume is indexed and there are also 13 printed indexes for easier access. The periodicals cover the years 1849-1994, with some omissions.

Look under your ancestor's name, the town or occupation. There are many letters written requesting information which are then answered in a following issue. A search for my ancestors resulted in:

Dec. 16, 1882 CARMICHAEL FAMILY - Can any one give me information as to marriage, issue and descendants in the male line of Capt. John Carmichael... V.F.

Dec. 30, 1882 In reply to queries... of V.F. ... James Carmichael was the only son ... J.R.C.

Jan. 27, 1883 In reply ...kindly given by J.R.C... I wish to mention that the existence of John and SAmuel, the sons, has not been assumed by me, but I did not mention the proofs in my queries ... [and goes to give proof - a gold mine of information].

Thanks to Mary Bole, MGS #884.

#### York Diocesan Records

Colin Chapman, in his [Seminar '94] lecture on Ecclesiastical Courts, Their Officials and Their Records, discussed the records of the dioceses of CAnterbury and York. He said that the York diocesan records are with the Archbishop's records in the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research of the University of York.

MGS' Library has a listing of all the records housed at the Borthwick Institute in the Great Britain & Ireland section, 942.7 BOR.

For further information about Mr. Chapman's lecture, see his book in the GB & IRE section, 262.9 CHA.  
Thanks to Mary Bole, MGS #884.

## **OGS' Change of Address**

New office address: Suite 102, 40 Orchard View Blvd.,  
Toronto, ON M4R 1B9.

## **East European Microfilm for Chernovitz/Bukovina, etc**

LDS film #1471493 covers up to 1890s.  
Thanks to Margaret Purdy, MGS #84.

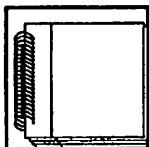
## **Irish Interest**

The Presbyterian Historical Society, Belfast, has closed its doors. Its records are now located at the Belfast Central Library, Royal Ave., Belfast BT1 1EA N. Ireland.  
[Cleveland FHS The Banyan Tree Vol. 5 #12 October 1994.]

## **England Medical Index**

England Medical Index 1615-1850 covers surgeons, apothecaries, chemists and some parents of apprentices. The cost is £1-50p. per surname plus SAE. Further details from Dr. Juanita Bumby, 8 Bowling Green Lane, Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4EF England.

[Cleveland FHS The Banyan Tree Vol. 5 #12 October 1994.]



## **PERIODICAL POTPOURRI**

Lori Walker MGS #1145, Editor.

French periodicals reviewed by Roger André, MGS #1304.

NEW

### **L'Outaouais Généalogique**

Vol. XVI #3, May/June 1994: Chartrand family, part 1 / Godbout and Chevalier families / Genealogy and Genetics / Q/A column.

Vol. XVI #4 September/October 1994: Chartrand family, part 2 / Daughters of Simon Séguin / Q/A column.

Vol. XVI #5 November/December 1994: Chartrand family, part 3 / Nicolas Audet dit Lapointe / Madeleine Legault-Babin / Vlau/Taillefer family / Q/A column.

### **Mémoires de la Société Généalogique Canadiennes - Française Vol. 45 #3 Fall 1994**

Pierre Buhot in Acadia [1690-1751] / George-Eugène Bistodeau in Mauricie, Québec [1829-1896] / Nicolas Bachamp and Anne Lamoreux / Q/A column.

### **Aberdeen & N.E. Scotland FHS, August 1994**

William Edward, part 1.

### **Ancestry Vol. 12 #5**

Dower interest / Bankruptcy records.

### **Brantches, Brant Co. OGS, Vol. 14 #3**

Vital stats. from Brantford Weekly Expositor 1872-3.

### **Cleveland FHS Vol. 5 #12**

Parish of Brambles Farm.

### **Connections, QFHS Vol. 17 #1**

Church registers in Quebec / Finding origins of early settlers.

### **Dakota Homestead Vol 23 #2**

Weddings in 1935 Morton Co. / Naturalization Records F.

### **Derbyshire FHS Issue #70**

Redford family.

### **Family History News & digest Vol. 9 #4**

Parliamentary ancestors.

### **Family Tree Magazine**

Vol. 10 #10: "Big R" contact people / Circus families / Parish Registers.

Vol. 10 #11: English & Welsh probate records.

Vol. 10 #12: English & Welsh probate records, part 2 / Medieval family life / Genealogy programs / Combmaker occupation.

### **Garnett Gathering Vol. 1 #2**

A one-namer on the Garnet/ett surname / Several queries in this issue.

### **Genealogical Helper**

July/August 1994: Searching New York ship arrivals / How to do an adoption search.

### **Genealogists' Magazine Vol. 24 #11**

Mayflower descendants in England & Holland / Family history in Hungary / Hartleian Society 1869-1944.

### **Generations, New Brunswick Gen. Soc., Issue 61**

Maugerville settlement, part 1 / Loyalist officers.

### **Greenwood Tree Vol. 17 #3**

Broadwindsor parish / Burstock parish / George Gardiner.

### **Hamilton Branch OGS Vol. 25 #3**

Olmsteads in the area.

### **The Irish at Home and Abroad**

Vol. 2 #1: Scots Irish in Colonial America / Irish surnames / Civil registration / Canadian passenger lists / Co. Galway / N.Z. indexes.

### **Irish Roots**

#3 1994: Emigrants from West Cork / Irish Archives - Republican Church Body Library / Island archaeology / Emigration to Ontario / Surnames of Co. Cork / Irish Estate records / Dwyer family / Lesser used sources - medical.

### **Journal of Bristol and Avon FHS #77**

Linden family, part 3 / Finding Smiths.

## **Journal of One Name Studies**

Vol. 5 #3: Hebdens in Russia / Carew family, part 2.  
 Vol. 5 #4: Purser surname / Joshua Grindrod / John Pobjoy / Allsop family.

## **London Leaf, OGS Br. Vol. 21 #3**

Marriages in the Township of London 1829-34, Anglican.

## **Metropolitan Vol. 17 #1**

Royal Naval research.

## **Minnesota Genealogist Vol. 25 #3**

Sources at MGS / Missouri Lutherans / Vital records.

## **National Gen. Soc. Quarterly Vol. 82 #3**

Research in Virginia / Analysis of evidence.

## **Newfoundland Ancestor, Vol. 10 #2**

English origins in Newfoundland / Early records at St. Georges Bay Anglican Church.

## **New Zealand FHS Vol. 26 Part 2**

Risetti/Risetto family / Alexander Turnbull and family.

## **Nova Scotia Genealogist Vol. 12 #2**

Births & marriages in the 15th Regiment of Halifax 1817-21.

## **Perth County Profiles, OGS, Vol. 12 #3**

Centennial farms of Perth Co.

## **Scottish Genealogist Vol. 41 #3**

William Glass / Kintyre Stewarts / Brownlie family / Princeton pioneers.

## **Seattle GS Bulletin, Vol. 43 #4**

Town of McMurray inhabitants.

## **Talbot Times OGS Branch Vol 13 #3**

Anglican Church records.

## **Wiltshire FHS July 1994**

Boarded out chn. from Poor Law Unions / Fisher family.

## **YULE LIKE THESE REMINISCENCES!!**

### **CHRISTMAS AT GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE**

Phyllis Antoniuk Gardiner, MGS #2870, Victoria BC



Christmas at my Grandmother's house in Winnipegosis, Manitoba, was a high-powered event. Maybe it was the soft yellow lamplight that cast a warm glow on the preparations for the Christmas Eve supper which she celebrated on January 6th, or maybe it was the mystery of the forthcoming visit from the Holy Spirit in the guise of St. Nicholas, but for my brother, my sister, and myself, it was pure magic.

The dinner table had been cleverly elongated by placing two or three small tables together and covering the whole thing with a heavy underpad. On this was set a daintily embroidered tablecloth whose stiff creases betrayed its long storage since Easter. Numerous place settings bordered the periphery and enclosed an array of serving dishes and platters heaped with tempting foods; there were twelve meatless entrees to represent the 12 apostles. Their aromas rivalled the ever-present smell of pine needles from the Christmas Tree in the corner of the room and the boughs that were spread out on every horizontal edge available: window sills, cupboards, chests and icons. The icons, which were obligatory in every Ukrainian Catholic home, lent a cautionary presence that inhibited any tomfoolery that three eager and excited children might be tempted to enact. Under the table my grandfather had placed the traditional hay that memorialized the birthplace of Jesus. We knew that later in the evening there would be little gifts hidden in the hay just as visitors to the birth child had brought gifts. Unlike our Christmas tree at home in Ontario, Grandmother's sheltered no gaily wrapped parcels; instead, a creche with Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus who lay on a bed of straw. However, there were brightly coloured glass baubles and exotic birds, garlands of tinsel and real candles lit as we sat down to give the blessing. On top of the tree, St. Nicholas, with his droopy red hat, his long flowing beard and his solemn face, appeared to be in collusion with the holy figures in the icons.

And it would be St. Nicholas with his bag of gifts, who would arrive after the prayers had been said, the dishes had been emptied, and the carols had been sung. There was more awe than excitement about his arrival - not the round, jolly Santa Claus who had already visited our home on December 25th. There was never any mistaking this religious holiday with its ritualistic aspects for the merrymaking that permeated our celebration.

As years went by, however, the impact of those Christmases has been felt. Candles have always been included in my secular and spiritual life and there is an increasing impatience with the commercialism of the event we now celebrate. ☺



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## **YULETIDE REMINISCING**

Walt McCaw, MGS #1522, Winnipeg.

Yuletide cards bring to mind a greeting card that I once had in my treasure chest but have since unfortunately misplaced.

The year was 1903 and it was distributed by the carrier boys of the *Winnipeg Free Press* to their customers at Christmastime. The card had the names of the thirty-five carriers of that year, which represented the entire home delivery service for the paper in 1903. I treasured that card for the reason that one of the names on it was my father's.

I recall my father telling me that in those days the carrier boys were paid a flat rate for delivering only; the accounts were looked after by professional collectors. It seems that things are coming, as they say, full circle. The publishers are now encouraging the customers to prepay, or as the advertisement says, "put it on plastic", thus relieving the carriers again of the collection phase..

## **A MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS**

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125, with help from her mother, Nonie Rooke, Winnipeg.

The Christmas of 1940 is one I will always remember. I was just past five years old. My parents and I lived on Byng Place in Fort Garry and I had a happy time playing with my two friends, Winona Stinson [whose father later became Provincial NDP leader] and Gerda Andreasen [now the wife of Governor General Hnatyshyn]. There was one thing, however that always bothered me. Winona and Gerda both had little brothers, but I did not. In the fall of 1940, my parents told me that I would soon be a big sister and I looked forward to this with much anticipation. I knew that the great event would happen after the snow came.

Our kind neighbor, Mrs. Woods, took me to the Santa Claus Parade in mid November, an adventure I loved because it meant a ride on the streetcar. When we arrived home, my mother was gone. Somehow I had not realized that mothers went to hospitals to have babies. I was devastated because I had never been separated from her before, and to make matters worse, my father wasn't there either. I don't remember just who looked after me, but in another day or two Mother came home, but without a baby. Sometime later the same thing happened again, a trip to the hospital and return still without a baby. I was beginning to believe that I never would get this baby that would give me an equal status with my friends.

After my mother's second trip to hospital, we all moved to the home of my paternal grandparents [the Rookes] on Luxton Ave. My mother had to stay in bed and I found this a novel situation. My grandparents were the recipients of much questioning from me and gave suitably vague answers. Remember this was 1940 and children's ques-

tions about the mystery of birth were simply not answered with the frankness they are today.

And then it happened again. My mother and father came down the stairs about eight o'clock on the morning of December 16th, kissed me goodbye and said that they were going to the hospital again and hoped that this time I would have a baby brother or sister. I behaved dreadfully and cried to go with them. My loving and calm Danish grandmother held me back and took me into the dining room where she gave me a bowl of Rice Krispies. To this day I can see my tears dripping into that bowl of soggy cereal, for I refused to eat anything. After I finished crying, I went to the piano [a special thing to me because we did not have one at home] and played "God Save the King", the only thing I knew how to play, over and over again for I am sure at least two hours. My wonderful grandmother endured this without comment. Grandpa went to work.

My parents had gone by taxi to St. Boniface Hospital for the birth, and on the way they had passed the corner of Portage and Main. As they waited for the light to change, my mother noticed that the Christmas trees which always stood in front of the Bank of Montreal at that time of the year were being decorated, and the person doing the decorating was my other grandfather, her father, Walter Robinson, who worked as a janitor at the bank.

Finally, about noon, my father phoned from the hospital. At last I had my heart's desire, a baby brother. Now I was just like my friends. My brother's name was Walter, after my tree trimming grandfather, but I don't think anyone has ever called him anything but Wally.

But my frustrations had not ended. In 1940 it was considered necessary that all new mothers spend at least ten days in hospital. This meant that my mother would not be home for Christmas and there was a very strict policy against children of tender age visiting anyone in hospital. So not only was my mother away for Christmas Day, but I couldn't even go to see my brother and pass inspection on him. My father talked to the rule makers at the hospital and, because it was Christmas, they relented a bit. I could come up for a few minutes on Christmas Day to see my brother, and I could also share the dessert from my mother's Christmas dinner. I recall a nun giving me a Dixie Cup of ice cream, just like the one my mother had. This was indeed a treat. My brother I was less impressed with. He was bald and wrinkled and crying. I could hardly see him because he was so tightly wrapped in blankets. But that didn't matter. I now had what my friends had.

The next day we all went home to Fort Garry and my life with my little brother began. Wally is now my big little brother, for he stands more than six feet tall. He is blessed with the patience and character of his maternal grandfather, and was truly appropriately named. His inquisitive nature and wonderful sense of humour enrich the

family. How lucky I am to have had my wish so well answered.oo

### CHRISTMAS TREES

Lynn Francis, MGS #2656, Winnipeg

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
Your leaves are so unchanging  
Not only when the summer's here  
But when the world is cold and drear  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree  
Your leaves are so unchanging.

This is a centuries-old German tune, and it is the popular belief that Prince Albert brought the Christmas tree custom to England from Germany, but in fact it was already known there in the early 18th century, so it possibly came over to England with the Hanover kings from Germany, where legend has it that Martin Luther was walking in the woods one Christmas Eve and was reminded of the Star of Bethlehem when he observed stars shining through the snow-laden fir trees. He was so moved by the spectacle that he brought a small tree into the house and decorated it with countless candles "as an image of the starry heavens from which Christ would come".

The tree itself "so unchanging" signifies Eternal Life. Light has ever been the symbol of Hope, hence the candles - or today, of course, electric lights.

My earliest recollection of Christmas trees would be about the late 1920s when I was five or six. In those days a horse-drawn sleigh full of evergreens would go up and down the streets, and my Dad would go out and pick the biggest of them all - "not more than a dollar", my Mother would caution. The tree would reach almost to the ceiling and generally had to be "patched" here and there where it wasn't perfectly symmetrical, with branches taken from the bottom. [Something else recalled at this time period: being invited each early evening for a week, to our next-door neighbour's who had a radio, to listen to Santa and how he was progressing from the North Pole to Winnipeg].

In the Navy during the war, my first Christmas ever away from home was spent with resident cousins in Halifax. I was thrilled with the novelty of walking out a bit to the woods to cut down our own tree and haul it home on a toboggan. Also at this time, I saw enacted the Naval tradition of lashing an evergreen to the masthead of each ship, unlit of course with blackout regulations. We found this a bit ironic, observing a German-initiated custom while at war with them.

Being ecology-minded, we don't buy or cut down a tree anymore, but we decorate the evergreens in our yard, and bring in a few branches where the trees have needed pruning, and trim them with lights and baubles - some of which go back to my childhood.oo

### THE COUNTRY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L

Remember the endless practising - plays, carols, monologues, the excitement of seeing the stage planks arrive, the smell of the evergreen tree, paper garlands [later sparkly glass globes and lights], the rustle of crepe paper costumes, the squeak of the stage curtain on its wire, the butterflies in the pit of the stomach...?

If there is a favourite concert, it most probably was the first one. To little eyes, the schoolroom was cavernous that magical evening, stretching back into the shadows and concealing the old stove and the cloakrooms beyond, it seemed endless. At stagefront the lights were bright; they seemed to intensify as the evening progressed.

Much earlier in the year the teacher had planned the usual complement of drills, carols, plays, and other musical numbers for the students, carefully juggling talent, sex, height, etc. In addition, there often was a holiday tradition for the community's adults to "put on a play". They rehearsed separately and on concert night, it was a fascinating experience for young pupils to see folks they knew transform themselves into others via dialogue and costume.

Practising began early, sometimes in October. Through the weeks, awkward steps turned into precise marches, dainty dances, and confident stage moves. Rough voices were somehow mellowed to offer pleasing carols and holiday renditions, and students were coached to "become" other characters by use of tone and actions. And is there a country pupil who doesn't remember crimping crepe paper into tree branches or angel wings, or secretly hoping to be assigned that special costume item eyed for weeks [size 3 high heeled shoes]?

Concert night must have been a frantic experience for teachers, a real combination of pride and panic! For many, it was their sole opportunity to impress the School Board with choice of program and dexterity in carrying it out. The parents' reaction was assured - there was always immediate, and sometimes prolonged, applause for the children's performances.

The concert usually concluded with the long-awaited-for, and much predicted, boisterous visit from Santa who quickly [lest a sharp-eyed child made an unplanned discovery] distributed paper bags containing candy and an orange. He also passed out the students' gifts to each other and the special treats from the teacher before departing as mysteriously as he had come. Visiting and a community-provided lunch usually completed the evening.

Invariably, concert night was a frigid one and the men were usually busily occupied with starting and warming the vehicles while the mothers bundled the excited

children into coats, scarves and mitts. Holiday greetings wove in and out of the clouds of frosty air as the families departed, leaving the old schoolhouse in peace for the coming new year.∞

#### from the book, **Memory Opens the Door** • \*

Noted and shared by Lorna Karman, MGS #2179, this an excerpt from the chapter entitled "A Great Man", which was written about a gentleman of the Interlake, [Manitoba] Will Watson. The book is a history as told by the pioneers of the central, West Interlake area, MGS #971.27 Lin.

"When clearing his land there were two types of trees he would not touch - the birch and the evergreen. His children never had a Christmas tree because he could not bring himself to destroy the beauty of a tree for a brief season. The birch and the evergreen stand as a memorial today to a man who loved the beauty of nature."∞



#### ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

Is there a blank somewhere in the records of your Manitoba ancestor? Just where was Uncle Willie when the 1901 census was recorded? Is it possible that he was lodged in Stony Mountain Penitentiary? The 1901 census provides the same information for Penitentiary inmates that it does for others, ie, birthdate, birthplace, racial origin, marital status, religion and, for some, occupations. Here are the names and ages of the occupants [some names are guessed at due to the poor handwriting of the enumerator] of Stony Mountain at the time of the 1901 census. Please refer to Census records for further information.

Aleck, Charley, 50  
Allen, John E., 23  
Anderson, S., 31  
Anderson, Chas., 49  
Armstrong, Jas, 71  
Barkey?, Samuel, 33  
Barrattie, J., 50  
Baumgarten, O.H., 27  
Beggs, H., 16  
Belter, Fred, 18  
Black, James, 23  
Blake, J.W., 23  
Bracey, H.J., 18  
Brand, Joseph, 24  
Bridgeman, H., 70  
Broton, George, 27  
Burnham, F., 15  
Burnige, John, 28

Burns, Thomas, 32  
Burrell, P., 20  
Cameron, Eward, 29  
Chuney, Charles, 25  
Clark, Albert, 16  
Cole, H., 25  
Conley, John, 27  
Costello, C.H., 31  
Cowitchun, L., 35  
Cumming, H., 19  
Davis, Charles, 40  
Desgagnes, G., 17  
Donato, C.E., 29  
Duclo, John, 21  
Evans, George, 37  
Eyedio, A.D. 42  
Farquhar, Wm., 16  
Farr, William, 45

Favel, W., 48  
Foley, Charles, 27  
Forsyth, H.R., 24  
Fumherreuse, JB. 17  
Gregor, Adam, 28  
Grenier, George, 34  
Hanson, John, 23  
Harris, Charles, 43  
Hereboye, N., 21  
Hill, Philip, 22  
Howard, P., 26  
Joachim, C., 27  
Johnston, Chas, 8,  
Johnston, Fred, 21  
Kennedy, B., 40  
Kennedy, M., 31  
Kurwight?, Kuma, 41  
Lafontaine, L., 17  
Laforine, C., 44  
Larten, Charles, 30  
Lavallee, F., 17  
Leblanc, Joseph, 42  
Leitch, A.M., 39  
Lemie, H., 20  
Lucas, Thomas, 27  
Mc Allison, Geo., 17  
Mc Arthur, John, 23  
Mc Cormick, S., 31  
Mc Arnich, R.E., 16  
McDonald, A., 21  
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## NEWS FROM THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

George Glenn, MGS #262, FHC Staff Librarian

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## PRACTISING EFFECTIVE LONG-DISTANCE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

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The topic of "Practising Long-Distance Genealogical Research" is a subject that requires continual update of skills in order to be effective and it is a subject that every researcher must be willing to undertake in order for his work to be seen as such, especially with genealogical research. Let us now analyze the various components of research and just how important long-distance research can be to the success of your genealogical project.

### A. Introduction

#### I Why Long-Distance Research?

Why do we want or need to undertake long-distance research? I suppose, for two reasons, the need arises:

1. Firstly, local libraries or repositories can only archive certain collections and amount of material. It is obviously unreasonable and unrealistic to think that everything you will need will be available to you locally.

2. Secondly, many records, even those that are not archived locally, will be restricted in some way to the public, either due to privacy regulations, institutional lending policies, or simply because of the condition of the documents in question.

Therefore it is with necessity that, in order for effective searches of information on your family to be taken, you, as a researcher, must be prepared to undertake these long-distance pursuits of records and repositories.

#### II How Effective Can This Approach Be?

Now, the next question you might ask is how effective can this form of research technique be, in not only uncovering sources and institutions, but also in tracing particular information on your subjects in question?

The fact of the matter is that the technique can be very successful and can be incorporated as your primary form of research if you so choose. Speaking from a personal standpoint, the first 15 years of my research consisted solely of two search techniques:

- a) Local Archival Research
- b) Long-distance Inquiries

As far as local archives were concerned, I used only the local Calgary Public Library, the Glenbow Archives, and the main University of Calgary Library. The entire time I did not use the L.D.S. Family History Centres or their resources. More than 80% of my research work was

comprised of long-distance inquiries to institutions and newly found family members.

Today, the statistics are much the same for both my personal and professional work, though I do now use other local facilities, including the Family History Centres, to extend my search resources. Today, approximately 70% of my research work is comprised of long-distance probes and of this percentage, I have approximately a 92% response rate of which about 80-85% produce positive results in varying degrees.

So, I think it can be safely stated that long-distance research can be effective if handled properly and will be the foundation upon which you must base your search techniques for undertaking complete and effective genealogical work.

### **III Alternatives to Do-it-yourself Research**

So, given the effectiveness of personal long-distance research, what other alternatives are then available to the researcher if this method is discounted?

Realistically, your results significantly decline if you do not undertake this technique but you do have a couple of other alternatives.

Firstly, you could undertake the retrieval and search of the documents yourself through some sort of interlibrary loan facility. This is an important search alternative and one that will be used by most effective genealogists but cannot be considered your prime search technique. Secondly, and lastly, you could hire a professional researcher, like myself, possibly local to your area of interest, to undertake the search and extractions you are interested in.

The downside of both of these is that they both generally require an unusually excessive amount of time to undertake in comparison to the results obtained, and both alternatives can prove to be very expensive propositions with sometimes not the desired results.

## **B. Objectives of Genealogical Research**

### **I What is it that Genealogists are Trying to Accomplish?**

I think it is important to define at this point, what is it that genealogists are trying to accomplish - not so much in data content, but in the technique, for it is the technique that will define the success or failure of your other genealogical objectives. It is the technique that will make your research effective, efficient, and economical. All the data in the world cannot be brought out to particular and specific information if you do not know how and where to look for it.

You may think it obvious of the goals but many beginning genealogists enter the activity without a full understanding

of what is required for effective and efficient research, both in terms of data extraction and technique. If you seem to be spending more time researching than extracting information, possibly you have not yet uncovered the goals and/or principles for effective genealogical research. Therefore, let's clarify the issues at hand.

The researcher [you] needs to isolate specifically what he or she wants to accomplish, not only in terms of overall goals of the project but also for each search undertaken. Therefore, let me state a couple of prime goals simply and generally:

- 1) As a researcher, you want to locate information on subjects [family members or otherwise] for the purpose of tracing bloodlines, both ancestry and descendants;
- 2) You want to continue throughout the entire project to evaluate evidence found on your search and extractions, both in terms of proving or disproving pedigree relationships;
- 3) You want to document your search results [both positive and negative] according to the standards for proper genealogical documentation for the benefit of yourself and others; and
- 4) Lastly, you need to be ready and willing to evaluate all types of documents and archives for effective management of your research phase of the project.

### **II Do I Understand the Principles Enough for Effective Search Techniques?**

Therefore, in terms of research techniques I believe we need to isolate the principles for making search results effective, efficient, and economical. Your project can easily become unmanageable and without direction if you do not have goals and applied techniques available:

- 1) Firstly, as a researcher you need to be able to analyze your information, define what you have and what detail information you want from your searches;
- 2) Secondly, you need to know how this new-found information [if found] will enhance your documentation and further search operations. If it is information that does not enhance further work, you will need to decide on just how much effort and expense you will want to place on it;
- 3) Thirdly, you need to be familiar with the different types of documents that are available that may prove helpful in your extractions - subsequently, familiar not only with the various document types but also development of an increasing knowledge throughout the project of the specific documents themselves, that are available to you as a researcher for your particular area of interest;
- 4) Fourthly, you need to disseminate in some sort of hierarchical manner, your choices for the document types you will search for;
- 5) Fifthly, you need to ascertain what repositories exist that may contain the documents you are interested in obtaining information from;

6) Sixth, you need to determine the best method for extracting those documents and getting them in hand. Do you ask the repository to undertake the search and extraction for you? Do you seek interlibrary loan alternatives?

7) Lastly, as a researcher, you need to maintain an ongoing record of the types of documents being held by institutions you use and those that may be of future interest in your search. In addition, keep a record of your correspondence, the results of that correspondence and even more importantly, a detail source record of your extractions according to standard source referencing techniques. Keep in mind that you be required to re-extract this document or other similar documents again during your research phase.

### **III Being Able to Match Goals With Potential Resources and Available Repositories**

So, really the key to effective genealogical research, regardless of whether it is long-distance or otherwise, is the ability to match your goals with potential resources to available repositories.

You need to carefully consider what it is you are trying to accomplish [at a detail level], then ascertain the various sources that are liable to provide you with the information you are seeking, prioritizing the source to be searched in conclusion - prioritizing your search because some documents, such as prime records, may provide better information than other documents.

At this point, the researcher, with both these factors in mind, must consider what institutions may hold those documents and how to be able to acquire the items desired.

Establishing this routine will provide effective management of your skills and your time with overall benefit in a more comprehensive search and final results.

### **C. Defining the Resources Available**

#### **I What Are They and What Do They Contain?**

As most genealogists have already determined, the resource potential for researchers is mind-boggling and at times, even for the most advanced genealogist, can be overwhelming. There are so many resources available to the genealogist, that for the most part, you could never be expected to cover them all effectively, not even for your own personal research. To complicate matters, many of the resources may be limited in their access, or not open for review at all, and those open for unlimited access may be difficult to retrieve, review or read.

So, the genealogist's task is a hard one and sometimes an almost impossible maze of endless documents that tire your eyes, confuse your brain, and sometimes make you want to swear in frustration. Nevertheless, there are some

document types that should always be high on your list of potential resources, regardless of whether your research is long-distance or otherwise and I have categorized them as follows:

#### **A. OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC RECORDS**

##### **1) Federal Records**

###### **a) Land Records**

- i) Patents & other land records
- ii) Bounty land warrants
- iii) Bounty land affidavits
- iv) Bounty land applications

###### **b) Military Records**

- i) Service records - various wars
- ii) Pension files & applications - various wars

###### **c) Census Records**

- i) Various years depending upon country & time period

###### **d) Court Records (Civil & Criminal)**

- i) District Courts
- ii) Surrogate Courts
- iii) Probate Courts
- iv) Courts of Quarter Session
- v) Chancery Courts
- vi) Supreme Court

###### **e) Legislative Records**

- i) Journals, Laws, etc.

###### **f) Miscellaneous Records**

- i) Shipping & passenger lists
- ii) Immigration records
- iii) Passport records & applications
- iv) Naturalization records

##### **2) State/Provincial/Territorial Records**

- a) Vital Statistics - births, marriages, deaths

- b) Files and reports of appellate courts

- c) State libraries & archives

- d) Census & records taken by state authority

- e) State land office records

- f) Records of a Secretary of State [often this officer is also the custodian of miscellaneous collections of early official records from different parts of a state]

- g) Legislative journals [Published Volumes]

- h) Session laws [Published Volumes]

- i) Court reports [Published volumes]

- j) Administrative records

- k) Executive records

##### **3) County, Town and Other Local Records:**

###### **a) Court Records [Civil & Criminal]**

- i) Probate files & record volumes

###### **Wills**

Petitions for letter testamentary

Petitions for letters of administration

Decrees of distribution & orders

Inventories

Miscellaneous affidavits

- Petitions to determine heirship
- Guardianship matters
- Adoption proceedings
- Adoption proceedings
- Affidavits & depositions
- ii) Civil Actions [other than probate]
  - Partitions
  - Divorce
  - Foreclosures
  - Actions for possession of real & personal property
- iii) Vital Records
  - Birth certificates
  - Marriage licenses & intentions to marry
  - Marriage records
  - Death certificates
- iv) Land Records
  - Deeds
  - Mortgages
  - Leases
  - Recorded wills
  - Powers of attorney
  - Miscellaneous affidavits
  - Judgments & decrees affecting realty
  - Contracts pertaining to real property
- v) Miscellaneous Records
  - Assessment & tax rolls
  - Register of voters
  - Coroner's files
  - Maps & plats
- vi) Town and Municipal Records
  - Vital records: birth/marriage/death
  - Court records of various types
  - Land records [some kept at this level]
  - Various others particular to location

#### **B Principal Unofficial or Private Records**

- 1) Church Records
  - a) Vital Records: birth/baptism, marriage/banns, death/burial
  - b) Administrative records & directories of ministers
- 2) Education Records
  - a) Yearbooks, publications, etc.
  - b) Alumni lists
- 3) Health Records
  - a) Various hospital records
  - b) Insurance records
- 4) City & Business Directories
  - a) City/Town directories
  - b) County directories
  - c) Professional directories
  - d) Professional records
- 5) Employment Records
  - a) Apprenticeship records
  - b) Union records
  - c) Citation announcements
- 6) Published/Private Genealogies & Family Histories
- 7) Family Bible Records

- 8) Funeral Home/Cemetery Records
- 9) Genealogical Evidence in Newspaper Files
- 10) Monuments, Memorials, Memorabilia & Miscellaneous Personal Records

#### **II Can I Obtain Access to These Documents?**

Once you have defined what sources you want to investigate, the next issue is how to obtain the records. If the documents are not available locally, then your only alternative is to use one of the long-distance research methods we have already mentioned.

Remember that the public library in your home area may have more than you think. You might ask if they can acquire some of the more general publications. A University library often collects historical material relevant to the courses it offers. A local genealogical or historical society may be on a subscription exchange with other distant organizations.

Short of hiring a professional, you have only two other alternatives open to you, both of which should be used extensively to accomplish your research effectively. The most obvious, of course, is self-correspondence, while the other is use of interlibrary loan facilities in your area.

Most of the records I have described earlier can be accessed either through personal visit to your local archives and libraries or through interlibrary loan. Those which cannot should be accommodated through long-distance correspondence. A few comments about dealing with correspondence and interlibrary loan requests later.

#### **D Matching Repositories to Resources**

##### **I What Repositories do I Have Available to me as a Researcher?**

Firstly, let us determine the types of repositories that you have available to you as a researcher.

Generally speaking, the various archival institutions will be of the following types. Without specifically mentioning every single repository by name, which it will be necessary for the researcher to determine, let me comment on the various types and their possible locations:

##### **LOCAL INSTITUTIONS**

- A) Local Libraries, Museums, Archives
- B) University Libraries [Main & Faculty]
- C) L.D.S. Family History Centres
- D) Government Libraries & Institutions
- E) Professional Organizations - Branch/Sister Offices
- F) Local Court Offices
- G) Local Registrar Offices
- H) Local Church Libraries, Archives
- I) Genealogical/Historical Societies

#### OUT-OF-AREA INSTITUTIONS

- A) Provincial/State/Territorial [Legislative] Libraries
- B) County Libraries, Museums, Archives
- C) National Library/National Archives
- D) Town/City-specific Library, Museum, Archives
- E) Town/City-specific Newspaper Offices
- F) Town/City-specific Funeral Home Offices
- G) Town/City-specific Cemetery Offices
- H) Town/City-specific University Libraries [Main & Faculty]
- I) Municipal, County, State, Federal Government Agencies & Departments
- J) Professional Organizations - Head Office or Branch/Sister Offices
- K) Location-specific Court Offices
- L) Location-specific Registrar Offices
- M) Location-specific Church Libraries, Archives
- N) Location-specific Genealogical/Historical Societies

#### II Do Any of These Repositories Hold the Documents of Interest?

The next step, and probably the most difficult, is determining the repositories that hold the documents you are interested in reviewing.

This is sometimes not an easy task to determine as it is difficult to obtain lists of a library's collection. Often major library institutions in the location you are interested in will have copies of the documents that may prove helpful to you or will have knowledge as to how and where you can obtain these records. You must be specific, however, as to what records you are searching for! This is very important because few librarians have the time or the interest to search for details for you. Your research requests will be accommodated quickly and without problem if you know what you want and where it is. Therefore, do your research in these matters before you make your requests! It will improve your response rate and results significantly

#### III Can I Obtain Access to These Documents?

Once you have determined what institution holds the records you want you can then determine whether the documents are open to public access or not, and if so, in what manner. Can copies of data be made or not? Can the records be taken out or sent by interlibrary loan? Determine the most expeditious and most economical way for you to review the documents. If you feel you might want to review and record more than a specific section of the document, possibly it is better to have it in-hand for personal review through the interlibrary loan process rather than to simply request copies of specific data from the distant institution.

#### IV Getting Others Involved in Your Research

One of the biggest jobs in long-distance research is getting people [including family members] interested and involved in your research requests. Of course, everyone has his/her agendas and time-constrained interests.

Yours may be low on the list - therefore a couple of points I can share that I use which will lead you to more effective results.

- 1) Keep the request simple, short, non-demanding and professional. It should contain precise details, however, on information known to date and what it is you want from the recipient. Always be specific about the time period in which you DESIRE to have the completed questionnaire returned.
- 2) For non-organizational or small organizational contacts, include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope or International Reply Coupon where practical.
- 3) ALWAYS, ALWAYS have done your research first as far as possible before contacting anyone. If you are contacting a distant family member for example, know their names [even if you are not sure whether they are related or not], try to determine if in fact they are related, how they are related, names of family members, dates, etc. Do not go to them blind because they will be hesitant in responding to someone who is a complete stranger who cannot prove or display knowledge of the potential connection. This is the most important part of your correspondence! In addition, always offer to share your information with a prospective family member. If you are contacting an institution, your earlier research will go a long way towards a quick and eager reply to your inquiry, and especially if you offer to pay the expenses or make a small donation. Many small institutions survive on donations. On a personal note, I very seldom write a letter without almost being sure of positive results and I prepare over five hundred letters [for personal and professional work] every year to all parts of the world.
- 4) Always follow up on your inquiries, in a courteous manner in about 2-3 months. Sometimes correspondence gets lost or misplaced. Use a correspondence log to keep track of what you have sent and the results of that search. Also, know that I never inquire a third time to someone who has not responded on two previous occasions. They are obviously not interested and you should spend your efforts more productively undertaking an alternative search strategy.
- 5) And lastly, upon receipt of a reply from new-found family members, I always return a note of thank you, regardless of whether they are interested in participating in the project or not.

#### E. Getting Those Documents In-Hand

##### I What Alternatives do I Have for Getting the Information to-hand?

So, now getting those documents in-hand for your review - basically, for long-distance research you are looking at four possible alternatives:

- 1) Issuance of a detail-specific search request to a Repository or Individual for copy or transcription of a particular record;

- 2) Self-order of the document through your local inter-library loan facility with subsequent self-review;
- 3) Request a family member, local to the source, to provide you with a search and copy of the document; or
- 4) To hire a professional researcher, like myself, to undertake the objectives for you and submit the resulting information.

All of these alternatives have merit and will probably become part of your repertoire of search techniques as you progress with your project. None of them should be discounted because each of them offer benefits the other doesn't. Of course, there is also a parallel downside to each alternative. You, as a researcher, need to decide the best alternative for the situation at hand.

## **II Effective Use of Research Logs**

### **a) Why keep logs of institutions, resources, and search results?**

An important part of effective research, whether it be long-distance or otherwise, is the use of logs for maintaining search results on institutions, resources, and detail searches themselves.

This aspect of your work should not be overlooked as it is going to be the basis on which your project succeeds or fails. You should keep a record of the institutions that have provided you with information, as well as a record of the institutions that you have encountered in your research which may provide you with some assistance at some later date. The institutional log will represent your index to repositories and the results you have had using those repositories.

Secondly, you should be prepared to maintain a record of resources [documents, books, films etc.] that you have used or may use in the future to accomplish your search requests. You should match resource locations with repositories where possible. In this way, you are always maintaining a relatively current index of institutions and the genealogical collections they hold.

Lastly, but definitely the most important, is the need to maintain a record of the results of your detail searches through the various resources - both negative and positive results for each search. This documentation should follow one of the genealogical standards for documenting and footnoting source records. This is going to be the most important element of all your research, short of your search technique, because it will allow you to maintain a perspective on your results, provide re-access to documents already reviewed, and provide proof of results to yourself and the ultimate users of your family history.

### **b) Keeping logs current and reflective of your needs**

Always remember that the logs are an important element of your search technique and especially for long-distance

research. They are a reflection of your future search needs and your past search results. If you know what you have done, and where you are going with your research, the entire exercise becomes much easier and effective.

Therefore, keep your logs current. When you come across an institution in your area of work, document it and its genealogical holdings that you are aware of. If you contact a repository for information, document the request in your logs. If you search for a record within a document and you get negative results, record in your log that type of search, document details, and any particulars on the search as well as the result. Keeping your logs current will make your research much easier to deal with and it will not be so overwhelming. Yes, it does take a bit more effort and time away from your actual searches but the results will pay off for you in the end.

## **F. Conclusion**

So, let me now wrap up this discussion. Long-distance research can be very effective, but like any research, for it to be so requires some recording discipline and use of established search techniques. Don't be afraid to apply long-distance research extensively in your work and don't be afraid to mix up your research approach. The end result will make your knowledge, use and results of genealogical material better.

You need to be able to match your detail goals to potential resources and ultimately to possible repositories. This requires you to become familiar with your goals and the techniques used to accomplish them. This requires you to become familiar with various forms of resources and the many repositories that may hold them.

Once you have matched goals to resources and finally to repositories, then you can decide as to how you want to access and search the particular documents as well as how to document your results.

Genealogy is a continuous cyclical exercise of research, proof, analysis and documentation. Once you have established a technique for doing all four, you will see an increase in effective results of both your long-distance and local genealogical research.

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## **DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRE**

**December 31, 1994?  
January 31, 1995?  
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**ALL COME BACK, EH?**

Membership registration form is on page 33.

## ANGLICANS IN ST. PETERSBURG

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It has been stated recently that the Lutherans and Baptists were the main Protestant denominations in St. Petersburg, and therefore Anglicans and Presbyterians would necessarily have used their rites.<sup>1</sup> This is not quite true. There was a small English non-conformists chapel in St. Petersburg, as well as a substantial Anglican chapel attached to the British Embassy there. Some impression of the interior of the embassy chapel can be gained from the following description by a visitor in 1827: - "On the Sunday immediately after our arrival, I attended service in the English church, a very handsome and substantial edifice, situated about the centre of the English Quay, where it presents a noble front to the river, being decorated by a colonnade, placed on a massive and well-distributed basement story, in which are the apartments of the Rev. E. Law, nephew of the late Lord Ellenborough, and Chaplain to the Factory. The Church was first built in 1754, and reconstructed in its present form in 1815. The entrance, properly speaking, is from a street at the back of the Quay, through a handsome gateway. The interior is neat and simple, and has the great advantage of being well warmed and comfortably fitted up. There is a state pew for the British Ambassador on the right of the altar and opposite to the pulpit; it is surmounted by the Royal Arms of England. The altar-piece is a Deposition from the Cross, a very creditable painting, on the sides of which are two handsome Corinthian pillars of marble. The female part of the congregation, as in Lutheran churches, sat apart from the rest, and occupied the left side of the church. The church has no gallery, and, although capacious, is insufficient to accommodate more than a part of the English residents."<sup>2</sup>

My great-grandparents were married in the Embassy Chapel in 1850. Since the chapel came under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London, the church registers are now kept in the Guildhall Library in the City of London. The Guildhall Library has published a booklet which is an invaluable aid in tracing the British overseas.<sup>3</sup>

The Reverend Edward Law [1781-1868], who married my great-grandparents, was Minister of the English Church and Chaplain to the British Embassy at St. Petersburg for the remarkable period of 44 years, from 1820 to 1864.<sup>4</sup>

My great-grandparents left Russia about 1854, the year in which boy twins were born to them in England. My great-grandfather died in 1855 at the age of 35 years, and my great-grandmother then took a school-teaching job with the Church Missionary Society on the Red River. Her three years at the school in St. John's parish are more fully described in another place.<sup>5</sup>

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## NEYA POWAGANS

### "MY SPIRIT HELPER"

Métis newsletters written by Geoff Burtonshaw MGS #1895. Excerpted by the Editor and reprinted with the author's permission. A copy of each newsletter is in the MGS Resource Centre.

### Newsletter #25

- Many surname interests and queries.

### Newsletter #26

- List of "Some Good Books" on Métis cultural history.
- Many more surname interests and queries.

Dilate - to live a long time



## RESEARCHING A HOME

Kevin Diplock, MGS #2935

This house has been in my family for three generations. By word of mouth, all I knew was that the house and forty acres of land were bought in the spring of 1924 by my grandparents. I didn't have much to go on but I decided to try going to my Municipal Office and hoped they would have records dating back previous to 1924. They requested my land description and roll number. Unfortunately, their records did not go back as far as I requested. Some time ago the records had been transferred to microfilm and sent to a larger centre. I contacted them and they were able to assist me.

I was able to find out the first owner's name before my grandparents. There was a building permit issued to him in 1910 for construction of a house. Thus I knew now what year my house was built. They were able to provide me with a copy of a Municipal Land Assessment for the year of 1911. At that time the records were very detailed. For example, the municipality requested the following: how many people dwelled in this home, their gender and religion; amount of land farmed and amount of land left treed; number of horses, cows, oxen and pigs. I actually found this quite humorous. This was the extent of information the Municipal Office was able to provide.

I was also curious about the history of my land. Therefore, I decided to go to the Manitoba Archives. The Archives

information was limited to only the names of the settlers who homesteaded Manitoba land, and to who owned the land previous to them. Along with this, they provided me with the first surveyor's field notes from 1871. [As you know, Manitoba became a province in 1870.] The surveyor stated that this township, for the most part, was an open prairie with three or four groves of poplar, a few oak, and some swamp willow. There was a great scarcity of water. He saw only one natural spring because this was a remarkably dry season. He also noted that the township was generally very level except for a ridge that ran through part of it, but classed the entire township as superior agricultural land. Reading these field notes gave me insight as to how my land looked over a hundred years ago.

My interest, besides my search for my ancestors, led me to this branch of research on my family home. Hopefully this will be of some assistance to you, should you be interested in a similar kind of search.



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## MANITOBA BIRTHS/MARRIAGES/DEATHS from *Amherstburg Echo*, Windsor, Ontario

Linda Bunn, Corr. Secretary, Essex Co. Br., OGS, Windsor, Ontario

Date of newspaper issue is in brackets.

### Births

At Winnipeg, on Aug. 5, the wife of Mr. T.E. Stephenson, formerly of Windsor, of a daughter. [Aug. 24, 1888]

At Baldur, Man., on March 31, the wife of Rev. H.A. Wigle, formerly of Ruthven, of a daughter. [April 14, 1893]

At Maple Creek, NWT, on Wed. Feb. 3, the wife of Mr. Ira A. Quick, of a son. [March 5, 1897]

### Marriages

By the Rev. J.M. Wellwood, Presbyterian minister at Minnedosa, Man., Mr. Wm. B. Waddell, formerly of Colchester South, now of Minnedosa, to Miss E., eldest daughter of Mr. Hugh Sanderson, of Odanah, Man. [March 27, 1885]

At Winnipeg, on October 8, by the Rev. D. Gordon, Mr. Jas. A. Ovas, of Souris, Plum Creek, Man., to Lottie A., eldest daughter of Mr. James Logie, of Ithaca, Mich. [Oct. 23, 1885]

In Colchester South, on January 28, by Rev. W.W. Edwards, Mr. Sidney S. Scouter, of Township of Keladar, County of Addington, to Miss Emma L. Ferriss, daughter of Mr. Matthew Ferriss, of Burnside, Man. [Feb. 5, 1886]

At the bride's father, on March 24, by the Rev. Mr. Adams, of Souris, Man., Mr. Joseph Nicholas, of Brandon, Man., to Delphine Jane, youngest daughter of Mr. S.P. Fox, formerly of Ruthven, but now of Cornwallis, Man.; the couple will hereafter reside at Church, Dakota, for whence they left after the wedding. [April 9, 1886]

At the residence of the bride's father, Two Rivers, Man., on Nov. 30, by the Rev. Isaac N. Robinson, Mr. James Turnbull, of Milford, to Emma, only daughter of Mr. Adam Clark, all of Manitoba. [Jan. 6, 1888]

At the Methodist Church, Two Rivers, Man., on December 4, by the Rev. Isaac N. Robinson, Mr. Cory Clinck, of Ninette, to Miss Fanny Clark, of Two Rivers, all of Manitoba. [Jan. 6, 1888]

At Knox Church, Winnipeg, on Nov. 21, Mr. Noble A. Bartlet, barrister, of Windsor, to Addie, daughter of Mr. J.W. Peddie, of Winnipeg. [Nov. 23, 1888]

In Amherstburg, at the Methodist parsonage, on June 10, by Rev. Thos. Cobb, uncle of the bride, Mr. Arthur Atkin-

son, of Winnipeg, Man., to Miss Helen B. Ritchie, of Amherstburg. [June 13, 1890]

At St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, on Oct. 13, by Rev. Joseph Hogg, Mr. Jas. Wellington Bailey, contractor, of Donald, BC, formerly of Malden, Ont. to Miss Elizabeth Ferrar Suttie, of Arbroath, Scotland. [Nov. 6, 1891]

At the parsonage, Leamington, by Rev. H.A. Wigle, on Feb. 15, Mr. Colin Hutchins, of Hilton, Man., to Miss Luella Reeves, of Mersea. [Feb. 26, 1892]

At St. Mary's Church, Winnipeg, by Rev. Father Fox, Mr. H.B. Bridges, cashier of the CPR, to Miss Alice Phillips, both of Winnipeg; bride is sister of George McPhillips, P.L.S., of Windsor. [June 3, 1892]  
[Note: Brother/sister were listed with different last names.]

At St. Alphonsus Church, Windsor, on Aug. 2, by Rev. Dean Wagner, Mr. Wm. Liddy, of Winnipeg, Man., to Miss Nathalie M. L'Herault, of Windsor. [Aug. 5, 1892]

In Romney, Kent Co., on Feb. 1, by Rev. J. Deacon, Mr. Herbert H. Fox, of Lansdowne, Man., to Miss Mary Anne Lane, of Romney. [Feb. 17, 1893]

At Kingsville, on Jan. 1, Mr. Gordon Quick, of the Northwest, to Miss Carrie Noyse, of Colchester South; the couple will soon leave for the Northwest. [Jan. 4, 1889]

At St. Mary's Cathedral, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, Oct. 24, Mr. James B. Pepler, to Miss Marion Girdlestone, granddaughter of Mrs. Girdlestone, of Amherstburg. [Nov. 2, 1894]

At the home of the bride's parents, in Stratford, on Tuesday, March 17, Mr. Walter Ferriss, of Burnside, Man., but formerly of Colchester South, to Miss Wood. [March 20, 1896]

At Bowmanville, on Mon., Feb. 21, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. J.J. Rae, Egerton Washington, of Morden, Man., and eldest son of S. Washington, to Minnie, eldest daughter of Thomas Sherrin, of Bowmanville. [Mar. 11, 1898]

At the residence of R.C. Brown, Dauphin, Man., by the Rev. J.W. Bell, on Nov. 2, John S. Kinnee, formerly of the Customs Dept., Essex, to Annie Strachan, of Southampton, Ont., formerly milliner at Diebel & Bricker's, Essex. [Nov. 17, 1899]

### Deaths

At Maple Grove, Manitoba, on June 17, William O'Falvey, uncle of Dr. O'Falvey, of Comber. [July 8, 1887]

In Anderdon, on April 8, Anna, wife of Mr. John Bailey Sr., aged 77 years, 5 months; son Alfred lives in Manitoba,

former Deputy Reeve of Amherstburg. [longer article lists other children] [April 17, 1885]

In Winnipeg, [no date] Emma Hiron, wife of Mr. Arthur Wickson. [June 19, 1885]

At High Bluff, Manitoba, on May 20, Alfred Bailley, formerly of Amherstburg, of paralysis, aged 57 years. [May 25, 1888]

At his farm near Morden, Man., on June 29, George Ainslie, formerly of Mersea Twp., Essex Co. [July 13, 1888]

At Plympton, Man., on April 13, M. Amelia, eldest daughter of Rev. S.O. Irvine, of the Springfield Mission, aged 7 years. [April 19, 1889]

In London, on June 23, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. James Marsh, formerly of Amherstburg, aged 35 years; she was the daughter of Elizabeth Flynn; has three brothers, John, Thomas, and Richard, and one sister, Maria, in London; one sister, Rebecca, lives in Amherstburg; deceased was born at Fort Garry, NWT in 1853. [July 1, 1887]

In Malden, on June 22, Anthony Sellars, aged 75 years; one son, Joseph, lives in the Northwest. [longer article] [June 26, 1891]

At Ruttwaville, Man., on Jan. 13, of heart failure, Timothy Windsor, aged 83 years; deceased was the father of Mr. Enoch Windsor, of Leamington. [Feb. 19, 1892]

At High Bluff, Man., on Jan. 24, Charles Bailey, aged 29 years. [Feb. 3, 1893]

At Wawanesa, Man., Mrs. E.A. Wells [nee Miss Cecelia McVey], aged 19 years and 10 months. [May 19, 1893]

In Malden, on Sunday, March 11, Caroline [nee Clark], relict of the late John B. Delisle, aged 73 years, 11 months, and 24 days; deceased was born in Gosfield North Twp.; one brother lives in the Northwest, another brother was killed two years ago in the Northwest [longer article]. [March 16, 1894]

In Manitoba, on Tuesday, Sept. 10, Mrs. Elizabeth Causett, aged 36 years; deceased was sister of Antoine and Alexander Rocheleau of Sandwich West, Joseph of Anderdon, Dennis of Tecumseh, Honore of Manitoba, Mrs. Eli Bondy of Petite Cote, and Mrs. Isadore Beaume of Manitoba. Deceased has resided in Manitoba for the past eight years; she leaves her husband and one child to mourn for her. [Sept. 27, 1895]

At Deloraine, Man., on Saturday, Dec. 28, Samuel Smith, aged 81 years. Deceased was for some time a resident of Windsor. He was the second Mayor of the town of Guelph.

He leaves a wife and family of five sons and two daughters, one of the latter being the wife of F.S. Evans, Manager of the Canadian Telegraph Co., of Windsor. [Jan. 10, 1896]

In Winnipeg, Man., on Wed., Feb. 26, Henry Pulford. Deceased moved from Windsor to Winnipeg about 15 years ago. When in the former place, he carried on an extensive lumber yard and also owned some boats. He spent some years in New Zealand, and, on the death of his first wife, was married to a lady of that country who survives him along with five children - Mrs. Ed Turk, of Windsor; Mrs. Chas. Richardson, of Harrow; Dr. Pulford, of Detroit; and two sons in Winnipeg. Four brothers also survive - Edwin A., Kingsville; John, Detroit; and Alfred and Frank W., of Amherstburg. [Feb. 28, 1896]

AT Monterey, Mexico, Sir John Schultz, ex-Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, aged 56 years; born in Amherstburg in 1840; father of Scandinavian descent, his mother, Elizabeth Reilly, of Irish extraction [longer article]. [April 17, 1896]

At Two Rivers, Man., on March 23, Alexander Clark, of Manitoba, formerly of Gosfield North, about 80 years old; father of 13 children, nine of whom he took with him in wagons to Manitoba [longer article]. [May 22, 1896]

At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. James Lewis, Morris, Man., on Thurs., Sept. 3, Thomas Moodie, of Windsor, aged 93 years and 11 months. [Sept. 18, 1896]

In Winnipeg, on Monday, May 10, Mrs. Watson, mother of Mr. James Watson, Manager of the Traders' Bank, Leamington, aged 80 years. [May 21, 1897]

At Image Hill, Man., on Sat., April 23, Anna Selena Baldwin, beloved wife of Mr. Albert H. Ferriss, formerly of Colchester North. [May 6, 1898]

At Maple Creek, NWT, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. G.W. Quick, on Monday, May 16, Selena, widow of the late Rev. Solomon Snider, after an illness of two weeks, aged 79 years and 9 months. [June 3, 1898]

At Harrow, on Tues., August 2, John Ferriss, aged 78 years; brother Matthew lives at Burnside, Mich. [? Man.] [longer article] [Aug. 5, 1898]

At Winnipeg, on Sunday, March 19, Mrs. F. Taylor, 52 years; deceased was a sister of Mrs. J. Churchill, of Amherstburg. [March 24, 1899]

At Harrow, on Tues., Aug. 2, John Ferriss, aged 78 years; son Malcolm lives at Portage la Prairie [longer article] [Aug. 5, 1898]



## BOOK REPORTS

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### **My Ancestor Was in the British Army. How Can I Find Out More About Him?**

by Michael J. Watts and Christopher T. Watts, Society of Genealogists, 1992, 122pp.

A worthwhile reference for researchers to check when looking for sources of information about an ancestor who was in the British Army. Descriptions of records of officers and personnel of other ranks prior to 1914 occupy the first half of this volume. World War I records are described in the second half, along with references and a bibliography. Along with personal examples of the authors' research, tips and cautions about the locations of records and how to go about using them are most valuable.

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### **Ecclesiastical Courts, Their Officials and Their Records**

by Colin R. Chapman, Lochin Publishing, 1992, 76pp.

Written in an easy reading style, this volume gives the reader an idea of how the ecclesiastical courts were structured and the issues that were dealt with within their jurisdiction. The preface gives one a personal view of the author., and why he became interested in reading and writing about this system. Throughout the book, there are references as to what information [in] the various records would be of value to the researcher. The author ends with a section on the current location of these records.

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### **an Introduction to ... Occupations A Preliminary List**

by Joyce Culling, Federation of Family History Societies, 1994, 44pp.

A brief overview of sources to check when deciphering an ancestor's occupation is given at the beginning of this publication, with the main portion consisting of an alphabetized list of occupations, and their descriptions. At times, the reader will need to check more than one listing,

as some will use another term for the description. An appendix gives the researcher a Latin list of occupations. Also included is a brief list of abbreviations used, Chapman County Codes used, and a bibliography. An interesting reference for the researcher who may know the occupation listed for an ancestor, but not realize exactly what that occupation entailed.

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### **Probate Jurisdictions: Where to Look for Wills**

compiled by Jeremy Gibson, FFHS, 4th edition, 1994, 71pp.

As with other guides compiled or co-authored by Jeremy Gibson, this publication gives the researcher a great deal of information regarding wills before 1858 and following that date. A brief description of the documents to be covered in this book is given in the introduction, along with a glossary and listing of abbreviations used through the listings. The book is divided into the following geographical areas: England and Wales, North Wales, South Wales, Isle of Man, Scotland, and Ireland. While this is not a publication one would read from cover to cover, for the researcher looking for the location of information about letters of administration or wills of an ancestor, this may indeed save valuable time by directing one to a current source.

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### **Marriage, Census, and Other Indexes for Family Historians**

by Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson, FFHS, 5th ed., 64pp.

Another useful guide, with updated information as to where one would locate these indexes. A short, but handy, list of points called "How to Use These Indexes", by Michael Walcot, follows the preface. The areas included are: England [pre-1974 counties], Wales [pre-1974 counties], Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Scotland, Ireland.

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### **London and Middlesex, A Genealogical Bibliography**

by Stuart A. Raymond, FFHS, 1994, 129pp.

Another bibliography from Stuart A. Raymond, centring on the historic area of London and the County of Middlesex. This lists numerous publications for the researcher to check under the following topics: Periodicals; Genealogical Directories, Names and Biographical Dictionaries; Pedigree Collections and Heraldry; to name but a few. There are also three indexes at the back of the book - an author index, a family name index, and a place name index.

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**My Ancestors Were English Presbyterians / Unitarians  
How Can I Find Out More About Them?**  
by Alan Ruston, Society of Genealogists, 1993, 64pp

Ruston begins this publication with a brief history of these dissenting groups to give the researcher a bit of an understanding about why records may be difficult to obtain. He goes on to give information about where one might find desired records. The majority of the book is devoted to the English presbyterian/General Baptist/Unitarian congregations in Great Britain location list of records. This section covers congregations in England, Scotland, Wales, "Other Bodies", and the Non-subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

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**Londoners' Occupations, A Genealogical Guide**  
by Stuart A. Raymond, FFHS, 1994, 48pp.

An alphabetical listing of various occupations within the historic boundaries of the City of London, and the County of Middlesex. Once an occupation is found in this bibliography, one may refer to one or more of the publications listed. There are several indexes at the end of this book - an author index, a family name index, and a place name index. One may be led to a valuable source of additional material regarding the occupation of an ancestor, using this reference.

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The following are some family histories and genealogies which have been donated to the MGS Library, many by the authors. Each family history or genealogy is important in its own way, thus none of the following 'reviews' is more than an outline of names and places mentioned in the books. Anyone interested in obtaining copies should check with the book for authors' addresses.

**Wandering Westrups**

by Mary Bole. Winnipeg, MB, 1994.

Traces a branch of the Westrup line back to about 1660. Most distant, confirmed, ancestor was John Westrup of Stanstead, Suffolk. Some family names marrying into this Westrup line were Goddard, Stead/Steed, King, Pain, Iron, Carmichael and Dibdin. Hugh Westrup and his wife Audrey Dibdin came to Canada in 1912 settling in Vancouver, BC.

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**Johnston Journey**

by Bernice Prevost.

This Johnstone family history outlines the family and descendants of Thomas Johnston, second son of Thomas and Sarah Johnston, who immigrated to Huron County, Ontario from Enniskillen, Fermanagh Co., Ireland in the 1840s. Thomas, 1845-1911, married Jane Ann Mor-

rison. They had 12 children, some born in Manitoba. Families married into were: Brodie, Bennett, Kinley, Robinson, Coward, Smeltzer, Brownbridge, Calder, Greene and MacDonald.

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**Robert Henry Johnston Descendants 1858-1992**

by Shirley Johnston Snider, nd.

Robert Johnston [see above] immigrated to Canada with his own family and his brothers, Matthew, William and Christopher. This family history covers the life and descendants of Robert and Sarah's youngest son, Robert Henry Johnston and his wife Lydia Ann Abrams. They had seven children who married into the following families: Moffatt, Hudson, Morrison, Armstrong, Smith, and Abrams.

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**The Whitfields. The Descendants of Jacob Whitfield and Margaret Scott**

by Ernest McCallum, Winnipeg, 1994.

The family history begins in Haltwhistle, Northumberland, England when Edward Whitfield married Elizabeth Wigham in 1709. A great grandson of theirs, Jacob Whitfield of Brampton Parish, Cumberland, England, married Margaret Scott of Castledon, Roxburghshire, Scotland in 1838. This book is a record of their descendants. Families marrying into the Whitfield and Scott families before 1838 were: Dobson, Telford, Routledge, Cowens. Whitfields moved to Ontario, Canada in the 1860s and to near Morden, Manitoba in 1878.

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**From Fifeshire to Canada. A History of the John Fyfe Family**

by Anne Bigelow, Winnipeg, MB, 1993.

This Fyfe family originated in Fifeshire, Scotland. In 1756 John Fyfe of Markinch, Fifeshire, married Mary Hutton. They had seven children who married into the Whithead, Taylor, and Anderson families. This is the record of the descendants of the fourth child, John Fyfe, who married Johanna Anderson. Their son, James, married Ann Laurie. In 1852 James, 62 years of age and a widower, emigrated to Huron County, Ontario, Canada, with five of his grown children. Some of the family moved to Pembina RM, Manitoba.

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**Echoes From Andrew and Anna. The Gentle Cook Embrace**

by Cook family members, 1990.

A two volume family history of the family of Andrew Cook and Anna Christina Palmer, covering the years 1769 to 1990. The family has spread all across North America. Some more recent names I noted are: Vollick, Fairclough, Vickerman, Dunton, Leadlay, Andrews, Stewart, Elsley, and Heels.

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## BOUCHER

Seek info re **Boucher** families [name is Irish, rhymes with Voucher] who went West in late 1800s from Ontario.

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## BROWN

Samuel S., s/o David Brown [1825-1907] & Agnes McLeod [1833-1905]. d. May 4, 1925, Durban [Swan River], Man. Lvd. in Durban from fall of 1924. Any info on Samuel, extended family and wife. Would like to hear from a descendant.

Contact: G. Helen Steinke

376 Wordsworth

Ferndale, Michigan 48220 USA

## BROWN / SCHULTZ

Edwin [Ted] Brown, aged 91, Leicester, Eng., seeks info abour relatives who are reputed to have emigrated to Manitoba c1910. Mr. Brown's Uncle George and Auntie Annie [formerly Warren] went out with baby nephew, Alfred Brown [Ted's brother] & are thought to have adopted a little girl named Elsie Schultz, who was also from the Belgrave area of Leicester.

Contact: Neville J. Arnold

14, Midway Road

Leicester LE5 5TP England

## DUETTA

Seek info of 3 dau/o Calvin Duetta & Annie Hawkins, b. 1880s, adopted by Way & ? in 1890s. Mabel m. ?; Maud m. Silverthorn; Marion [Way] m. Fitch, d. Wpg. 1920.

Contact: Lorraine Mathers [204] 728-0190

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## GORDON

Searching for Russell Gordon who was living in Winnipeg, Man. in 1959. Need info re his mother Lizzie [Bitz] Gordon.

Contact: Mrs. Ruth Obert

606 W. Stonegate Rd.

Peoria, Illinois 61614 USA

## HERON / MURRAY

Searching for parents of Jane Heron, b.c1814. Wife of Selkirk Settler, Donald Murray, b.c1804. Residents of Kildonan, Red River Settlement.

Contact: Robert Small

Box 550

Lake Cowichan, British Columbia V0R 2G0

## KULCZYCKI

Stanislaw, b. May 1875, Sokal, Austria, m. Marcella Pianowska, b. c1876. Stanislaw arr'd Gimli, Man./Camp Morton, May 1906 & stayed with a Kozak family for a short time. His w. & 3 chn. arr'd Oct. 1907. 2 sons b. Gimli Aug. 1908 [sponsors M. Keller & A. Marks] & Anthony b. Jan. 1910. Did Stanislaw buy/sell his property privately? How do I find info re this? Was Marcella related to Jacob Haas who lvd. in same area shown on Munic. map [Cummins #77] in Twp. 20, Range 3, EPM Sec #? This fam. mvd. to BC in 1910/11. Any help much apprec.

Contact: Mae Ostrowski

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## MANITOBA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

My mother, Janet Aime, deceased, was Prov. Pres. 1961-2 & granted life memb. 1963. No info in Archives or Prov. Gov't records. This organization seems to have disappeared. Any info apprec.

Contact: Harry H. Aime

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## MITCHELL

George Herbert Mitchell, b. Feb 22, 1883, Romsey, Eng. Came to Canada 1900. Worked for HBC for 50 yrs. Any info on Can. or Eng. connections apprec.

Contact: Don Ruddock

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## O'NEIL

Patrick, b. Oct. 1, 1802, Fermanagh Co., Ire., m. Jane ?, b. Sept. 7, 1810, Ire. Arr. Canada c1847. 14 chn: William; Mary; Patrick; Sally; Alice; David Arthur b. 1835, d. 1887, m. Susan Connelley; James; Louise; Owen; Edward; Catherine; Jane; Mary. Settled around Morrisburgh, Ontario area. Searching for family of David Arthur, b. July 25, 1880, d. Jan. 1923, moved to Youngstown, Ohio, m. ? Hogan. Any info on any of above apprec.

Contact: Alma Bentley

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## PEASE

Linsford P., b. 22 Aug 1835, USA. To Canada c1891, Meth. Listed in Wpg. directory 1891-1899 as a wood dealer, lvd. 116 Disraeli. 1901 Census lists him as a widower. May have been m. to a McWilliams. Any info apprec.

Contact: Mrs. Joan Comparelli

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## RYZ / RYSZ

Apologies to Joanne Cutler for misspelling names in her query in September's Generations. Following is the corrected query.

Stanley, b.c1878, Sidorow, Husiatyn, Galicia. Emig. to S. America early 1900s. Descs. may have come N. to USA or Canada. Father: Josef, b.c1842. Bro: Antoni, b.20 Apr. 1884. Sis: Catherina, b.c1876 & hus. Petri **BABY** emig. to Canada 1903, sett. near Cedoux, Sask. Any info apprec. Contact: Joanne Cutler

2062 Naramata Rd., RR#1  
Penticton, British Columbia V2A 6J6

## SHANNON

David, Loyalist, b.c1755, PA, m. Jane **Day**. Lvd. Beverly Twp, Wentworth Co., Ont. 4 sons: William, b.1791, NB, m. Christina **Bawtinheimer**; Lemuel lvd. Dumfries; Henry b.1812, Canada W., m. Ester **Wilson**; David Jr. m. Mary. Need info re chn of these 4 sons.

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Ernest McCallum, MGS #428, and family, on the death of Ernest's mother, Evelyn Ann McCallum, November 21, 1994, in Morden, Manitoba.

Mary Bole, MGS #884, husband Jim and family, on the death of Mary's mother, Helen Marcolin, November 26, Crowsnest, Alberta.



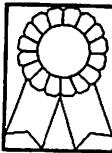
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## GENEALOGY GEM

Clatsop Co. Oregon Genealogical Society Newsletter, The Forebears,  
November 1992

### Grandma Climbed the Family Tree

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed it of late

She's always reading history, or jotting down some date.  
She's tracing back the family, we'll all have pedigrees,  
Grandma's got a hobby; she's climbing Family Trees.

Poor Grandpa does the cooking, and now, or so he states,  
He even has to wash the cups and also dinner plates.  
Well, Grandma can't be bothered, she's busy as a bee -  
Compiling genealogy for the Family Tree.

She has no time to baby-sit, the curtains are a fright,  
No buttons left on Grandpa's shirts, the flower bed's a sight.

She's given up her club work, the serials on TV,  
The only thing she does nowadays is climb the Family Tree.

The mail is for Grandma, it comes from near and far,  
Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR.  
A monumental project - to that we all agree,  
A worthwhile avocation - to climb the Family Tree.

She wanders through the graveyard in search of date and name,  
The rich, the poor, the in-between, all sleeping there the same,  
She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by a gentle breeze,  
That blows above the Fathers of all our Family Trees.

Now some folks came from Scotland, and some from Galway Bay -

Some were French as pastry, some German all the way.  
Some went on West to stake their claims, some stayed there by the sea,  
Grandma hopes to find them all as she climbs the Family Tree.

There were pioneers and patriots mixed with our kith and kin  
Who blazed the paths of wilderness and fought through thick and thin,  
But none more staunch than Grandma - whose eyes light up with glee  
Each time she finds a missing branch for her Family Tree.

Their skills were wide and varied from carpenter to cook,  
And one - alas - the records show, was hopelessly a crook.

Blacksmith, farmer, weaver, judge - some tutored for a fee.

Once lost in time, now all recorded on the Family Tree.

To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more,  
She learns the joys and heartaches of those who went before.

They loved, they lost, they laughed, they wept, and now for you and me,  
They live again in spirit around the Family Tree.

At last she's finished, and we are each exposed,  
Life will be the same again - this we all suppose.  
Grandma will cook and sew, and serve crullers with our tea,

We'll have her back, just as before that wretched Family Tree.

Sad to relate, the preacher called and visited for a spell - We talked about the Gospel and other things as well.

The heathen folk, the poor, and then, 'twas fate - it had to be

Somewhat the conversation turned to Grandma and the Family Tree.

We tried to change the subject, we talked of everything - But then in Grandma's voice we heard that old familiar ring.

She told him all about the past, and soon 'twas plain to see

The preacher, too, was neatly snared by Grandma and the Family Tree.

He never knew his grandad, his mother's name was - Clark?

He and Grandma talked and talked, and outside it grew quite dark.

We hoped our fears were groundless, but just like some disease,

Grandma's become an addict. She's hooked on Family Trees.

Our spirits filled with sorrow, our hearts sank with dismay - Our ears could scarce believe the words we heard our Grandma say,

"It surely is a lucky thing that you have come to me,  
I know exactly how it's done - I'll climb your Family Tree!"

### NOW YOU KNOW...

One reason why the Ten Commandments are so short and to the point is the fact that they did not come out of a committee.

Kellett's newsletter 1994

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## NAME THAT MANITOBA TOWN

Example: What you do on a horse and a very large hill

Riding Mountain

1. A small English car
2. Happy rock
3. A chapel and a small mountain
4. A long hike on the plains
5. An evergreen tree and rapids
6. Murder little Arnold
7. An auto and a male human
8. A rock and a part of a room
9. A resort in Florida
10. A very large rocky hill
11. A country of many dikes
12. On a rise of ground
13. The Viking explorer's son
14. Steal from Lynn
15. An auto and a small fruit
16. A Scottish family and a Bill
17. An antler of wapiti
18. A fast town
19. Long-necked water bird and a body of water
20. Part of the leg, foot of an animal and a baby's cry

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This quiz was developed by Daryl Dumanski and Rick Penko for use at Seminar '94.

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Eric Marshall, MGS # , Chair, Computer Committee

At Seminar '94 some 60 attendees posted family names they are currently researching. These have been compiled into an alphabetical listing of 500+ entries. This is too large for *Generations* and we propose to extend the listing to allow all MGS members the opportunity to submit. It is possible to add names or to make changes to those on file. The list will be published in spring, 1995.

 Please use the form on page 32, or send a computer printout with necessary details [names, dates, and locations]. Send to Eric Marshall, c/o MGS, or mail to:

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Please send any ideas you have for Seminar '96 to MGS Executive, c/o MGS, so that recommendations may be made to Council on January 21, 1995.

## BIDS FOR SEMINAR '96

Bids for Seminar '96 are now being accepted. Please send to MGS Executive, c/o MGS.

**Deadline March 31, 1995.**

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Further info: Shirley 254-8514 or Walt 668-5401

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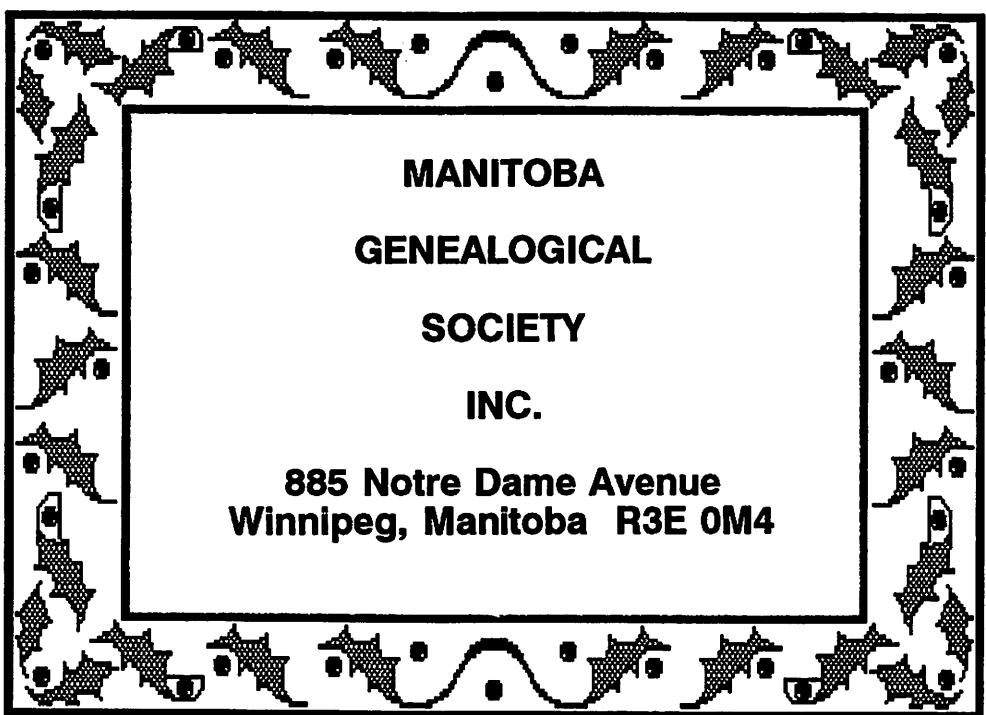
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