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MGS – Our Past, Present and Future

By Kathy Stokes
MGS # 125

We date the beginning of the Manitoba Genealogical Society as 16 June 1976, when a group of interested people met in the auditorium of the Investors' Building in Winnipeg to form our organization. However, in reality, that meeting was the culmination of much thought and preparation by one man, Eric Jonasson. Eric had been in indifferent health for a time when he was in his teens and had to spend many hours in quiet pursuits. To help him pass the time, his mother and grandmother encouraged him to work on his family's history. Eric had found his passion and much of his future life's work.

The years passed and Eric's knowledge of family history extended beyond that of his immediate ancestors. In his own words, he described the spark that became MGS.

" Everything must have a beginning, and for MGS, the beginning occurred in 1975. On September 9, Hans D. Birk, noted Canadian heraldic artist delivered a lecture in Winnipeg. I had the distinct pleasure of meeting him at the airport and escorting him around the city. We had ample opportunity to talk about heraldry and genealogy. One observation he made was that Manitoba was the only western province without a genealogical society. ' Eric, you should do something about that,' he said. After Mr. Birk left, I kept pondering the possibility of a Manitoba society and, finally, towards the end of the year decided to make an attempt to start one. I designed a poster and composed a form letter, explaining what I was doing, and sent them to all Manitoba public libraries. Then I waited for the rush."

The poster campaign was disappointing, so Eric turned to CJOB's Peter Warren (always a friend to MGS, even though he confessed off air to this writer that he thought we were all slightly mad because we could never prove absolutely that the person we named as the father was indeed the father. Eric had never been on the radio before, but he conquered his nervousness and spoke about the subject he knew so well. The radio appearance was a turning point, convincing Eric that there was indeed interest out there. The rest, as they say was history, or rather family history.

So the June 1976 gathering was no spur-of-the-moment meeting. Eric came fully prepared, with a plan for the organization, several possibilities for the name, even a guest speaker to whet the interest of those who were curious enough to attend. People attended from Winnipeg and from rural Manitoba. At least one was a descendant of Hudson's Bay fur trading families, another a high school student. Those who joined MGS by 31 July 1976 were considered to be the founding members. As of this date, founders who remain members of MGS are:

005 G. Lorne Harris
008 Mavis Gray
016 Patricia Thomaschewski
019 Patricia Hewitt
031 Marilyn Clayton
034 Gerald Brown
043 Esme Trotter
045 Jayne Murphy
053 Phyllis Innes
056 Elizabeth Jonasson
064 A. Jean Tucker
077 Nedra Burnett

By the end of its first year, MGS could boast 130 members. From 1976 to the present, nearly 4000 people have been members at one time or another.

Those in attendance at the inaugural meeting quickly approved a set of bylaws that gave structure to the new group, to be called the Manitoba Genealogical Society. In later years, we have sometimes wondered if that was the most appropriate name, for we are often confused with other organizations, especially those to do with rocks. Once someone came to our display booth at Eaton's to see if this was the place to have his blood pressure checked. Perhaps the Manitoba Family History Society would have been a better choice, but what is done is done.

There was much work to do, but the group pushed forward. It was important to inform the public about the existence of the new society and Eric spent time giving interviews to the press and answering questions on the radio. In later years, many other members of MGS were interviewed by various media about their individual research or about the various MGS projects with which they were involved. In the mid 1980's, Gordon Breckman hosted an MGS show on the community TV channel. Each endeavour resulted in calls and letters to MGS and proved valuable in increasing our membership and in making the public aware of our organization.

One of the first tasks to which the society turned its attention was the production of a quarterly journal titled "*Generations*". The executive and the membership understood it to be an important tool in bringing people together in a common pursuit and in the exchange of information. An early questionnaire asked members what to include in "*Generations*". There was an overwhelming preference for information about Manitoba's early history and the many ethnic groups who peopled the province. Members were also interested in advertising for information about lost relatives in the Queries section or how to conduct

research in other countries. In the days before the Internet, such information was not as easy to obtain as it is today. "*Generations*", together with a newsletter of recent happenings in the genealogical world kept members informed. Early issues of the journal were produced on a Gestetner machine that eventually expired (probably from overuse) and by December 1979 were printed by the offset method. Gestetner generated journals were hand collated by MGS members who walked round and round the tables set up at the old Teacher Library Resource Centre (TLRC) on William Ave. This venue was also the location for many early meetings of MGS.

Another early project of MGS was the production of its first Surname Index in 1977-78. Several others have been produced since that time, but none in recent years. Communication by Internet seems to have made surname indexes less important for MGS members.

The first MGS seminar was held in November 1977 at Kelvin High School with 77 people in attendance. Yearly seminars, several held in Brandon and one in Dauphin, were the norm for many years, with attendance as high as 150 people. Unfortunately, yearly seminars have fallen by the wayside in Manitoba in recent times (although not in other provinces) due to the lack of volunteers who are willing to co-ordinate this major undertaking. As well, times have changed and much information that was formerly passed along at seminars is now available on the Internet. In many ways, this is unfortunate because nothing is better than listening to speakers who know their subjects, and being able to ask questions afterwards.

Seminars in the 1980's and early 1990's nearly always featured speakers from out of town. Colin Chapman and Don

Steel came from England, Colin on three separate occasions, including a trip to Dauphin for the 1984 seminar that attracted some 100 participants. Several experts came from Salt Lake City, among them Alan Phipps, to share their enormous knowledge with us. Canadian speakers from Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan, as well as knowledgeable people from Manitoba have enriched our understanding of genealogy through our seminars.

In January 1978, the MGS Council accepted a petition from members in the Brandon area to form a branch, to be called the SouthWest Branch. This was the first, but by no means the last branch of MGS. In November 1978, the Winnipeg Branch was formed, followed in December 1979 by branches in Dauphin and Roblin. The Roblin Branch was dissolved within three years because it was unable to attract enough members to make it viable. Later the Inowendawin Branch for Native and Metis families was formed, followed by the Swan Valley Branch, the East European Branch and lastly, the Prior Relations Branch in Portage La Prairie. Inowendawin and Prior Relations Branches eventually disbanded. The East European Branch left MGS to become the East European Society, although many people remain members of both organizations. The branches are important to MGS members, for they are responsible for running programs which assist members in their research, for acquiring books and other materials on their specific areas of the province and for encouraging the study of family history through displays, lectures and clinics in the areas which they serve.

The library has always been an integral part of MGS. Early recognition of its importance was shown in January 1978 when the first grant was given to the library committee in the amount of \$300.00. Later, when the TLRC moved

to Notre Dame Ave. and through the kindness of member Gerald Brown who was the director of TLRC, MGS was able to place its holdings in this larger space and to have them catalogued by TLRC. This place also became the meeting site for Winnipeg Branch members. By May 1982, the library grant had been increased to \$600 yearly, emphasizing the need for more volumes and the increased usage of the library. Over the years, library expenses and allocations have continued to grow and in the most recent budget, the library allocation is \$4000 reflecting the continued support MGS members feel is necessary for the library. As former MGS president, Ernest McCallum once said, "The library is the heart and soul of MGS."

Our resource centre has expanded to include not just books, but microfilm and microfiche, maps, periodicals from all parts of the world, CD ROMS and the Internet. The MGS collection of Manitoba sources includes local histories, indexes of church records mainly from the Anglican and United churches, censuses, family histories, cemetery transcriptions and newspaper obituary indexes. We have information in various forms from all parts of Canada and many other countries. The centre is not only used by our members. We have, on occasion, had the police looking for deaths in our current obituary indexes; lawyers have checked these same indexes for information. As part of the heritage community, it is our responsibility to share our resources with anyone who wants to use them.

It was necessary for MGS to incorporate, in order to be eligible for grants, and this was done in 1982. About the same time, MGS received a federal charitable tax number, enabling us to give receipts for donations. Later, after a long tussle with Revenue Canada, MGS was given permission to

issue tax receipts for membership fees, something that had been allowed to Saskatchewan and Ontario for several years.

Increased membership and interest made it necessary, after a few years at the TLRC, for MGS to consider the possibility of moving to larger quarters where we could offer more access to our resources to MGS members as well as the public at large. But we had a very small budget, certainly not enough to pay rent. Fortunately, the provincial government of the day decided to grant us \$5000, specifically so that we could open a small resource centre. We were excited and at the same time apprehensive for that amount does not allow for lavish quarters.

We searched around the centre of the city and finally decided to locate in the old Royal Bank building at the corner of Main Street and William Avenue, on the third floor. Not a large space, and definitely not upscale as they say, but our own. On the two hottest days of the summer of 1983, we moved our book collection into our new home. We had some old shelves given to us by the Winnipeg School Division and a few chairs scrounged from garage sales. A long metal desk was purchased from a second hand store (and is still in use today). A second hand typewriter became our chief communications tool and we still have a couple of cemetery transcriptions typed on the poor old thing. Donations of filing cabinets and other small furnishings were gratefully accepted from members.

The Special Projects Committee was formed in the late 1970s. Two of its main objectives were to transcribe cemeteries within Manitoba and to index old Manitoba newspapers. The first cemeteries to be transcribed were in western Manitoba, courtesy of SouthWest Branch members. Some of

the seniors from SW Branch were able to obtain a New Horizons grant to help defray costs by forming themselves into a group called Westman Cemetery Transcribers. They added more than 20 cemeteries to theirs and MGS' collection. Dauphin Branch was also busy working on the old part of the huge Dauphin cemetery as well as many small graveyards around Dauphin. This was not an easy task, as many stones were written in Ukrainian, and none of the transcribers could read that language. In Winnipeg, work was begun on the historic and very large St. John's Anglican cemetery just off Main Street in the north part of the city. The work took almost three summers and the transcribers often felt like tour guides because so many tourists visited the site and were sure that we were there to help them find the graves of the famous or of their ancestors. Historic cemeteries, Kildonan, St. Andrew's and Dynevor St Peter's, were also among the first to be transcribed in the Winnipeg area.

Work was begun in the early 1980's to index old Manitoba newspapers, beginning with the *Nor'Wester*, which dated from 1859. The branches outside of Winnipeg began, about the same time, to index their local newspapers as well.

That first little office left much to be desired, but it was cosy and it served our needs. It was not located in the best part of town, and some of the inhabitants of the streets nearby occasionally gave us pause. Ladies of the evening (and sometimes the day) tried to keep warm on cold winter days by congregating in the main floor lobby. One of the other office holders on our floor was a fortune-teller, and because we were the first office from the elevator, we often had her clients coming into our office to ask where her office was. Some told interesting stories

of what Madame Red seen for their future. But there were problems as well. Inebriated people found their way to the third floor. A volunteer had her purse stolen from the front desk and from that time, we kept the door locked, opening it only when we knew who was on the other side. Many of our members hesitated to venture into this part of town.

By 1985, the provincial government had increased our operating grant to \$15,000 and it was time to look for new space and an employee to assist with our ever-increasing workload. This time we found space in a suite of offices in the old Grain Exchange Building on Lombard Ave. This suite we shared with the Manitoba Archaeological Society and the Manitoba Heritage Federation (MHF). We were able to negotiate shared use of the MHF photocopier and postal metre as well as using their boardroom for council meetings. Our move was made during the worst downpour of the summer, with water everywhere, and the piles of boxes of books so large that it was almost impossible to get through the front door of the office. But at least a moving company was hired and we had two summer students to help, as well as our member volunteers. New library shelves graced the small room allocated to the library and the boxes emptied as the shelves filled. Soon, thanks to grants and donations, we had our own portable photocopier and a new microfilm-microfiche reader printer. We were in business again.

In September 1985, we hired our first and only permanent employee, Mavis Menzies, who was with MGS until 1993. Mavis established many helpful office procedures, which are still in use today. She was our ambassador on the phone and the first person people saw as they came through the front door. Her cheery

manner and extensive knowledge made her a wonderful ambassador for MGS.

1986 was our tenth anniversary and we tried to make it a special year. We published our first book, an index of marriages and deaths from early Manitoba newspapers. It had been typed (this was before we had a computer) by one of our summer students. We held a contest to develop a logo that is still in use today. Our seminar that year at Brandon University was exceptional. Through a grant we were able to bring one delegate from each province to deliver a session at the seminar. More than 150 family historians attended in all and we were all able to mingle and exchange ideas and information with people from every province in Canada. It is unlikely that any other province has had the opportunity to sponsor delegates from every province to one seminar.

Another important innovation that began as part of our tenth anniversary was the initiating of our first award, then titled "Certificate of Merit." Ten were awarded that first year, to celebrate our ten years. Since that time, one has been awarded each year, to a member who has given prolonged and outstanding service to MGS. In 1999, the name of the award was changed to "The Eric Jonasson Award" to commemorate our late founder. Another award was added in 1999, the "Florence Cox Award", which honours individual volunteers who have served MGS in so many ways

MGS' Outreach program has flourished around the province, with the branches taking the responsibility for holding information and "how to" sessions, often in libraries in smaller centres, at country fairs and other special events and for publicizing MGS work. In Winnipeg, one of the longest running Outreach services is manning booths at Folklorama, with the added bonus of being able to watch

the show while answering the many questions posed by visitors to the pavilions, particularly the Scottish and Irish ones.

There was an attempt in the mid 1980's to form a national association of family history organizations, an idea that came from western Canada. The national organization was called "The Canadian Federation of Genealogical and Family History Societies" or CANFED. The idea was a good one, for we needed to speak with one voice when dealing with government and funding agencies. There was also a need to develop training and certification programs for those who wished to make a career of family history research. Unfortunately, the concept never came to full fruition, for many reasons, in spite of the best efforts of MGS which had hoped that provincial representatives to the 10th anniversary seminar would use the occasion to further the fledgling organization's progress. In a few years, CANFED died, through lack of attention by most family history societies. Such an organization would have been useful today while we try to force the federal government to release post 1901 censuses. We still have no national certification program for researchers, similar to those in existence in the United States and Britain.

The 1980's were a period of rapid growth in the field of family history generally, spurred on by the fallout from the excellent television program, "Roots". MGS was able to keep up with the demand for our services, thanks to Mavis and the volunteers who helped run the office each day. Correspondence and written research requests from all over the country and beyond took a great deal of time. The purchase of our first computer enabled us to develop letters and paragraphs which could be put together to answer general questions. The computer was

also used for indexing some of our many Manitoba sources. One bonus about having an office in the middle of the business community was that business people on their way to somewhere else in the building noticed our office and dropped in to see what we were about. We found one MGS president that way.

The late 1980s saw MGS with a provincial government grant, which enabled it to pay the rent on the office and our employee's salary as well. We could hire summer students with the assistance of student employment grants. Our students, for the most part were a joy to have in the office, with their enthusiasm and their thirst for knowledge. Our building had great security, which was important when we were open in the evenings. But it was too good to last. Belt tightening by the government resulted in cuts to our operating grant over a couple of years, just at the time when we had literally run out of space for our ever expanding resource centre. At the same time, rent was going up. Something had to be done.

Lack of space in the Lombard office combined with the expense of parking if we could indeed find any space on the street or in a lot meant that many people would not come downtown. Regrettably, we could not afford both new quarters and an employee at the same time, and the office space had to come first. After a winter of searching, our executive signed a five-year contract with the Scouts Canada to rent the ground floor of their building on Notre Dame near Arlington. There was more space, but parking remained a problem throughout our time there.

Things were not all bleak during this time. Grants from the Heritage Grants Advisory Council (HGAC) allowed us to produce new indexes of old and current

newspapers and United Church records. We were also, from successive grants, able to hire transcribers who could read Polish and Ukrainian to record all the known Ukrainian and Polish cemeteries in the province. For this latter project, MGS was awarded a National Heritage Canada Award in 1995.

Our first translator was a high school student, Russell Wach whom we found to be a pleasure to work with, but who was a very tall, very shy young man of few words. One of the Winnipeg TV stations heard of our project and asked to do an interview. We arranged to meet them in the Pansy Ukrainian cemetery in southeastern Manitoba. After asking some general questions of the project coordinators, the reporter interviewed Russell. His answers were of the "yes/no" variety until she asked what he told his friends about such an unusual summer job.

"Oh" he said. "I just tell them that I work outdoors and that I have several hundred people under me."

The search was on again for new quarters. This time we hoped we could afford something that would be suitable for a long time. We were tired of packing and unpacking the boxes of books. It was difficult to find space that was affordable and that also met our criteria - ample parking space, preferably free, easy access for our members who had problems with stairs, good bus service, a safe neighbourhood. Finally we found our current location on St. James Street. It was more than we had dared dream about - open space with room for our very large boardroom table, separate office space for work behind the scenes, a kitchen and eating room, adequate free parking. We were old hands at moving by this time. President Chris Irwin and Librarian Louisa cracked the whip again and before we knew it we

were in what we hope will be our long-term office in July 1998. What lies ahead for MGS in our twenty fifth year? Our bookshelves are becoming cramped again. Our computer room is shared with our extensive collection of directories. We would like to be open more evenings each week, and perhaps on Saturdays. Several positions on our Council are vacant. Many of our current council members would like to retire, having spent more than enough years in their positions. Finances are adequate, but we would be unable to cope with rent for larger quarters. Our situation is shared by many other volunteer organizations, and there are no easy answers, but MGS has an unquenchable spirit and we will be around to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Some Irish Domestic Servants in the Canadian West

By Kenneth G. Aitken
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In the nineteenth century entering domestic service was for most women in the British Isles the only avenue to paid employment. Between 1841 and 1891 domestic service as an occupational category grew to become the "not only the largest women's industry but the largest single industry for either men or women"¹ However in the 1890s opportunities for women to enter domestic service began a rapid decline in Britain.

During the rise of domestic service as a female occupation, there was

¹ Board of Trade (Labour Department) (1899) Report by Miss Collett on the money wages of indoor domestic servants. London: HMSO British Parliamentary Papers, 1899 XCII p. iii

a steep decline for men to serve as butlers, valets, footmen etc. So at its height as an employment sector there were positions for ladies maids, cooks, housemaids, laundry maids, kitchen maids and scullions and in the wealthier homes with children, nursery maids and governesses. The challenge of finding suitable and dependable servants was of such a concern that it became a frequent topic of conversation among women of the middle and upper classes who referred to it as The Servant Problem. The hiring and managing of servants was the subject of essays and whole books such as *Hints to Young Women about to Enter Service* published in London by Bosworth in 1855, and *A Few Hints to Nursemaids* published in London by Elliot Stock in 1890.

As the demand for domestic servants began to decline about the same time as the Canadian West opened up for settlement, the Ministry of the Interior in Canada began promoting the immigration of domestic servants into Canada.

“Farmers, Farm Labourers and Female domestic Servants are the only people whom the Canadian Immigration Department advises to emigrate to Canada. The best time to go to Canada is between the beginning of April and the end of September, although female domestic servants may go at any season. There is little or no demand for females other than domestic servants. Governesses, shop assistants, nurses, etc., should not go out unless proceeding to join friends able and willing to aid them in getting employment.”²

Information for Prospective British Settlers. A Department of the Interior booklet published in the early 1900s as cited in Jean Bruce. *The Last Best West*. Toronto: FitzHenry and Whiteside, 1976, p. 33

As the new century dawned there was such a great demand for domestic servants in Canada that the governments paid British booking agents a \$5 bonus for servants who emigrated to Canada in search of a position. To complicate matters female domestic servants in the Prairie west were prone to the attentions of the West's many bachelors, and left their situations to become farmers wives. Thus positions were constantly re-opening for new candidates. Because of these factors a number of enterprising people in Britain and Ireland formed recruiting agencies to attract single women with experience in domestic service and helped place them in homes in Canada. One such agency was that of Mrs. Sarah M'Arthur of M & S M'Arthur Emigration and General Passenger Agents, of Mountpottinger, Belfast, Ireland and later of Parkdale, Toronto, Canada.

For her clients in western Canada Mrs. M'Arthur had an agent in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Reverend J. Blatherwick of 363 College Avenue, who looked after the young women when they arrived on the train in Winnipeg, and helped them prepare for their last stages of their journey to their new situations on the prairies. Rev. Blatherwick also served as a Chaplain with the Immigration Department.³ In 1913, Rev. Blatherwick forwarded to the Department of Immigration lists of the female domestics who had been in his care in Winnipeg between 1911 and 1913. In the letter accompanying the lists he states that during the period in question “Others have come out through Mrs. M'Arthur, some she had brought out herself and others were sent

Hendersons Winnipeg Directory 1912. Winnipeg: Hendersons, 1912 p. 634.

alone. These are the girls who came to my care.⁴ The list for 1911 follows.

Season 1911

Domestic Servants sent from Ireland by
Mrs. MLS McArthur, Belfast
c/o Rev. J. Blatherwick, Winnipeg

Name	To Whom Sent Where
Adams, Letitia	Mrs. C H Saunders Snowflake, Man
Anderson, Mary	Cha Buckle Rosser, Man
Ayers, Minnie	Mrs. C Howden Waskada, Man
Baird, Jane	Mrs. Thos Mattick Ft Qu'Appelle, Sask
Ball, Fanny	Mrs. Wallace Kamsack, Sask
Bennetts, Lizzie	D E Williams Kildonan, Man
Brown, Isabella	Mrs. A McCarthy Gilbert Plains, Man
Brown, Louise	G A Trimble Portage la Prairie, Man
Brown, Maggie	Mrs. [Gemmill] Pilot Mound, Man
Byrne, Jane	D E Williams Kildonan, Man
Cairns, Rose	Mrs. Nat Hall Elgin, Man
Carson, Edith	Mrs. G. Lindsay Rapid City, Man
Chase, Mrs. Jane	Mrs. J S Moffatt Pilot Mound, Man

⁴ Letter from Rev. John Blatherwick,
363 College Avenue, Winnipeg
Manitoba to Immigration
Branch, Government of Canada, ,
Ottawa, Ontario 5 February 1913;
Mrs. Sarah McArthur, Belfast, Ireland,
Booking Agent.; File 806038 (part 1,
1908-1913); RG76, Immigration ,
Series I-A-1 , Volume 551, Microfilm
Reel C-10635, Folio A737015 and
A37016; National Archives of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Craig, Jeannie	Mrs. Van Dusen Griffin, Sask
Craig, Lizzie	Mrs. Johnson Kamsack, Sask
Craig, Lottie	Mrs. Harris Caron, Sask
Creighton, Mary Jane	W.J. Hodgins Wapella, Sask
Curragh, Janice	J. Metcalf Mcadonald, Man
Davidson, Kate	Mrs. W. M Keating La Riviere, Man
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Erwin, Martha	W H Evans Francis, Sask
Finlay, Hester	Mrs. J Patterson Griswold, Sask
Fleming, Maggie	Brinkwell Francis, Man
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Flynn, Lottie	J C Forbes Winnipeg, Man
Fogarty, J	Mrs. J Graham Winnipeg, Man
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Jenkins, Hannah	Mrs. J G Jenkins Winnipeg, Man
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	Vancouver, BC	Snowflake, Man
Martin, Tillie	M.M. Keating	Savage, Fanny Carlson
	LaRiviere, Man	Whitewater, Man
McCargo, Maggie	Mrs. Jos Watson	Seagrove, Daisy J R Snyder
	Ritchot, Man	Portage la Prairie, Man
McCoo, Jane	Mrs. McBurnie	Shaw, Annette Mrs. J A Caldwell
	Winnipeg, Man	Pilot Mound, Man
McCord, Letitia	Mrs. Geo Kerr	Shaw, Maggie Dr Ferguson
	Franklin, Man	Pilot Mound, Man
McCord, Lizzie	Mrs. A T Leslie	Smith, Annie Mrs. M E Mattick
	Winnipeg, Man	Ft Qu'Appelle, Sask
McKeown, Bessie	C.W. Plummer	Smith, Minnie P.J.Boyle
	Boisevain, Man	Borden, Sask
McKeown, Gertie	Mrs. J R Kirbyson	Speers, Minnie M Finlay
	Fairfax, Man	Rapid City, Man
McLeod, Lizzie	Miss Lindsay	Speers, Minnie Mrs. SJ Finlay
	Ft. McLeod, Alberta	Rapid City, Man
McManus, Nellie	Mrs. D Aikins	Stevenson, Maggie J A Moffatt
	Hildebrand, Sask	Elgin, Man
McReady, Nellie	Mrs. D M Giles	Stewart, Mary J E Barton
	Scarth, Man	Milestone, Sask
McSorley, Kathleen	Mrs. Kane	Straw, Lizzie R. M. Marsh
	Winnipeg, Man	Carlyle, Sask
Montgomery, Mary J	Mrs. E Somervills	Taggart, Lily Mrs. Albert Ross
	Hartney, Man	Milestone, Sask
Montgomery, Mina	Mrs. G Dingle	Taylor, Anne J S Hopkins
	Winnipeg, Man	Carnduff, Sask
Montgomery, Muriel	Mrs. O B Knight	Taylor, Minnie J Ready
	Selkirk, Man	Reston, Man
Moorhead, Jane	S A Hawkins	Trainor, Mary Mrs. J Lewis
	Rounthwaite, Man	Morris, Man
Murray, Sarah A	S.T. Smith	Wallace, Hannah Mrs. J Jackson
	St Francis Xavier, Man	Hartney, Man
Nixon, Lizzie	Dr. Jones	Wallace, Mary W. Parker
	Winnipeg	Cupar, Sask
O'Donnell, Bertha	Mrs. J Werden	Wallace, Miss S W Howett
	Arcola, Sask	Maple Creek, Sask

Walsh, Annie	Mrs. Duncan
	Winnipeg, Man
Ward, Marie	Mrs. W Watson
	Moosejaw, Sask.
Woods, Jane	D T Smith
	Saskatoon, Sask
Wright, Lizzie	Mrs. A. McGuire
	Elgin, Man

Life for a domestic servant in the Canadian west was much different than it had been at home. An adventurous English woman, Elizabeth B. Mitchell, travelled across the Canadian prairies for about a year beginning in May 1913 observing conditions in homes in the towns and villages she visited. She commented on the relationship between women and their domestic help.

"Any study of Western women's life would be seriously incomplete if it did not touch on the Servant Problem. In the country it is exceedingly difficult to get a girl; in towns and smaller cities it is possible, but there are inconveniences. "The "girl" or "help" has to be prepared to try anything, and the mistress generally has to do the skilled work herself." ⁵

As most domestic servants in Britain and Ireland had their specific tasks carefully delineated, and only did those tasks, Mitchell's discovery would have come as a shock to most of the young Irish domestics placed in and small town Canada where most homes had but one servant if they had any. This observation is further borne out in the comments of Jeannie M'Mekin who wrote to Mrs Sarah M'Arthur from her situation with a Mrs Downey in

Cameron, Manitoba in 1911. She wrote of her first day at work, "The next morning I got my initiation into a Canadian household, and it was only then I found out how ignorant I was. I there and then made up my mind to learn and as Mrs. Downie is a very thorough patient woman, she did not make me feel bad about my mistakes.

Well I got my full share of work that summer. Firstly we had a gang of fence builders, and then the threshers. After which came a gang of carpenters. So you see I didn't have much time to get homesick. You see they had these workmen in on making improvements on this place till now we have every convenience in this big country house."

We have already alluded to the tendency of domestic servants to change their careers to become farmer's wives. There are two examples from this 1911 list of Irish servants. Letitia Adams was sent to the home of Mrs. C. H. Saunders of Snowflake, Manitoba. Charles Sanders was an English immigrant from Truro, Cornwall, England. He came to Snowflake in 1892 and his wife and family followed the following year. They had a large family of at least 11 children including sons Jack (or John), Ernie and Fred. Jack married Ellen Bonnett, the daughter of a neighbour, and it was probably to their home in the Snowflake district that Daisy Savage was sent to work. Letitia Adams married Ernie, the son of her mistress Mrs. C. H. Saunders, and Daisy Adams married her mistress's brother-in-law, Fred in a double wedding on 9 February, 1913 ⁶ Letitia and Ernie Sanders, and Daisy and Fred Sanders settler in the Snowflake area and became significant members in the community.

⁵ Elizabeth B. Mitchell. *In Western Canada before The War, Impressions of Early Twentieth Century Communities*. London: John Murray, 1915 p.57

• Mrs. W.A. Taylor. "Charles Sanders" pp. 539-40 in Mrs. Clifford Gossel et al, (eds). *Echoes of the Past, A History of the Rural Municipality of Louise and its People.* [Pilot Mound, Man.]: Rural Municipality of Louise, 1968

BOOKS AS FAMILY RECORDS

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The oldest family documents I have seen are books, i.e., with names, presentations or dedications written in the front. Family Bibles come to mind, but often other books given as gifts or prizes, and passed down for generations, are as valuable a record. From my father's family I have a

Pictures of Christian Heroism presented to Miss Mary Johnston by the convent of St. Joseph, Toronto, June 25, 1877, as "1st prize Algebra, Geography and Mode of Recitation" and "2nd 2nd History, Grammar and Natural Philosophy". Now my great grandmother Margaret Agnes (Johnston) Spurrill had a sister Mary, but she would have been too old to be a student in 1877, so this Mary must have been a niece. The same book was given to "Stephen Spurrill by his Godmother M.E. Johnston, probably the same Mary Johnston. My grandfather's youngest brother Stephen Francis Spurrill was born July 8, 1880 and died May 25, 1891 of diphtheria. Then the book was given "to Theodore from his Grand Mother 1909". Aiden Theodore Spurrill (Jr.), 1900-1981 was my Dad's older brother. The book was in Dad's possession.

An old book my mother had, ***Enquire Within Upon Everything***, published in 1873, simply had "Emily" written in pencil inside the cover. This was Emily (Sansom) Blackwell, my great grandmother, born about 1854.

Grandma brought the book with her to Canada in 1908, and Mom said the book was constantly used when they were farming in the Interlake bush: it was full of household remedies and advice. The book is now falling apart.

Books have been used for family records for a long time. One in my possession, ordered from a Belfast book dealer in 1963, has the inside cover inscription: "Elizabeth Smallwood her book June the 6th/1717 given to her by her mother". Above this is written: "No.77-May 1821 Delgany Circulating Library" At the top corner is a sticker reading: "P conolly Bookseller 5 Chancery Place Dublin". On the flyleaf are the initials "RF" in one corner and the name "Jyfe" in the opposite. In several places are notes in various handwritings in margins. At one is a calendar page from Jan.21, 1933. Books acquire a recorded history. Another book I have is ***Here and There in the War Area***, by the Right Rev. Herbert Bury Oxford 1916. The title page was signed H.V. Bury his son 6.viii.65, and then given to "Alfred & Muriel" Sept/Oct 1965 by Ben Herbert Bury his nephew and Godson". On p.257 is an icon with a note written to "Muriel-Uncle Herbert gave this ikon to Dorothy and I on our marriage 30 January 1924...Ben." the front of the envelope is addressed to Mr. B. Herbert Bury, c/o Mrs Muriel Ashton Box 39 Somme, Sask" postmarked Oct 11, 1965. I have taped the envelope to p.257. It's sad that 34 years later I found this book in a Winnipeg antique shop. So much family history disappears this way.

Sometimes the name written in a book may be of Historic importance. In the '60's I bought an old book at the Goodwill stamped "St. John's College Rupertsland John McCallum Memorial Library 1872, with the signature "J McCallum". The book was published in

1830. John McCallum was one of our earliest schoolteachers, arriving in Red River in 1833. I have since donated the volume to the Provincial Library. A few old books I bought locally have the signature W.G. Speechly St. John's Cambridge 1924" and 1925. One also has "University of Manitoba Athletic Association with Speechly's signature as president. Another has "Mary Speechly" as owner. The Speechly's were once prominent at U of M. a third historically significant person was Father A.G. Morice who autographed a copy of his Memoirs to Miss Ruth Savage in 1935. She married my grandfather Aiden Theodore Spurrill in 1941. When "Granny" Spurrill died in 1954, I got some of her books.

A collection of books may chronicle generations of a family's history, if names and notes are written in them. The *Pictures of Christian Heroism* inherited from my great grandmother's family is the oldest of a series of books reflecting the Irish Catholic faith of the Spurrills. For instance, I have a "Mission Book" with the name "Kate Goodwin" written in the cover. This was my grandmother Spurrill's maiden name. She married Aiden Theodore Spurrill, my grandfather, in 1896. The book is falling apart, it's so well used. A similar book, *The Garden of the Soul*, from about the same period, was probably hers. I found both books among Dad's personal collection. A *Catechism* by Dr. James Butler has "Kathleen Alice Spurrill, 318 Ferry St., St. James" written inside the cover. Aunt Kathleen was Dad's sister, and I have a picture of Dad with his sisters Kathleen and Alice dressed for Confirmation. They lived at 318 Ferry Road in 1917-18, and attended St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church. Two more books came from Dad's grandmother: *Fabiola, or Church of the Catacombs*, has "M A Spurrill Comox B C 1910 now 1917 St. Boniface. My great grandfather, William

John Spurrill, died in 1900. In the 1901 census their family is listed as Mrs. Margaret Spurrill and daughters Agnes, Marie, and son Frederick. Aunt Agnes married Thomas Hudson, a farmer near Comox, B.C., in 1904, and later Uncle Fred also moved to the Comox area. According to the book's inscription, Gret Grandmother Spurrill also lived there until 1917 when she moved with her disabled daughter Marie to the Tach Hospital in St. Boniface, where they lived the rest of their lives, to 1943 and 1948. Another book, *St. Basil's Hymnal*, says "Mrs. M. Spurrill Hospice Youville st. Boniface June 1917", then in pencil "to my dear Grandchildren", which I presume were Dad and his older brother and sisters, as he had the book. I suspect she gave the hymnbook and maybe *Fabiola* to Grampa's family after 1918 when they moved to Fish Lake School District, which was at least 20 miles from the nearest Catholic church, at Inwood.

Other books from Dad's family had more everyday functions: *For Name and Fame, or Through the Afghan Passes has the name*, "Aiden Theodore Spurrill, Dunrea Man", where Grampa farmed 1910-1917. "Uncle Tete" (Aiden Theodore Jr., Dad's brother) was nine when they moved to Dunrea, and the name is written in childlike handwriting. On the inside cover is an award sticker, "Prize Awarded to Hugh Smith arithmetic December 1890", so the book must have been sold, or given, to our family at least 20 years later. From the same period is a *Morang's Complete Geography* 1909, that has "Sarah G. Spurrill 1/8/11 then in pencil August 1st 1911 Buttrum School" Aunt Sarah was born in 1897 so this was likely a Grade 8 or 9 textbook. Buttrum School was just south of Dunrea, and west of their farm. All of the A.T. Spurrill family attended there, including Dad, from 1915 to April 1917, when they moved to St. James.

From the St. James period is the novel *The Hundredth Chance*, 1917, owned by "Alec Laing 330 Lipton Street Winnipeg". Alec was Dad's closest friend during that year at St. James, when Dad was seven and eight years old, 1917-18. I met Alec Laing once when he came to visit us during my childhood years. In St. James they went to school together and went fishing in the Assiniboine River, and apparently traded books. From the same year is Dad's book, *The Young Outlaw* by Horatio alger, signed "Leo Spurrill 318 Ferry St.James" in a childlike version of Dad's careful, neat script, still recognizable 80 years later. Another book of Dad's mother's is *The Modern Crochet Book* with "Mrs A.T. Spurrill" written inside. No date is on the book, but the clothing illustrated looks pre-1914. A much earlier book, *Fancy Work Manual* MDCC...?(before 1900, which would be MCM) was probably Grandma Spurrill's, although no name is on it. Two other crochet books, from 1915 and 1917, have the name "L.M. Fitzpatrick" who was Dad's teacher at Fish Lake School 1919-1920. Then there is *Ogilvie's Book For a Cook*, 1922, also without a name, and no cover. Mom said she had an old cookbook without a cover from Grandma Spurrill. *Poems of a Canadian Pioneer Family* copyright by W.O.Keogh was presented "to Mr. and Mrs. Aiden Spurrill from Mr. & Mrs. W. Keogh Christmas 1925 W. O. K.". I know nothing of the Keogh family or their connection to Dad's family. They came from southern Ontario like the Spurrills, Goodwins and Johnstons, and may have settled in the area of Dunrea or Fish Lake, although I haven't found any poems set in Manitoba.

Some of Dad's books date from the first years at Fish Lake. *The Biography of a Grizzley* by Ernest Thompson Seton was published in 1919 and signed "Leo Spurrill Fish Lake S D", where Dad attended from 1918 to 1925. This book

was a favourite of mine and Ken's when we were small - witness the many scribbles on the pages, and I remember studying the sad, scary, haunting engravings long before I actually read the book around 1950. *Selections of Prose and Poetry* 1923 also says "Leo Spurrill Fish Lake S D", and would have been one of his textbooks probably in Grade 6-7-8 which he took all during 1924/25 after the school had been closed two years. *Neighbours* by Robert Stead 1922 and *Tarzan the Untamed* by Burroughs, but the "Tarzan" signature looks more like Dad's adult signature. *Ju-Jitsu Self Defence* says "to Leo from Alice", and may have been from about 1923 when Aunt Alice finished school and went to the city. The inside cover has ruled lines and penmanship practice letters that look like Dad's handwriting. Paper was often hard to come by. Finally *Ben Hur* has "To Leo Joseph Spurrill Christmas 1927 from Sarah". Dad was 18, and Aunt Sarah age 30 was newly married.

Fifty years of one family's history is chronicled in fair detail by names and dates, etc. written in their books - this together with the cultural significance of the books themselves gives a lot of genealogical information. Check out those old books from your own family - they may hide a wealth of unexpected knowledge.

[I hope to expand this into a series of articles on "Family Documents of the Past and Future"]

REVIEW OF DICTIONARY OF MANITOBA BIOGRAPHY.
Jack Bumsted, University of Manitoba Press, 1999. (Paperback)

By Geoff Lambert
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I would strongly recommend this book. It's a treasure trove of information of

obvious value to family historians. It's also a lot of fun. I often take it on the bus with me, and spend a pleasant half hour browsing.

The author's purpose is to highlight the lives of people who made a significant impact on the development of this province ever since Europeans first set foot in what is now Manitoba. It is, as he puts it, a means of recognizing those whose impact was local, rather than national.

The people of national eminence (Riel, Knowles, Meighen) are here. But so are others from many fields of activity. Besides politics, there is law, exploration, business, sports, culture, academic life, etc. Several thousand people are featured. Of particular interest to MGS members may be the biography of our founding president, Eric Jonasson. Likewise, the many friends of Anne Morton may be interested in the biographies of her father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

The book also reminds readers of many developments in our provincial life. The pioneering early days. The take over of the province by migrants from Southern Ontario. The boom mentality of early Winnipeg. Then its sad decline, leaving Manitoba a bit of a backwater.

But, still, Manitoba has had its fair share of colourful characters, and nobody can call it dull.

Jack Bumsted is already working on a second edition. He is a Professor of History at St. John's College at the University of Manitoba. He is the author of several books, many of them designed to bring history to the general public. He has succeeded handsomely with the *Dictionary of Manitoba Biography*.

The T. Eaton Records

By Thelma Findlay
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Did your ancestor work for Eaton's ... here's a collection of records worth investigating. The T. Eaton Records are held at the Archives of Ontario ... but in Manitoba, you can visit the Manitoba Provincial Archives and review the *Preliminary Inventory of the T. Eaton Records*. This inventory contains the following books:

Vol. I (Series 1-100)
Vol. II (Series 101-228)
Vol. III (Appendices 1-20)
Vol. IV (Appendices 21A-45)
Vol. V (Appendices 46-64)
Vol. VI (Appendices 65-73)
Vol. VII Graphic Material
Vol. VIII Graphic Material (Appendix 116, Part 1)
Vol. IX Graphic Material (Appendix 116, Part 2)
Vol. X Sound and Moving Images (Series 400-414)
Vol. XI Sound and Moving Images (Series 74- 79)
Vol. XII Sound and Moving Images (Appendices 80-96)
Vol. XIII Architectural Records (Series 500)

In Vol. I, pages 18 to 27, you will find an organizational prospectus for these books, with information found under the following headings: Organizational Place / Series Title / Series No. / Appendix No. [the latter two headings (Series No. / Appendix No.) are directing you to the respective Vol. to find out further information on the records].

The prospectus listings provide a general index to the collection and looking further based on the referenced noted, you discover yet more information.

My interest in the collection began with a general inquiry to the Archives of Ontario, looking for information on my grandmother Carolina Weslak ... it is said that she used to ship chickens, geese and ducks (butchered) to Eaton's and that she received awards for the good quality/value of her produce. Personally, I haven't seen any of the written awards, but thought I would see if there is a record of this type of thing. The Archives referred me to the above-noted collection. No, I did not find a particular listing of series that might apply to the 'awards' for this type of thing ... so I can only go on the family's recollections on this one.

However, in exploring the collection, a genealogist may be able to find some interesting material to add to their research. Vol. VII, VIII, and IX are titled Graphic Material ... photographs collection ... although I didn't find this in the general prospectus! Here's a couple of examples of the listings found in Vol. VII.

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Ref. Code	Title		
Prov.	City	Date	Container No.
F229-308-0-1575			
EMPLOYEES			
Recreation – Sports – Soccer			
Man. Wpg. c.1910	D-14		
- "The Dispatch" Team			
[players identified]			

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F229-308-0-1275			
EMPLOYEES			
Banquets – for H. M. Tucker			
Man. Wpg. 6 May 1939	D-49		

The records appear under subjects (e.g. EMPLOYEES noted above) and then you would browse through to find items

of interest to your research. Good hunting!

FAMILY DOCUMENTS OF THE PAST AND FUTURE

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Notebooks: Journals, Accounts, Calendars

I have included in this type of family document any handwritten record in book form kept by a family member. The oldest such document in our family is my mother's teen-age autograph book dating from January 1927 to January 1928 when she was in Grade 9 at General Wolfe and Grade 10 at Daniel McIntyre. Almost every page has been signed with a verse, by classmates and other friends, even a couple of boys. I think it's an accurate reflection of a popular fourteen-year-old in the 1920's, complete with current sayings, "paddle your own canoe", verses that were popular at the time, and some good drawings depicting 1920's fashions. Many of the names are familiar to me, and Mom could still remember some of these people seventy years later. I have another autograph book I picked up in an antique shop last year. The pages go from Christmas 1928 to Nov. 1931, with one entry by a niece in Aug 1937. It's sad that such documents end up in antique shops.

In the Manitoba Archives are several farm account books from pioneer times. My parents' farm account book has only a half page of entries, Jan. 1 to Mar. 3, probably 1940: they moved into their new farmhouse before Christmas 1939 and I was born in July 1940. Probably with spring there wasn't time to keep up entries of the few dollars involved. From July, 1940, are two baby books which continue into Feb. 1941.

I still have two Sunday School attendance books, Mom's from 1953-1954 and my own from 1962-1963, with names, addresses and birth dates of students. Among the documents I have picked up is the account book of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Basil's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, containing a record of meetings from May 10 to June 4, 1952. They were probably discontinued because of small numbers - only ten names are recorded - and the book ended up in an antique shop. a similar record book of my mother's is a Daily Vacation Bible School attendance book for the years 1965, 1966 and 1968, containing name, address and church of twenty or more children in the St. Vital area.

A seldom seen record I picked up is a series of soldier's pay-books from Dec.1942 to Jan.1946 - similar to bankbooks, with name, serial number, next of kin, hometown, paymaster signatures, and amounts. I also have my own, and my parents', bankbooks going back to the early 1950's.

The oldest "notebook" document I have acquired is a "Ladies Note Book and Calendar" for 1901-1902. the entries run from Nov.27, 1901 to June 8, 1904. the name of the writer does not appear, but it is a record of births, marriages, deaths and other events in the St. Andrew's area.

One type of daily record may be easily forgotten: the wall calendar. These are designed to record reminders, and quickly form a record of family activities and events. I have a collection of my parents calendars dating from 1958, and our own from 1974 to the present. They are certainly useful for remembering when and where you went on that trip, or had those visitors, etc. The 1958 has only two items. On Feb.23 Dad had circled the date and printed "Rain" underneath - an unusual event for Winnipeg. On Apr.7 (Easter Monday)

Mom had written "apple pie" - a reminder for a church supper? On a 1961 calendar my brother had circled and written times beside several dates in March, May and November - probably work shifts. Gradually calendars became the normal place for keeping track of appointments and events. Save your wall calendars as family documents for the future.

Recent materials donated to MGS Library

Reviews for this issue were done by Allan Pickard and Louisa Shermerhorn

Hands Across the Meridian. A history of Brant-Argyle, Manitoba. Brant Argyle History Book Committee, P.O. Box 53, Argyle, Manitoba, R0C 0B0, Canada. c. 2000. ISBN 0-9687199-0-2. Available from History Book Committee for \$50.00 Cdn. plus postage.

Book donated to Manitoba Genealogical Society Library in Memory of Doug Harper a volunteer with the Research Committee of MGS and a member of the Argyle History Book Committee. Brant and Argyle are two townships in the Rural Municipality of Argyle northwest of Winnipeg, Manitoba. After Dedication, Contents and Acknowledgment pages there are four pages entitled "Chronology of Events" from 1872 to date. An interesting and useful feature. Another feature of real use to genealogists will be the three pages of a detailed layout of the Argyle Cemetery showing Lot #, the Owner and who is buried in each grave within the Lot. About two thirds of the book are Family Histories. The book is easy to read with good print, amply illustrated with views of the area, family pictures and maps and charts. The area now has the special distinction of being chosen for the site of the TV show "Pioneer Quest. A Year in the Real West" in which 2 couples lived as settlers of the 1870s for a year. Those

with any connection to the area will want to purchase a copy. MGS # Manitoba 971.27 Argy Han

Ask the Former Generations by Jerry Frank. Jerry Frank, 158 Glamis Terrace S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T3E 6 V3. c1993 No purchase price given. A family history of Gustav Frank and Susanna Hemminger with a good deal of information and history of ancestors in Europe and Canada. Covers from the 'Frankish Empire' to the time some of the descendants of those who took the surname Frank came to North America and to the present. During the migration these families (Frank and Hemminger) immigrated from Germany, through Poland and Volhynia in Russia, then to North America, and on to Gretna area of Manitoba. They were Lutheran and many eventually moved on to other areas. The specific areas of Manitoba covered here are: Thalberg, Greenridge, Friedenstahl (Dominion City/ Emerson), Rosenfeld, Gretna, Morden and Beausejour. Some of the surnames connected to Manitoba include: Frank, Kreutz/ Kreitz, Girszewski, Hemminger, Gartz, Stubel. The book is well illustrated with maps, charts and photographs. MGS# FH&BIOG 929.2 Fra

Millidge Family History by M. E. Millidge. Mary Millidge, 302- 529 Country Club Rd., Winnipeg, Manitoba. No price quoted. This work is done in 3 volumes but with continuous paging. The Author states that these three books should be cross referenced to the *Platford Family History* (FH&BIOG 929.2 Pla) already in the MGS Library. Thomas Muillidge, eldest son of John Millidge was born in New Jersey, USA. With the advent of the Civil War the family remained loyal to Great Britain. These volumes recount their life through this ordeal and of their resettling in Nova Scotia. Also included are the author's relationship to the Gilpin's (her great

grandfather, Rev. Arthur Wellesely Millidge married Eliza Gilpin, daughter of Rev. Edwin Gilpin), and to the ancestors of her great grandmother, the Hills, Kaulbacks and Oxners. Another interesting family history. MGS # FH&BIOG 929.2 Mil

Nickerson Family and the History of William Nickerson, the immigrant, Founder of Chatham, Mass by Burton N. Derick. and *Historical sketch of Nicholas Busby the immigrant*. Nickerson Family Association, Inc., P.O.Box 296, North Chatham, MA, 02650-0296, USA. Both c. 1998. The Nickerson family history gives the origin of the name and their adoption of a coat of arms, together with a history of Norwich and the family in England. Upon their arrival in America, in the 1600s, they eventually got settlement to a large piece of land purchased from the natives. Upon this land the city of Chatham was founded. Many Nickerson's later moved to Nova Scotia, Canada. The sketch of Nicholas Busby (whose daughter, Anne, married William Nickerson, the immigrant of the above history) was originally written by Anna C. Kingsbury in 1924. It covers the life of the Busby family in England and their migration to United States. Anne Busby and William Nickerson were married in England about 1627 and immigrated to New England in 1637. MGS #s FH&BIOG 929.2 Nic and FH&BIOG 929.2 Bus

Brownell Genealogy from Thomas of Rawmarsh, England, compiled by J. Archer Brownell. c. 1989 ISBN0-88999-448-X. The author's address is given but as it is more than 10 years old may be dated so I have not given it. This work contains the current comprehensive record of all known descendants of Jeremiah Brownell, 1749-1835 and Anna Copp, 1751-1829, the progenitors of the Maritime Branch of the Brownell family

This branch has been traced through nearly five hundred years. It begins in the north of England during the late medieval period, through the Elizabethan age and Seventeenth Century London. It crosses the Atlantic to Puritan New England and remains in colonial Rhode Island for more than a century before moving to the Acadian lands of Nova Scotia. It lingers in the pioneer settlement of Chignecto and then vanishes into the Northumberland Strait wilderness before spreading through North America, including Manitoba. A few names from the many connected to the Brownell family are: Angus, Bagley, Cameron, Church, Costin, Dunlop, Finley, Henderson, McCarthy, Olsen, Schumaker and Wood. MGS# FH&BIOG 929.2 Bro

1800 to 2000 Seal(e) Family History compiled by Donna Seal. Cranberry Tree Press, Windsor, Ontario. c2000. ISBN 0-9684218-5-7. \$54.95 (includes s & h) Contact Donna at sealgene@mnsi.net. The book begins with a brief history of Ireland and some reasons for the family to leave for Canada in 1831. The Immigrant family, James Seale St., 1804-1882 and Mary Elizabeth Newton 1804-1882 who were married in Ireland, first settled in Argenteul County, Quebec. A daughter, Jane, born in Ireland was the one who remained in Quebec, marrying Thomas Westgate in 1846. In 1856, James and Mary, with 7 children moved to Gananoque, Leeds County, Ontario. The following chapters of the book outline the descendants of each of the children of James and Mary with much interesting information and a great number of photographs and stories. An interesting feature is an Index of Names by Chapter. A book all genealogists would be proud to produce. MGS #FH&BIOG 929.2 Sea

A Sharp View of History. Contact Wayne Digby, 125 Patterson Cres., Brandon, Manitoba, R7A 6T7, Canada for purchasing information. Wayne's own words seem to depict the book the best. "Our family has recently published a family history book titles "A Sharp View of History". This beautiful hard cover book (168 pages) depicts the history of the Andrew Sharp family who immigrated from Scotland to Port Hope, Ontario in 1889. The family then moved on to settle in the Starkville, Ontario area and then to Enniskillen (near Bowmanville, Ontario). Of the 14 Sharp children many remained in Ontario and a number moved to Saskatchewan and then to Manitoba. The book includes histories of the many lines of this family." MGS # FH&BIOG 929.2 Sha

Reflection and Silhouettes. Rossburn Collegiate Reunion, August 14, 1999. Graduating classes of 1966-1970. For information on purchasing please phone Linda in Winnipeg at (204) 832-2021, or e-mail Darcy at yaskiw@attglobal.net. This reunion generated much interest if the size of the book produced is evidence. Almost 200 pages of individual histories of students, and teachers, from this rural town of Manitoba creates a remarkable history. While the personal 'histories' are recorded within their graduating year the Table of Contents lists all names alphabetically. There are numerous photographs to add extra interest. A copy has also been deposited with Dauphin Branch, MGS. If you lived in Rossburn you will find this book of great interest. MGS# MAN

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The Genealogist, Vol. 10, #1

- English research - parish registers; Irish convicts.

CANADA

Abbotsford GS, Vol. 6, #1

- Canadian soldiers in Royal Herbert cemetery, England; Veterans Cemetery MI's of Victoria.

Anglo-Celtic Roots, Vol. 7, #2

- Home children; census releases (YAY, we won this battle for release of the censuses); searching for poor ancestors.

East European Genealogist, Vol. 9, #1 & 2

- Ukrainian farmsteads in Manitoba.

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- 19th century medical care in Rupert's Land; Ontarians to the eastern US; Card family.

Generations, NBGS, Vol. 23, #1

- Scullin family; Greenwood cemetery MI's 1869-1919; families to Upper Canada; Plummer family; Scottish emigration; McQuire Hill cemetery MI's.

Lanark Co., OGS, March 2001

- Park family.

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- Pipestone pioneer.

Leeds & Grenville Branch, OGS, Vol.

27, #2

- Thomas family.

Mennonite Historian, Vol. 27, #1

- the Mennonites, mostly Dutch origin.

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- Martin, Legg and Vatcher families; Thomas Luchman descendants; Surrogate Court records.

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- Hawke papers of Canadian immigration; census records again.

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- 1841 census of Jura & Collonsay, Argyll, Scotland.

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- 1911 Logan assessment Roll cont.

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- village of La Guerre; first Barnabe family in Canada.

Relatively Speaking, Alta FHS, Vol. 29, #1

- Tom Clover.

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- Irish records; military records; Jewish surnames.

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- Noverre family; resources for Scottish research in Toronto, part 3.

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- Germans in Victoria.

COMPUTERS

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- computer interest groups; software for Macintosh; CD-Roms for Irish research; digital resources for British research; voice recognition software.

ENGLAND & WALES

Cornwall FHS, #99

- Ann West, Lemin & Stevens families; coastguard stroy; pauper palace c1841.

Derbyshire FHS, issue 96

- Mary Stanesby; Bugsworth cont.; Ashover village; Morton family of Eyam; Fox family.

Family Tree Magazine, Vol. 17, #4

- National Burial Index; probate; sources for doctors; tracing relatives in Russia; police museums; crime & punishment in 19th century Cheltenham.

Vol. 17, #5

- civil registration records; London Metropolitan Archives; probate; Madeira records; 18th century newspapers; lawyer records; W. Indies settlers - Montserrat; paupers in 19th century Scotland.

Vol. 17, #6

- marriage banns; probate; women warriors; Norfolk sources; Morgan family; York medieval roots

Glamorgan FHS, Journal #61

- Margaret Davies, midwife; Forrest and associated families.

Hampshire Family Historian, Vol. 27, #4

- Clark/Axford family; Portals apprentice paper makers; Portsmouth.

Northumberland & Durham FHS, Vol. 26, #1

- Irish in Newcastle-sources for research; Lorraine & Allen families; pre 1858 wills and other probate documents; National Burial Index.

Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol. 15, #1

- Margetts family graves; National Burial Index; Richard Norton; Sawyer & Lampet families.

Suffolk Roots, Vol. 26, #4

- Bardwell church; Westropp family.

Sussex Family Historian, Vol. 14, #5

- 1901 census; Veness family.

West Middlesex FHS Journal, Vol. 19, #1

- Smith, Ricketts & Shepherd families; House of Lords Record Office.

Wiltshire FHS, April 2001

- the Wiltshire Regiment.

IRELAND

Dumfries & Galloway FHS Newsletter, November 2000

- Frank Jardine; a Gretna marriage.

ONE-NAME

Journal of One-Name Studies, Vol. 7, #6

- new Register of the Guild; genealogy and genetics; brushmaker occupation.

SCOTLAND

Scottish Genealogist, Vol. 48, #1

- Scrymgeour family; First World War grave sites; Leslie family.

UNITED STATES

Family Chronicle, Vol. 5, #4

- researching War of 1812 records; newspaper sources; naturalization records.

Galizien German Descendants, #26

- Mennonites in Kleinpolen; Galicia administration districts.

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- Lusignan family; sources on the Internet; little known county record sources; Swedish research.

Minnesota Genealogist, Vol. 31, #3

- estimating birth dates; Murray Co. marriage licences 1897.

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- murder in colonial Boston, part 2; PEI research; Spencer family.

THE MINNEDOSA TRIBUNE, 1887

By Dan Spurrill
MGS # 1345

Jan.21

BIRTHS

STEELE - On Saturday the 15th inst., the wife of Mr. Hugh Steele, of a daughter.

Jan.28

JUKES - On Friday, the 21st inst, the wife of Rev. M. Jukes, of a son.

MARRIAGES

JACKSON - BLOOMER - On the 26th inst, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. James Todd, Mr. R.L. Jackson to Miss R. Bloomer.

Feb.4

BIRTHS

McAREE - On Tuesday, the 1st inst, the wife of R.G. McAre, of a son.

BOYD - On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the wife of R.C. Boyd, of a son.

Feb.11

MADILL - At Clanwilliam, on Tuesday, the 8th inst, the wife of Mr. Robert Madill, of a son.

McDOUGALL - On Tuesday, the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. John McDougall of a daughter.

DEATHS

FRASER - At Clanwilliam, on the 3rd inst. Ellen A., only daughter of Mr. Geo Fraser, aged 0 years, 11months and one day.

Feb.25

BIRTHS

ARMITAGE - On Thursday, the 24th inst., the wife of Mr. B. Armitage, of a daughter.

SHUTTLEWORTH- On the 17th inst. the wife of Mr.E.L.shuttleworth of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

BEDOME - SMITH - At the Methodist Parsonage High Bluff, on the 9th inst, by the Rev. J.H. Rutan, Brandon Beddome Esq, J.P., to Miss Helen June

Smith, both of Minnedosa.

Mar.4

CHARNOCK - GIBBENS - the 22nd inst, at the residence of the bride's parents, Katepwa, by the Rev. D.

Lewis, Joseph F.

Charnock, formerly of Bradford Eng. to Lizzie Gibbens, formerly of Dalston, Eng

DEATHS

ROSS - At Cadurels, on the 25th inst, George B., son of Donald Ross, Esq., aged 22years

Mar.11

BIRTHS

FAIRBAIRN - On Sunday, the 6th inst, the wife of Mr. S .Fairbairn of a daughter.

MYERS - On Thursday, the 10th inst, the wife of R. Hill Myers, Barrister at Law, of a son.

MARRIAGES

WHITE - MUNN - At the residence of the Bride's father, at Basswood, on the 9th inst, by the Rev. W. Hallstead, Mr. D.B. White, of Portage la Prairie, to Miss Grace Munn of Basswood.

Apr.1

ARMSTRONG - SCOTT -In the Methodist Church, Minnedosa, by the Rev. W. Halstead, Mr. Richard I. Armstrong to Miss Letitia Scott both of Creeford.

DEATHS

BANISTER - On Wednesday, the 30th inst Ethel Jane, daughter of Mr. H.C. Banister aged 3 years 6 months and 27 days The deceased was singing the following hymn at the time she was taken sick, "Jesus loves me; yes Jesus loves me; Yes, I know right well that Jesus loves me."

Apr.8

BIRTHS

BLANKSTEIN - On Thursday, the 7th inst the wife of M.F. Blankstein, of a son.

DEATHS

YOUNG - On Wednesday, the 6th inst, Susannah, daughter of Mr. G. Young, aged 1 year and 5 months.

Apr.15

BIRTHS

DELMAGE - On the 8th inst, the wife of Mr. Chas Delmage, of a son.

WILEY - On Friday, the 8th inst, the wife of Mr. Jos. Wiley, of a son.

GIBSON - At Clanwilliam, on the 11th inst, the wife of Mr. William Gibson, of a daughter.

IRWIN - On Monday the 11th inst, the wife of Mr. John Irwin, of a son.

COOK - On the 13th inst, the wife of Mr. Andrew Cook, of Clanwilliam, of a daughter.

DEATHS

FAIRBAIRN - On Sunday the 14th inst, Maud, infant daughter of Mr. S. Fairbairn aged 5 weeks

Apr.22

BIRTHS

LUMLEY - On Tuesday, the 19th inst, at Cadrucis(?), the wife of Mr. John Lumley, of a son.

Apr.29

BILETZKY - at Huns Valley, on the 25th inst, the wife of Mr. John Biletzky, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

SCHAEFNER - ALLAN - on the 19th inst, at the residence of the bride's sister, Montreal, by the Rev. A.G. Upham, Dr. Fred L. Schaffner, B.A. to Miss Christina Allan daughter of Jas. D. Allan of Neepawa, Man.

May 6

BIRTHS

DITCH - On the 3rd inst, the wife of Mr. W.H. Ditch, of a daughter.

June 3

MARRIAGES

LOWERY - MATTHEWS - At the residence of Mr. Fraser, Clanwilliam, by the Rev. W. Halstead, on June 1st, Mr. Joseph Lowery to Miss Isabelle Matthews, all of Clanwilliam.

GRAY - FERRIER - On the 24th inst, by the Rev. A. Bell at the Manse, Portage

la Prairie Mr. Thomas Gray, to Miss Anna Maria Ferrier all of Shoal Lake.

June 24

BIRTHS

MCGREGOR - On the 9th inst, the wife of Mr. Wm. McGregor of a daughter.

WILSON - at Strathclair on the 5th inst, the wife of Mr. Wm. Wilson, of a son.

FOSTER - At Strathclair, on the 14th inst, the wife of Mr. Robert Foster, of a son.

MARRIAGES

CAMPBELL - CRAIG - On the 8th inst, by the Rev. John McKay, Mr. Ephraim Campbell to Agnes, daughter of John Craig Esq, all of Strathclair.

July 1

BIRTHS

SANDERSON - On Friday, the 24th June, the wife of Mr. H.H. Sanderson, of a son.

SCHOFIELD - On Sunday the 26th June, the wife of Mr. J.C. Schofield, of a daughter.

Aug.5

MCDONALD - on Wednesday the 27th ult, the wife of Mr. W. McDonald, of a son.

MARRIAGES

ESPLIN - CARMICHAEL - On Wednesday the 3rd inst, by the Rev. Mr. M.....at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Arch E. Esplin, to Miss Mary Anne, eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Carmichael of Fairmount.

THOMAS - WAINWRIGHT - on Tuesday the 28th ult, in St. Mary's church Portage la Prairie by the Rev. C.N. Jeffrey MA, BB, Walter Russel Thomas, MD, CM of Shoal Lake to Miss Emily M. Wainwright of Elkhorn.

DEATHS

WILEY - near Minnedosa, on Wednesday the 3rd inst, George Thomas, infant son of Mr. Jos. Wiley, aged 5 months.

Aug 26

BIRTHS

SIMPSON - On Tuesday, the 23rd inst, the wife of Mr. Robt. Simpson, of twins, both daughters.

Sept. 9

MCLEAN - On Monday, the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. Alex McLean, of a daughter.

CUTTLE - On Monday, the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. H.G. Cuttle, of a son.

Sept.16

TAYLOR - On Sunday, the 11th inst. the wife of Mr. T. Taylor, of a daughter.

Sept.23

BURTON - At Murchison, on Tuesday, the 13th last, the wife of Mr. Jos. Burton, of a son.

Oct.14**DEATHS**

ROSE - Near Minnedosa on the 8th inst, Mr. Wm. Rose, aged 82 years.

SHOOTING AFFRAY NEAR RAPID CITY...10 miles west (the death of IS-AS-CHE, of Rolling River)

Oct.21**BIRTHS**

FLETCHER - On Saturday the 14th inst, the wife of Mr. Duncan Fletcher, of a son.

LAMONT - On Monday the 17th inst the wife of Mr. John Lamont, of a daughter.

MURPHY - On Wednesday the 19th inst the wife of Mr. Matthew Murphy, of a son.

MARRIAGES

PATTON - SMITH At the residence of the bride's father, Stratford, Ont., by the Rev J.P. McEwen, Mr. J.K. Patton, daughter of M. Alex Smith.

PATCH - NORQUAY - At the Manse, Birtle on the by the Rev. W to Miss Elizabeth Norquay of Shell River.

Oct 28**BIRTHS**

HOGARTH - On Monday the 24th inst, the wife of Mr. G.A. Hogarth, of a son.

McKENZIE - Wednesday the 26th of a daughter.

NELLES - Mr. R.A. Nelles, of a son, stillborn.

Nov.4**BIRTHS**

JOHNSTONE - At 200 McWilliam Street Winnipeg, on Wednesday, 26th ult, the wife of W.P. Johnstone, of a son.

MARRIAGES

PETERSON - ANDERSEN - Today, the 4th inst, at the Manse by the Rev. Mr. Todd, Mr. Gabriel M. Petersen, to Miss Anna Maria Andersen, both just arrived from Sweden.

Nov.11**BIRTHS**

MANEELY, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. Alex Mapeely, of a daughter. (spelling as printed)

MARRIAGES

JURY - HANDMAN - On Saturday, the 5th inst, at the parsonage, by the Rev. Mr. Bell, B.D., Mr Wm. Jury to Miss Agnes Hyndman, both of Clanwilliam.

Nov.18**BIRTHS**

CHANDLER - On Saturday, the 12th inst. the wife of J.M. Chandler, station agent M&NWRY, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

EVANS - MILNE - On the 3rd inst, by the Rev. Mr. Duncan, Mr. R.D. Evans of Winnipeg to Miss Kate E. Milne, eldest daughter of Jas. Milne, Esq of Hamiota, Man.

Nov.25**BIRTHS**

STEWART - On Wednesday the 25th inst, the wife of Mr. Alex Stewart, solicitor etc. of a son.

Dec.2

McMILLAN - on Saturday the 26th ult, the wife of Mr. Duncan McMillan, of a son.

AYEARST - on Saturday, the 26th ult. the wife of Mr. W.A. Ayearst, of a son.

Dec.9

BAKER - on Tuesday, the 6th inst, the wife of Mr. Frank Baker, of a son.

BLACK - On Monday, the 28th ult. the wife of Mr. Jas. Black of a son.

BIGHAM - At Lake Dauphin on the 11th ult the wife of Mr. John Bigham, of a daughter.

Dec.16

BENTON - on the 10th inst, the wife of Mr. Benton, of a son.

GILLIES - on the 15th inst, the wife of J.D. Gillies, MPP, of a daughter.

Dec.30

BURLINGTON - on Saturday, the 24 inst, the wife of Mr. J.C. Burlington, of a daughter.

HAMBLIN - On Monday the 26th inst the wife of Mr. D.W. Hamblin, of a daughter.

COOTE - on Wednesday the 21st the wife of Mr. H.L. Coote of a daughter.

DAVIDSON - on Wednesday the 14th inst, the wife of Mr. W. Davidson, of a son.

ABBOT - At Portage la Prairie on the inst. the wife of Mr. Chas. Abbot of the M&NW Ry of a son.

VON MALE - on Friday the 30th inst the wife of Mr. Von Male of a daughter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Geoff Lambert
MGS # 3591

The last three months have been busy ones, as we enter our silver jubilee year. On April 5, we held our Second Annual Wine and Cheese Reception and were honoured by the presence of the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and Mrs Liba. We found His Honour to be a most engaging personality, and genuinely interested in genealogy. The entire evening was one of warmth and goodwill. Altogether, about fifty people came. Many congratulations are due to Jayne Paradis and her organizing committee (Bill Pooley, Liz Jonasson and Lynn Roseman) .

Jayne, by the way, will be putting her considerable talents to use as editor of this journal. I took the job on until someone else could be found, and I am happy that Jayne took it on.

On May 10, we held our second Open House in recognition of Manitoba Day (which falls on May 12, and celebrates Manitoba's entry into Confederation.) As last year, turnout was, to say the least, "modest", but nothing is ever

wasted, and I know that all those who attended considered it worthwhile.

The Resource Centre has a new copier, the result of a generous bequest from the late, beloved Flo Cox.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE JONASSON AWARD:

The Jonasson Award, established in 1999, honours those volunteers who have rendered significant service over a number of years to MGS. One award is given annually, and is the highest token of esteem the Society can bestow. If you wish to nominate someone for the award, please do so in writing, providing the reasons for the nomination.

Nominations should be sent to the President of MGS at the Society Resource Centre

VOLUNTEERS

MGS enjoys the support of the best volunteers in the world. But there aren't enough of them, and some of those we have will lay down their burdens soon. For instance, the President and some of the Vice-Presidents hold terms that expire in October. There are a number of committee chairs to be appointed. Or, if you can't attend a lot of meetings, there is plenty that can be done from home or at the Resource Centre.

Some of the chairs that are not filled are:

Fundraising
Volunteer Recruitment.

IF you are able and willing to contribute a little time to the Society, please let me know. Phone 284-4186, 474-8792; geoflam@cc.umanitoba.ca

Dauphin Branch

Connie Blackmon
MGS #3942

The Dauphin Branch participated in the annual 'Senior's Day' at the mall. Each public appearance sparks more interest in family history. We have three new members, each having very interesting stories to relate. We had the opportunity to attend the opening of the Dauphin museum on May 6th. Having two presenters each month has proved to be very informative and interesting as each person brings a different perspective of gathering their family history. There was a meeting on May 31st and then we will take June, July and August off and will resume our meetings in September.

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SYMPATHY TO:

Josie Stemerowicz (MGS # 3040) and family on the death of Josie's brother Tony Stemerowicz on March 12, 2001 in Winnipeg.

The family of Edward Higham (MGS # 2425). Edward passed away on April 10, 2001 in Winnipeg.

THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS

Margaret Carter, UEL

The United Empire Loyalists were war refugees after the original 13 colonies along the Atlantic seaboard separated from the British Empire following the American Revolution (1775 – 1783). Many of the Loyalists were persecuted because they did not believe the disputes between the colonists and Britain's parliament over imperial taxation and trade controls justified a rebellion against the lawful government. Their homes were destroyed and their possessions were confiscated. Of the 80,000 Loyalists who fled from the colonies, about half either journeyed by ship to the Maritimes or travelled north through the wilderness to the region that was to become Canada. It is estimated that between four and six million Canadians or about one-fifth of the population can trace their lineage to a Loyalist ancestor.

As early as the 1820s, attempts were being made to commemorate the struggle and sacrifice of the Loyalists. But with the disruption of the War of 1812 and the struggle to establish self-government in both Lower and Upper Canada, along with similar moves in the Maritime settlements, the attempts were set aside. By the late 1800s, the third generation of settlers, that is the grandchildren of the original Loyalists,

had formed Loyalist societies or organizations in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, and Alberta.

In the early 1900s, officials from these groups realized there was a need to form a Dominion organization to keep alive the spirit of these early Canadian pioneers. On May 27, 1914, an Act of Parliament was passed to create the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. This legislation brought together all the Loyalist groups across the country under one patriotic, historical, and genealogical organization. The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, which has its Dominion Office in Toronto, now has 29 branches across Canada with a total membership of over 2,000. Members support Canada's constitutional monarchy and uphold the nation's distinctive political and legal heritage to which their Loyalist ancestors contributed. Through the association, members seek out historic places, documents, and artifacts connected to the Loyalist experience and migration so these items can be preserved for future generations.

While the association is geared to attracting the descendants of Loyalists, anyone who supports the Association's aims is welcome to join the organization by becoming a branch member. Branches hold informative meetings on topics of interest to all Canadians as well as social gatherings throughout the year. Members often begin with an interest in their own ancestors and may find assistance through their branch libraries or genealogists.

The Manitoba Branch was chartered in 1933 under the name of the Winnipeg Branch. In 1997, the name was changed to better reflect the province-wide scope of its membership. Although relatively obscure for many years it has recently been re-vitalized by an ever-increasing membership dedicated to the teaching of Loyalist history and heritage within the Province of Manitoba.

The Manitoba Branch, Inc. of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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French Canadian Roots in Manitoba?

I've been doing the family trees of several families from my hometown of St. Lazare, Manitoba, including Dunrea where we used to live. Plus, I have the genealogy of many French-Canadian families from these regions:

St-Boniface, St-Norbert, Ste-Anne-des-Chenes, Ste-Agathe, St-Pierre-Jolys, St-Malo, Aubigny, LaSalle, Ile-des-Chenes, Letellier, Richer, Ste-Elizabeth, St-Eustache, St-Francois-Xavier, St-Jean-Baptiste and other towns not mentioned. I hope to purchase some cemetery transcripts of the towns above plus others so that I can add the birth dates & death dates of the people that I have in my database.

Plus, I have family trees from Ontario, Quebec and France. If anyone sees a name that is familiar, please let me know so that I can continue my research on their ancestral roots.

There will be a continuous update at the end of every month so please bookmark it:

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FEFHS Convention Announcement

The Federation of East European Family History Societies (or FEEFHS) will be holding its 8th Annual International Convention October 5 – 7, 2001 at the Ramada Airport South, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please write to FEEFHS, PO Box 510898, Salt Lake City, UT. 84151-0898 or go to <http://feefhs.org/conf/01mil/01mil.hp.htm> for details including updated lists of topics and speakers and a registration form.

EDITORS COLUMN

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A **BIG** thank you to Joyce Elias who has been a big help with the previous issue and this issue. She still can't seem to escape Generations!

GENERATION GAPS

ATKINSON

Sarah Taylor Atkinson (daughter of John Atkinson and Dinah Taylor) was born June 24, 1852 in Wessmorland, England. Note that she was born before her parents' marriage. Sarah was in her 4th year when the family emigrated to Canada and appears within the household on the census' of 1861 and 1871. Sometime between 1871 and 1881, Sarah went west to Manitoba and it was here that she died August 26, 1884. No marriage records have been found for Sarah. Agnes Atkinson was born July 25, 1859 in Admaston

Township. She married James Rutherford in 1883 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Agnes and James had six children. I am looking for any information on these two sisters.

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BELL

I am looking for the descendants of Jane BELL and James LESLIE - many settled in southwestern Manitoba. Jane and James were married May 29, 1851 and they had 11 children. The children were all born in Peel County, Ontario. James and family moved to Huron County where he kept a hotel in Winthrop, Huron County, Ontario. I have no knowledge of when or where he died, suspect Huron County about 1873 or 74. In the census of 1881, Jane was a widow living in Brant Twp, Bruce County. Jane moved to southern Manitoba with most of the children in the 1880s. Two of the older girls married Grieve's (Caroline and Esther) and stayed in Huron County and another (Mary Margaret) married a Grant and lived in Brantford, Ontario. Jane died October 24, 1912 and is buried near Kalieda, MB in the Valley Cemetery (or Mowbray Cemetery).

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BRISCOE

James W. Briscoe (son of J. Briscoe and Barbara Forest) was born about 1865 in Admaston, Renfrew County, Ontario. He moved to Manitoba in 1898

and married Ellen Little (1854-1931) in 1900. Jim operated a blacksmith shop for a few years. They then purchased the Alex Murdoch farm at Bagot and in 1916 moved to Belmont where Jim operated a garage business until retirement in 1951. Jim had been married before this marriage to Margaret Melville. From that marriage, there were two children – Andrew W. and Suie May. Andrew Briscoe married Ida May Farncombe (1897 - 1993). He served in WW II and on his return, he and Ida May operated a store and post office at Belmont. Andrew was very interested in the family history. I wonder what happened to his research when he died?

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WILLOUGHBY

Charles Willoughby (son of William Willoughby and Eleanor Stringer) was born in 1829 in Gorey, Ireland and came to Regina in 1885 and lived there the rest of his life. He was a stonemason and bricklayer and built a great many buildings in the early days and eventually operated several lumberyards. He married Mary Ellen Rea on February 20, 1889 in Almonte. Charles was on Regina's first baseball team, was a good curler and golfer and was on the city council for several years. During the last few years of his life, he went to California every winter where he played golf. He died at the age of 74. Any additional information would be welcome and would like to correspond with his descendants.

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LEPKA (LEPCO)/KOWALCHUK

John LEPKA (LEPCO) b 7 April 1863, Austria. Emigrated to Saskatchewan in 1900, d 2 March, 1944 Marchwell, SK. Married date unknown to Anna KOWALCHUK, b 14 December 1863, d 18 October 1946 Winnipeg. Chn: Mary, b 1888 d 8 January 1966; Steve b 1896 d 28 May 1968; Mike b 18 October 1899, d 5 June, 1972; Katherine (Katy) b 19 March 1906, d 29 September 1971; Nellie b 26 January 1908; Harry (Gregorius) b 25 February 1913 (16 December 1912) d 18 March 1982 Red Deer. Nellie and Harry were born in Canada. Would like to know if John Lepka and Anna Kowalchuk had siblings?

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JÓHANNESSON / GUÐMUNDSSON

I am looking for information on the descendants of:
Guðmundur JÓHANNESSON (b: Sep 28, 1860 Björgum, Skagstrond, Iceland d: Apr 26, 1913 Winnipegosis MB) & Sigurður ÓLAFSDÓTTIR (b: Jun 1, 1860 Reykjavík, Iceland d: Jun 12?/Aug. 25?, 1899 Reykjavík) m: Oct 17, 1885 Reykjavík. The children, born in Iceland, would have been registered as GUÐMUNDSSON/GUÐMUNDSDÓTTIR, but the family used the surname JOHANNESSON in Canada.

Daughters: Guðrun (Runa), Rosa, Guðný (?Gwen) – all I know about them is that Gwen had a daughter, Violet, who married Bernard BAKEWELL. One of Violet's and Bernard's children's name was Gwen Susie BAKEWELL who m: Donald Eugene Rogers. There were also two sons:
1) Gísli /Gillis G JOHANNESSON b: May 1892 Reykjavík, Iceland d: Oct 12, 1972 White Rock BC m: 1918 to Florence Edith LLOYD b: 1896 ?Islington, England d: Jan 1, 1983 White Rock BC
2) Jóhannes JOHANNESSON b: Oct 18, 1894 Reykjavík, Iceland d: ?Wynard SK m: c1919 to Margaret WALKER and secondly married ?? There was also another daughter who never came to Canada, Guðmundína (1899-1997) m: 1924 to Hjörtur JÓHANNESSON (1901-1996). I have full information on this couple's family.

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If anyone has info about this wayward certificate, please call MGS so that we can get it back to its rightful owner.

Some Genealogical Humour

Billy was looking at an old Bible when something fell out. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was a leaf that had been pressed in the pages. His mom came along and asked family, "What do you have there Billy?" Billy replied, "I think it's Adam's suit."

(Author Unknown)

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