

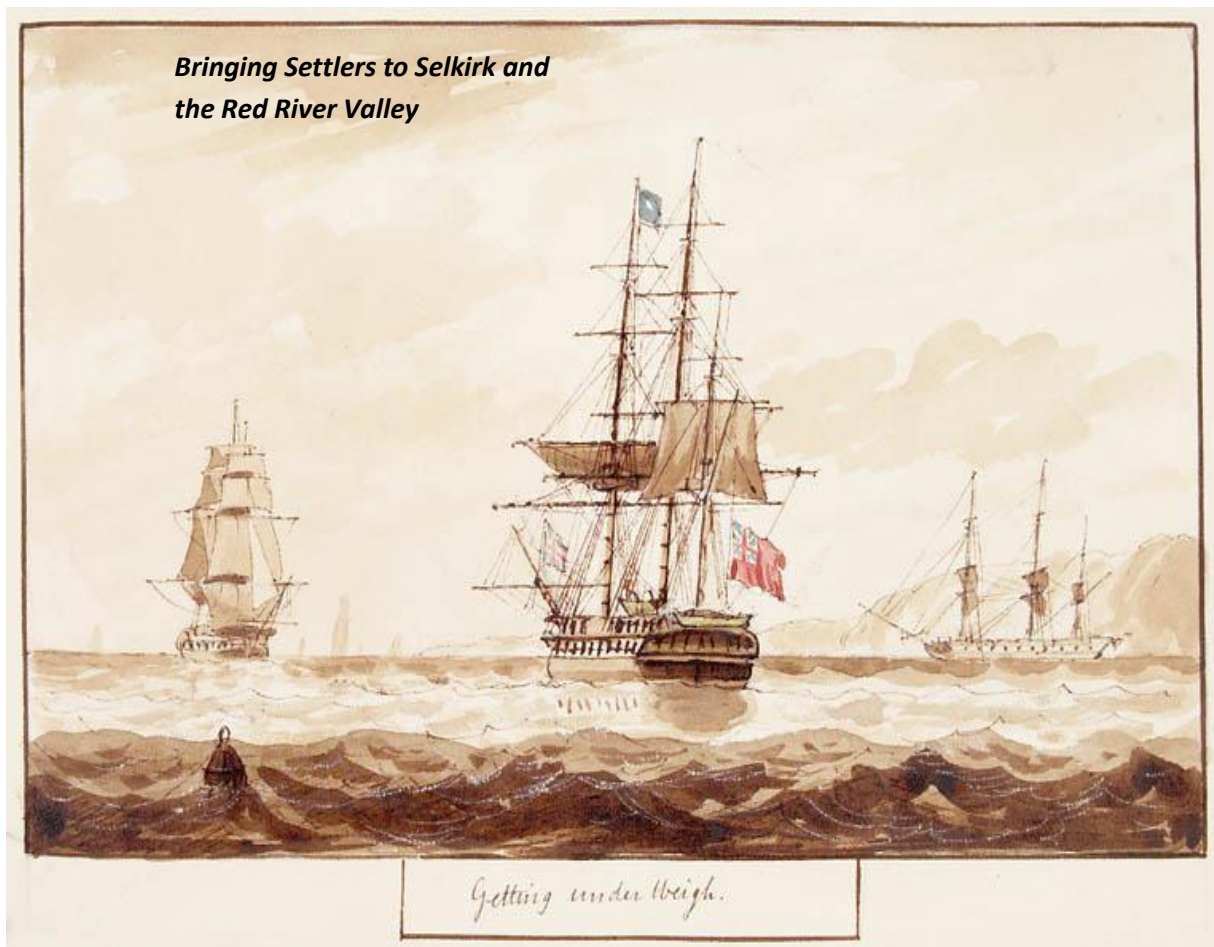
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From the Editor

David Farmer #2277



It is hard to believe that another year has gone by and so quickly. It must mean we are all having a great deal of fun.

Personally I have visited family, become a grandfather for the 11th time (yet another girl!) and learned that next year I will be a great-grandfather; I am way too young for that!

Within MGS it has been a year of challenges, introspection and planning, all in an attempt to understand and address the current challenges the Society is facing. The New Year will undoubtedly bring many changes. This issue's items reporting on the Planning Session and AGM will provide more insight into those challenges and changes.

This issue has had some challenges as well. The original intent was to have an issue dedicated to the founding of Selkirk, in recognition of its 200th anniversary. Plans were made, assignments given, but unfortunately the plans did not come to fruition in the hoped-for manner.

There are several items covering the recent Planning Session and the AGM. It is important for each of us to know and understand the concerns of the day and the plans being developed to address them. Understanding these concerns will make it easier for all of us to accept and buy into the changes that will be coming. Please don't hesitate to offer your services and support wherever you can.

Under the Volunteers area, we have the announcements of awards presented to several well-deserving volunteers.

By the time you receive this issue, it won't be long until the Christmas season. Have a great holiday, enjoy family and make plans for the New Year. Unless of course the Aztecs were correct and it all comes to a crashing end on December 21. (Should I hold off on my Christmas shopping?).

Merry Christmas! See you in the New Year.

From the President

Kathy Stokes #125



Time takes wing and travels across the calendar, sometimes slowing, occasionally going faster than we can control! It is hard to believe that MGS will have completed its 36th year of operation by the time 2013 comes our way. It has been a year of just plain hard work and long meetings for our Executive and Council and for the many volunteers who gladly give of their time and expertise in so many ways. We all owe them the recognition they deserve for their devotion to our organization.

If you have kept up with our endeavors this past year through *Generations* and other MGS contacts, you will know that we have been facing serious financial problems and the need to update our computer system in order to remain viable. The good news is that our computer system is getting some much needed attention from students and their teachers at Red River College. This is a tremendous thing for MGS for it costs us very little and the results will immediately be noticed by members and interested family historians when our revisions are complete.

At our recent planning session, Council members agreed to a major fundraising drive, of which you will hear more in the coming year. Please respond if you can.

On behalf of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Executive and Council, may I extend greetings during this holiday season and may everyone find at least one new line of ancestors in 2013.

The Front Cover

Nineteenth-century, ship-rigged vessel with 'Blue Peter' flying from the foremast signaling intention to depart from a harbor, perhaps bringing settlers to Selkirk.

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MGS Volunteers

Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer

Daryl Dumanski #1031

Reason # 8

"Your mom would be proud of you."

Reason # 9

"Who cares about money!"

Reason # 10

"There's a special place in heaven for volunteers"

The Florence Cox Award for Volunteer Service – 2012

At the recent Annual General Meeting, four members of the MGS were awarded the Florence Cox Award for their outstanding volunteer service to the MGS.

Sheila Shearer

As a member of the South West Branch, Sheila normally works quietly behind the scenes. But she has also been heavily involved in presenting monthly programs; organizing three workshops the South West Branch has done in recent years; organizing cemetery transcriptions and organizing the library. In October 2011 Sheila was involved in presentations to The Brandon Teachers' Association L.I.F.T. conference with 19 teachers signing up for the genealogy session. This all-day event generated quite a bit of interest to the South West Branch and exposure to the community. Sheila worked with the designer of the branch website providing the

appropriate data and ensuring its accuracy. Sheila is also one of the current Webmasters.

Barbara Andrew

Also a member of the South West Branch, Barb is involved in many organizations and was active in the registrations for the MGS seminar held in Brandon in 2003. She has served on the executive and the program committee and has been involved with the three workshops offered by the branch over the past years. Barb is currently on both the finance and library committees and is involved with cemetery transcriptions as well as the United Empire Loyalists Association. Barb also worked with the branch website designer and is currently one of the Webmasters.

Vivian Mitchell

Vivian who is a Tuesday Library volunteer, has been a member since 1999. She walked in off the street one day and volunteered. She joined the following year.

Every Tuesday she 'mans' the MGS front desk where she opens/closes the office; answers the phone; gives tours; accepts and allocates money; and steers patrons to the appropriate area of research. Vivian does all this while at the same time working busily on one project or another. She is always indexing (BMDs, anniversaries, 4-5 generations, etc.), sorting, or culling. She is a caring genealogist with a good sense of humour. Vivian has a particular interest in genealogy in Spain and Northern Ontario and is also familiar with the Brookside area of Winnipeg, having grown up there.

Enid Dorward

Enid is another of the Tuesday Library volunteers, who came to the MGS in 2006, bringing with her library experience from her former position within the United Church. A calm and knowledgeable person, Enid just keeps working on project after project. She also helps patrons with computer issues and is very good at locating resources in the library. Enid has made a couple of genealogical trips to England which has benefited our patrons and volunteers alike. Over the years she has added much information to *Generations* with the "Periodical Potpourri"

and “Book Reviews” columns. And if all this was not enough, Enid also leads the Tuesday volunteers in the Tuesday “Happy Birthday” choruses!

The Eric Jonasson Award of Merit

This award is presented in grateful acknowledgement of the personal contribution of the individual to the objectives of the MGS Society.

Jayne Paradis

Jayne is one of the founding members of MGS, joining in 1976 while still in her teens. She has remained an active member ever since.

Before the move of the Resources Centre to St. James in 1998, Jayne was already a Sunday volunteer, opening and closing the Centre and assisting patrons. At that time Jayne’s family was quite young and she was busy running her own Day Care during the week.

Jayne became the Editor of *Generations* in June of 2001, keeping it going after the illness of the previous editor. She published it for two years.

With the Resource Centre move, Jayne continued with her Sunday volunteering and began getting more involved with the running of the society. In 2003, Jayne became President and remained in that role for three years. Also in 2003, she received the Florence Cox Award for Volunteer Service. While President, Jayne continued to volunteer on Sundays and chaired an MGS Seminar. She was also a very strong supporter of the MGS library during her term as President. Being generous with her donations of time and resources has led Jayne to be a strong supporter of the MGS booth at the Scottish Pavilion at Folklorama for many years.

After 36 years of membership in MGS, Jayne continues to find new ways to serve the society. Recently she helped organize and facilitate a planning meeting to discuss MGS finances and budgeting. She has made presentations to the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch, and this year is giving two more: *Gadgets, Gizmos and Gobbledygook Advanced* and *Ethics in Genealogy*.

Jayne is working full time and still volunteering, helping to keep the library open Sunday, and helping all those who come in to do research. Her forte is computers, knowing all the good genealogy sites. Jayne has a great deal of patience with patrons who are not familiar with computers or genealogical websites and will listen to the patrons’ problem offering support and helpful suggestions. Jayne is an outstanding example of a dedicated volunteer.

Many thanks go to the following folks, for their assistance at the Heritage Grant Bingo night: Linda White, Kathy Stokes, Gord McBean, Bill Curtis and Virginia Braid.

Have You Thought to Look Here?

*Sari Fields #5267, Chair
Special Projects*



Hello there. I suspect that by the time you sit down to read this issue, autumn will be just a faint memory and winter will have settled in for the long haul. With the colder season upon us, more time will be spent inside and so our thoughts can once again turn to our family research.

Here at MGS there is a lot of excitement about our latest project which will consolidate all of our electronic resources. To say this is a large job would be an understatement, and I’ll leave it to our Computer Committee to explain how and why, when the time is right. Instead, I want to share with you some of our electronic resources that will soon be amalgamated into one *uber*-database, and how they can be used to move your family history along.

This issue I’m going to take a look at our *Manitoba Strays Index*. This index is a list of Manitobans who have died outside the province, sometimes in places far removed from their prairie home. The *Manitoba Strays* index was created with the help of members (both past and present) who have submitted obituaries found in

newspapers from other provinces. Since MGS concentrates on Manitoban records, we rely on others for this information. Thus it is not necessarily a complete index, but with over 7,000 entries there is the chance your ancestor may be here.

Most of the deaths recorded in this index date from about the 1960s onwards, with the majority of entries starting in 2001. Where known, we have included their date and place of birth, where they died and a reference to where we found the obituary; women are recorded by both their married and maiden names (when known).

Our earliest entry, which dates back to 1893 notes that John and Walter Percival, possibly brothers, died in Vancouver, BC; both were adolescents, age 15 and 13 respectively. We also have Joseph Abner Jackson who died in 1906 in Oliver, Saskatchewan; David McSherry who died in 1917 in Enderby, BC, and Harry William Potts who died 1 June 1911 in Owen Sound, Ontario.

The *Manitoba Strays Index* provides hints on where your ancestors settled, or with what they may have been involved. For instance, moving on a little in time, we find Melvin Sinker Dowsell who died Dec 22, 1941 in Hong Kong; John Frederick Love who died 12 June 1942 “at sea;” Herbert Boyd Barber who died 26 July 1942 “overseas” and George Raymond Grant who died in Africa on 7 May 1943. Most likely these men died while in service during the Second World War, which can be an important genealogical clue. Quite often we are surprised to learn of military service in our family, but learning this can lead to further discoveries such as newspaper articles, military records, next of kin, or war memorials.

So the next time you visit the MGS Resource Centre be sure to ask one of the volunteers to open up this index for you. With luck, your ancestor will be there. You never know until you look!



Report on the MGS Planning Session

David Farmer #2277



PHOTO: The MGS Planning Session

On Saturday, October 13, 2012, fourteen members of the MGS Board and Council participated in a facilitated planning session for the first time in many years. The objective of the session was to identify where MGS’ biggest challenges are and how we might address them. The goal of the day was to leave with an action plan strategy for future development.

The session was facilitated by consultant Al Holmes. It was a fun day, with lots of constructive interaction. Where one might have expected emotional outbursts, aggressive opinions and difficult discussions, none of that was present. The MGS members were of like mind – how do we keep MGS going and indeed make it bigger, better and stronger?. With skilled facilitation, Al was able to keep the day moving, the atmosphere light and to guide the participants to some very useful outcomes.

So what we did do all day?

It is difficult to cover everything we discussed, but there were some highlights from the day. One of the first exercises we did was to identify our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT). It was agreed that our biggest strengths are our volunteers (those members who actively participate by undertaking roles and tasks) and our resources (data bases, unique Manitoba data, etc.). Our weaknesses are a lack of finances (not enough fund-raising), and a volunteer staff that is getting tired; hence the need for new volunteers.

The SWOT exercise was a very enlightening process.

Opportunities and Threats were interesting, as in some cases an item might fit into both categories. The best example of this is the Internet and the many genealogical sites found on the web. These can be a threat in that people may not see the need to become members of MGS in order to use our resources. At the same time the Internet is a big opportunity for MGS to have a much more pronounced presence. Several of the threats are linked to finances, reduced government grants, reduced membership and associate revenue.

A fun discussion and exercise dealt with 'The Rise, Fall and Renewal of Organizations'. Basically this is a chart which shows the stages an organization goes through as it grows, reaches maturity and starts to decline. At some point the organization reaches a point where 'major surgery' is required. Doing nothing may lead to the death of the organization.

The drastic changes of major surgery can start the newly re-energized organization on the path of growth to maturity, etc. This process is very cyclical and requires re-evaluation every few years. Every organization goes through this process and we can probably all think of a few big companies that failed to make changes and are no longer with us.

Once we finished the discussion, each of the attendees had the opportunity to place a blue dot, without seeing what others were doing, somewhere on the 'rise and fall of organizations' continuum. Where we placed our dot indicated the place we felt best described where MGS was. The overwhelming result indicated that MGS needs to either make major changes or close the doors. The unanimous decision was to make the changes and keep MGS going.

Two other interesting topics were covered. We reviewed briefly the results of the member survey. One-hundred and twenty-five of you responded and your support is very much appreciated. The survey results were pretty much in tune with the tone of the planning

session. MGS is good, but can be better and definitely needs to make changes now in order to keep viable.

So, what happens now? There are many things to discuss, review and implement. Things will take some time and there might be some pain associated with some of the actions, but it is all necessary and we hope that you all will support us as we go forward.

A committee has been struck to look at a Capital Fund Raising initiative, to raise significant money in order to cover the costs of projects such as the computer/Internet upgrades, improvements to facilities, etc. Janice Butcher will be heading this committee.

There are four general areas where there should be renewed focus:

- Fund Raising (finding new funding);
- Financials (managing costs, generating increased revenue);
- Membership (growing the membership, improving services and value) and;
- Internet (making our data available on the Internet in a cost-effective and profitable manner).

So if you are interested in any of these four areas or anything within MGS, please take a moment to offer your services and contact us at contact@mbgenealogy.com. We need YOU!

Many thanks to all those who helped to organize the Planning Session. It was an effort well rewarded.



2012 Annual General Meeting Reports

In the interest of informing the members, the following articles provide summary information related to business conducted at the AGM. For more detailed information, please contact the author or a member of the MGS Executive.

MGS Annual Meeting Report - 2012

Kathy Stokes #125, President



PHOTO: The MGS Annual General Meeting

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Genealogical Society was held at the Society office on Saturday, October 20, 2012. There were approximately twenty people in attendance, many of them replete with Chinese food from a tasty lunch next door at the Fortune Cookie Restaurant.

Reports from all Executive and Committee heads as well as most Branches were circulated in a booklet prepared by Joyce Elias, who has done this particular job for many years. We appreciate it.

It was evident from the reports just how much work the Society has done this past year; and how much more is needed to be identified and completed in the year or two before us now. Although we have many willing volunteers, more are needed; especially those who have skills in particular areas.

Many members of MGS' Executive and Council spent a day in October, with a facilitator, making some long range plans. Everyone contributed ideas and possible solutions to our most pressing problem, that of raising money so that we can "Keep the Doors Open" at MGS.

The planning session occurred only one week before the AGM so only a verbal report was given. (*please see the article 'Report on the MGS Planning Session' in this issue*). A more comprehensive report will be available from the

facilitator soon and more information will appear in *Generations* as action plans are developed.

An extensive plan to modify and update our computer system over the next year was briefly outlined. Gord McBean, along with Linda White, is heading up this important project in conjunction with Red River College students and their supervisors. This project will eventually allow all of our members to access our computer indexes. A new index of information about Hudson's Bay Company Servants' Contracts will very soon be available at MGS.

Due to budget restrictions, we have had to severely limit the purchasing power of our librarian. Books will be purchased only with funds donated to MGS specifically for that purpose.

Our budget is tight, but we are doing everything we can to keep MGS in the black in the coming year. Fundraising will begin in the new year, with various activities.

A significant portion of the AGM was the presentation of our annual awards. The Florence Cox Awards, presented to those who have volunteered over a lengthy period of time, or who have taken responsibility for a specific project, were awarded to four members: Enid Dorward and Vivian Mitchell, who work in the MGS Library; and Sheila Shearer and Barb Andrew of the South West Branch.

The Eric Jonasson Award for outstanding work over many years for MGS was awarded to former president Jayne Paradis. Jayne was a founding member of our Society and joined MGS while still in high school!

We hope that at next year's AGM, we will be able to present a more positive financial picture and that we will show that many of the goals we have set this year have been reached.

If members wish an electronic copy of the AGM reports, please request one through contact@mbgenealogy.com.

Nominations for the Manitoba Genealogical Society – October 20, 2012

Daryl Dumanski #1031

(The following nominations and resultant elections took place at the recent AGM. All those nominated were elected to the positions indicated.)

For clarification purposes, according to our constitution, members nominate members in good standing of the Society to be elected as the Executive officers. They are elected annually and serve a one-year term.

The President shall be limited to three consecutive terms as President of the Society. The Vice Presidents shall be limited to four consecutive terms in the same office. All officers, however, may be nominated for another position for the year following the expiration of their final term in one position, or may be nominated again for their former offices after a one-year period.

These positions are President, Vice President Administration, Vice President Communications, Vice President Finance, and Vice President Information Technology. The Recording Secretary and Treasurer are appointed. These positions, along with the Past President, form the Executive Committee.

The standing committee Chairmen is appointed annually by the Executive, after consulting with the respective Vice Presidents, at the first executive meeting after the AGM or as vacancies arises.

Nominations:

The following members have allowed their name to be nominated for the following positions.

President: Kathy Stokes

Vice-President Administration: Virginia Braid

Vice-President Communications: Linda White

Vice-President Finance: Vacant

Vice-President Information Technology:
Gordon McBean

Having read the nominations I have confirmed, I would like to take a minute to discuss our vacancy in the financial department. We have some new volunteers lined up willing to learn committee positions. One new member is willing to learn and work with our Treasurer, Rick, to share many of his tasks, while she is learning from him. Rick would like to further his involvement by stepping in as the acting Vice President of Finance, without leaving the Treasurer role until that position is covered.

Following is a brief biography of those nominated:

Kathy – was also a previous Past President and willingly offered to fill our possible vacancy for one last term. She is our continued advisor on Special Projects and a great representative for outreach, advocacy and strategic planning for the society.

Virginia – She had been an excellent branch representative for years and continues to champion all their efforts. Last year she wholeheartedly stepped into the role of Administration. She's applied her gift for sorting, organizing and cleaning out the cobwebs of past files and has met regularly with everyone in the Administration department.

Gord – has been relishing the Grandfather role lately since his recent retirement and his photography skills have been more evident this past year. He's been working diligently to keep our aging technology systems functioning. Working with other departments has been crucial this year to set our goals for the future of the society.

Linda – is an Archivist and dynamically driven planner in all things heritage. She barely let the dust settle on her move back to Winnipeg last year before she jumped in with both feet to tackle some of the roles for Communications of the society. Again - another department planning for big things for the future of the society.

Each of those nominated was elected. Thank you to all for your willingness to serve.

Treasurer's Report

Rick McLellan #3353

This has been a most difficult year for us, as we have been faced with many challenges.

MGS has been operating with a deficit for the last few years owing mainly to fixed expenses, such as rent and utilities. We knew this situation couldn't continue.

In January, a Financial Review Committee was formed comprised of: Susan Wellman, Kelly Southworth, Harry Skene, Joan Whiston and myself. We met over a few months to see what we were doing and what we could do to improve our financial position. We made recommendations to the Executive, which are being implemented at the present time, specifically related to the Life Memberships and the Memorial Fund.

The Financial statements show that we are still in a deficit position, but there are signs of improvement. While the deficit is larger than the previous year, part of this was owing to "book adjustments" made by our Auditor, which didn't involve an actual cash outlay. The controllable expenses were down.

One of the main reasons for the shortfall was the fact that Cemetery Sales and Donations have decreased. In the coming year we intend to find new ways of raising awareness and increasing our revenue. Any suggestions from the membership for fund-raising ideas would be most appreciated.

Your Executive will be keeping a watchful eye on our monthly expenditures to try to achieve an improvement for next year.

Selkirk's Settlers and the Robert Taylor, 1812

Norma Jean Hall, Ph.D.

Historical Consultant

Beginning in 1508, seafarers to Hudson Bay set a course of historical development for Western Canada. From 1670, Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) sailors worked to make the transatlantic crossing "routine."¹ In 1812, however, the traverse facing Selkirk Settlers was in many ways unusual. The idea of transporting settlers in place of trade goods was new and not well-tested.² There were no company-owned vessels suitable for ice voyaging that could be repurposed. Neither were there experienced crew to be spared. While Company mariners were familiar with the crossing's challenges, other seafarers were not, and complained that the HBC kept information, on safely navigating the route, a secret.³ Outfitting, provisioning, and

¹ Norma Hall, "[Northern Arc: The Significance of Shipping and Seafarers of Hudson Bay, 1508–1920](#)," Ph.D. diss. (St. John's NL: Memorial University of Newfoundland, 2009).

² The one prior attempt to transport settlers in 1811 was described by Miles Macdonnell as uncommonly long, "boisterous," and not well managed—though his criticisms of HBC captains were not well received. See Hall, "Northern Arc," 123-124, 270-271.

³ See Arthur Dobbs, *A Short Narrative and Justification of the Proceedings of the Committee appointed by the Adventurers, to prosecute the Discovery of the Passage to the Western Ocean of America and to Open and Extend the Trade, and Settle the Countries beyond Hudson's Bay... now laid before the publick, for their future consideration* (1744; facsimile reprint, New York: Johnson Reprint, 1967); also William Coats, *The Geography of Hudson's Bay: being the remarks of Captain W. Coats, in many voyages to that locality, between the years 1727 and 1751: with an appendix containing extracts from the log of Capt. Middleton on his voyage for the discovery of the North-west passage in H.M.S. Furnace in 1741–2*, ed. John Barrow (London: Hakluyt Society, 1852), 1–4, for his assessment of Dobb's accusations of Company secrecy; Glyndwr Williams, "The Hudson's Bay Company and Its Critics in the Eighteenth Century," *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society* 5th ser., 20 (1970): 151; D.W. Moodie. "Science and Reality: Arthur Dobbs and the Eighteenth-Century Geography of Rupert's Land," *Journal of Historical*

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ballasting a vessel for passage through Hudson Strait was not simple at the best of times. In 1812, ongoing and escalating warfare complicated matters.

Naval battles between Britain and Napoleon's allies had begun as early as 1800. By the spring of 1812, action between British and American maritime forces was imminent (and would take place in July).⁴ Once settlers boarded the *Robert Taylor*, chartered by Lord Selkirk to ferry them, they would discover the ship was primed, not only for transporting people, but for combat as well.

Robert Taylor was a nine year old vessel acquired c. 1806 by its owners, the Chapmans, as a prize of war—from French dominated Poland.⁵ Classed as a ship by virtue of its three

Geography 2, no. 4 (October 1976): 293–300; Richard I. Ruggles, “Governor Samuel Wegg, Intelligent Layman of the Royal Society, 1753–1802,” *Notes and Records of the Royal Society of London* 32, no. 2 (March 1978): 181–99; also Edward Chappell, *Narrative of a voyage to Hudson's Bay in His Majesty's ship Rosamond: containing some account of the north-eastern coast of America and of the tribes inhabiting that remote region* (London: J. Mawman, 1817), 175. In 1814, Lieutenant Edward Chappell of the Royal Navy complained that due to the continuing concealment of information by “jealous” sailing officers of the HBC: “Nothing can be more incorrect than the chart supplied me by the Admiralty for the guidance of a man-of-war [HMS *Rosamond*] in *Hudson's Straits*, it absolutely bears no resemblance to the channel of which it is meant to be an exact delineation” [italics in original].

⁴ Naval Battles of the Napoleonic Wars, may be said to date back to the Action of 10 December 1800, an engagement between a Royal Navy brig under Lieutenant Charles Nevin and a Spanish gunboat commanded by Don Miguel Villalba. The *Chesapeake* Affair, in which British forces boarded an American vessel to press sailors into naval service, had occurred 22 June 1807. After the American declaration of war, 18 June 1812, the First Battle of Sacket's Harbor took place 19 July 1812.

⁵ The vessel had been chartered from the Chapmans, a well known Quaker family that counted ship owners, bankers, politicians, and engineers among its members. See http://www.personal.barclays.co.uk/PFS/A/Content/Files/1ist_constituent_banks.pdf (accessed 17 October 2012); <http://www.steamindex.com/people/chapman.htm> (accessed 17 October 2012); and

masts fitted with square sails, *Robert Taylor* was not large, having a carrying capacity of just over 300 tons (HBC ships held about 350 tons, while other merchant vessels carried 600 to 1500 tons). The hull was of double thickness—necessary for ice voyaging. The bottom was also sheathed in copper, which made the vessel seaworthy and fast, but which was of little use in ice, because [it could be] easily torn away.⁶ *Robert Taylor* was further distinguished by being registered as a transportation vessel, approved for carrying people (whether troops, convicts, or settlers), as the main cargo.⁷ For that purpose, it had one permanent deck, with a removable deck laid over beams in the hold

<http://freespace.virgin.net/suesteph.baines/thomasholt1751.html> (accessed 17 October 2012).

⁶ Copper sheathing prevented damage from boring beetles and discouraged barnacle accumulation. Frederick Schwatka, “An Arctic Vessel and Her Equipment,” *Science* 3, no. 64 (25 April 1884): 506, 507, further observes that “planking in their vulnerable parts ... makes ordinary metal sheathing of but little importance.” E.E. Rich, ed., *Letters Outward 1688–96* (Toronto: Champlain Society, 1948), 332, indicates that as early as 1693 the HBC removed copper sheathing from ships it purchased. M'Keever, *Voyage to Hudson's Bay*, 7, reports the copper was torn off the *Robert Taylor* in places by contact with ice.

⁷ “18th & Early 19th Century Sailing Vessels,” *Journeys in Time*, <http://www.lib.mq.edu.au/all/journeys/ships/vessels.html> (accessed 12 October 2012), explains that the Transport Board, established 1794, organized naval and military hiring of merchant ships as well as procedures for tendering vessels for transferring convicts and stores to New South Wales, noting that “Hired transports were fairly typical merchant vessels, with an average burthen of about 250 tons. The ships were usually chartered for a period of three or six months with the possibility of an extension - and among the advantages for both owners and crew was the legal protection that crew members could not be 'pressed' into naval service.” See also Library and Archives Canada [LAC], Thomas Douglas, 5th Earl of Selkirk Fonds, Microfilm A.27, Selkirk Papers, vol. I, B.H. Edwards, letter, Sligo, 20 April 1812 (Canadian Library Association Ottawa, 1950), 302, for comments on the necessity of securing a vessel “well found, and amply provided with a sufficiency of Stores, and necessaries for the Voyage” including an “abundance of good and Wholesome provisions of all Kinds, suitable to the Voyage, and the Climate.”

below. Although it fell short of other passenger-carrying craft when it came to amenities, settlers bedding down in the hold perhaps took comfort in knowing their ship was relatively swift and armed with eight 18-pound carronade—powerful, short-range, defensive weaponry.

The captain, John Davison, was an experienced HBC maritime servant. He had completed at least 15 round trips to the Bay as a ship's officer, including as supercargo on Selkirk's chartered *Edward and Anne* in 1811. In 1812, Davison carried a letter of marque authorizing him to act as a privateer if an enemy vessel was encountered—though given his human cargo, he was more likely to seek evasion than engagement.⁸

Davison brought *Robert Taylor* into port at Sligo, from Portsmouth, on 12 June.⁹ Next to nothing is known about his crew—the ship's logs and crew agreements have been lost to time. The sailors must have been competent, as avoiding shipwreck in the “distracted” seas off aboard Ireland was not easy.¹⁰ Possibly some on board had sailed the HBC route before, though

probably most had not. Supplementary crew would have been hired at Sligo, their numbers augmented by newly indentured HBC servants who were “working passage”—some with the possibility of becoming settlers.¹¹

Surviving records of people aboard *Robert Taylor* do not clearly distinguish between “actual settlers,” HBC servants, and men hired by Selkirk's agents to prepare the projected colony.¹² Depending on sources consulted, there were anywhere from 71 to 80 settlers.¹³ Adding ship's officers and crew would mean

customs, dress, language, &c. &c. &c. (London: Printed for Sir Richard Phillips and Co., 1819), 3.

¹¹ Isaac Cowie, *The Company of Adventurers: A Narrative of Seven Years in the Service of the Hudson's Bay Company during 1867–1874, On the Great Buffalo Plains with Historical and Biographical notes and comment* (Toronto: William Briggs, 1913), 69–72, supplies a typical HBC contract, which includes the “To Work Passage” clause.

¹² See Chester Martin ed., *Red River Settlement: Papers in the Canadian archives relating to the pioneers* (Ottawa: Public Archives of Canada, 1910), 1, <http://archive.org/details/redriversettleme00publuoft> (accessed 14 October 2012), who comments “It is unfortunate ... that the Selkirk Papers and the Macdonell Papers should be incomplete in precisely the point in which posterity may be considered to be most keenly interested. The official lists of names, for the compilation of which by Macdonell and Keveny there is the fullest evidence, are not to be found.” To add to confusion, a list is included of the settlers to arrive in 1811 (page 26), that implies they arrived in 1812.

¹³ See *Ibid.*, 16–17; see also Lucille H. Campey, “Owen Keveny's Return of Men on the *Robert Taylor* from Sligo” *The Silver Chief* (Appendix E in Lucille Campey, 2003), 174, for an interpretation of the list (in Selkirk Papers, Canadian Archives [LAC]). Stuart Houston, Tim Ball, and Mary Houston, “Appendix A: Sailing Ships to York Factory, 1716–1892,” *Eighteenth-Century Naturalists of Hudson Bay* (Kingston and Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2003), 151, <http://books.google.ca/books?id=2ffpFoic23YC&lpg=PA151&ots=dyORDfExqV&dq=ship%20robert%20taylor%20to%20hudson%20bay&pg=PA151#v=onepage&q=ship%20robert%20taylor%20to%20hudson%20bay&f=false> (accessed 14 October 2012), put the number of settlers at 80

⁸ Michael Dunn, list, “Privateers of 1812,” <http://www.1812privateers.org/Bibliography/1812indexmaster.pdf> (accessed 12 October 2012), includes the *Robert Taylor* and supplies dates of arrival in ports.

⁹ “Marine List,” *Lloyd's List* (12 June 1812), 2. See “Lloyd's List,” Books Boxes and Boats, Maritime Archives, <http://www.maritimearchives.co.uk/lloyds-list.html> (accessed 12 October 2012); and “Lloyd's list, 1811–1812,” Haiti Trust Digital Library, <http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015005721405;seq=312;view=1up> (accessed 13 October 2012).

¹⁰ William Coats, *The Geography of Hudson's Bay: being the remarks of Captain W. Coats, in many voyages to that locality, between the years 1727 and 1751: with an appendix containing extracts from the log of Capt. Middleton on his voyage for the discovery of the North-west passage in H.M.S. Furnace in 1741–2*, ed. John Barrow (London: Hakluyt Society, 1852), 8, 22. See also Thomas M'Keevor, *A Voyage to Hudson's Bay, during the Summer of 1812: Containing a particular account of the icebergs and other phenomena which present themselves in those regions: also, a description of the Esquimaux and North American Indians, their manners,*

above 100 people sailed for the North-West on 24 June.¹⁴

Ship's surgeon, Thomas M'Keavor, preserved some details of *Robert Taylor's* passage in *A Voyage to Hudson's Bay, during the Summer of 1812* (1819).¹⁵ He noted the fear occasioned on 2 July, about 1,000 miles out to sea, when sails — possibly those of an enemy ship — were spied on the horizon. An exchange of signals brought relief — the ships were HBC consorts, *King George* and *Eddystone*.

There is a tradition that mutiny threatened four days later, though the story is not consistently told. Some versions describe "steerage passenger" dissatisfaction with food; others cite crew unrest.¹⁶ M'Keavor, however, made no mention of the incident. At sea, sudden expressions of anger were not extraordinary. Tempers could flare in the close confines of ships. Just as quickly, matters would be settled and work resumed. Survival depended on adherence to a maritime mode of behaviour — disputes could not interfere with keeping the ship upright and getting to port before provisions ran out.¹⁷

¹⁴ See Hall, "Northern Arc," 253 and n. 55.

¹⁵ Thomas M'Keavor, *A Voyage to Hudson's Bay, during the Summer of 1812: Containing a particular account of the icebergs and other phenomena which present themselves in those regions: also, a description of the Esquimaux and North American Indians, their manners, customs, dress, language, &c. &c.* (London: Sir Richard Phillips and Co., 1819).

¹⁶ A range of interpretations of the incident exist. Relevant primary texts include: Selkirk Papers, LAC, "6 July 1812," 420-428, and "Minutes of Langston's Conduct," 438-440. See also John P Pritchett, *The Red River Valley 1811-1849: A Regional Study* (1942; reprint, New York: Russell and Russell, 1970), 68, 93-98.

¹⁷ Hall, "Northern Arc," 259 n. 4, 267 n. 25, and 269. See also John Hudspeth, "Journal During Summer in Hudson's [sic] Bay And of the Voyage home to England," *Journals of John Maule Hudspeth: Hudson's Bay and the Voyage home to England, 1816*, University of Tasmania Library Special and Rare Materials Collection, Australia (unpublished), 7.RS1900/D33
http://eprints.utas.edu.au/7152/2/rs_2_2%287%29_John

By M'Keavor's account, the settlers had a fair sampling of the "chances and changes to be met" on a HBC voyage.¹⁸ Greenland was not sighted, though a cape fly-away (mirage) led some to believe that it perhaps had been. A whale was seen in Davis Strait, along with numerous icebergs looming out of the cold and fog. Ice-bound Hudson Strait was entered 17 July. Along with enduring bumps, resultant leaks, and continuous pumping to keep afloat, the settlers enjoyed musical evenings on the foredeck; witnessed the killing of a polar bear to capture three cubs; and encountered Inuit trading at the Upper Savage Islands. While exiting the strait on 11 August, a ship's boy was rescued after falling overboard. On 24 August, with the crossing of Hudson Bay almost complete, a "tremendous gale" threatened to break the ship to pieces at the mouth of the Hayes River and drown all aboard.

By 26 August, captain and crew had successfully anchored off York Factory. Their accomplishment was outshone somewhat by that of Mrs. McLean. Amidst tempest and confusion she had given birth to the newest seafaring Selkirk Settler, a baby girl.¹⁹

Each passage to Hudson Bay was singular in the sense that no two ships, captains and crew, nor passenger parties, were the same. Year to year, wind, weather, and ice varied. The Selkirk

[Hudspeth Journal 1816.pdf](#) (accessed 7 October 2008), 39, entry for 28 October; and John Hudspeth, "Journal Continued, The conclusion of a Winter and Commencement of Summer in Hudson's Bay A.D. 1816," *Journals of John Maule Hudspeth: Hudson's Bay and the Voyage home to England, 1816*, University of Tasmania Library Special and Rare Materials Collection, Australia (Unpublished), 6.RS1899/D32
http://eprints.utas.edu.au/7152/1/rs_2_2%286%29_John_Hudspeth_Journal_1816.pdf (accessed 8 October 2008), 4, entries for 21-22 March.

¹⁸ A.R. Williamson, "Voyage of the 'Discovery' 1911," part I, *The Beaver* 62, no. 4 (Spring 1983): 18.

¹⁹ The baby was possibly Mary McLean, daughter of Catherine McGillivray and husband Hector McLean of Mull. Mary later married Robert McBeth at Red River Settlement.

Settlers spent two months aboard *Robert Taylor* during wartime. Theirs was an once-in-a-lifetime experience — unique in the history of Canadian settlement — that other migrants by sea might guess at, but would never entirely repeat.

For further information on HBC seafaring see “doing canadianhistory n.0,”

<http://hallnjean.wordpress.com/>



From The Past

Rural Ramblings

Kathy Stokes #125

In the *Winnipeg Tribune* of August 1, 1928 there is a photo of Mrs. Amelia Burritt who recently had celebrated her 105th birthday. She resided at the Portage la Prairie Home for the Aged and Infirm.

Winnipeg Free Press July 1, 1921

The marriage occurred at Waskada Presbyterian on June 25th of Letty Linton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G.H.W. Linton to Hugh Logan of Winnipeg.

At Lenore, MB, on June 29, Miss M.F. McKay married L.W. Hodgins, eldest son of Thomas Hodgins.

Winnipeg Free Press July 2, 1921

A.E. Jacob, a Gladstone lawyer in the firm of Jacob & Fahrni died on July 1. He was educated in Gladstone and St. John's College in Winnipeg and called to the bar in 1912. He is survived by his widow, his mother, and brothers, Robert, Reginald and Charles of Winnipeg and Ernest and Archie of Gladstone.

Shipper, Alex B. Finnen aged 61 years died in Killarney on July 30, 1921. He came to the area in 1881 from Wingham, ON to farm and later moved to town in 1901 and conducted his business there from that date. His widow and family survive: Mrs. E. Howard of Mather; Mrs. Secord Smith of Waskada; Mrs. Ernest Billings of Portage; Herman, Dora, Ida and Norman at home, Tena of Winnipeg. As well there are five

brothers and a sister who survive. He was buried in Killarney cemetery.

Note: Why is it that a widow is almost never named in these obituaries?

Winnipeg Free Press July 13, 1921

In Oak Lake, on July 6, Mrs. Alexandra Blanche Olive nee Boyce, daughter of Richard Boyce married Frederick Gordon Wallace, son of George A. Wallace of Shinehill Farm.

Winnipeg Free Press July 9, 1921

In this issue, there appeared an unusual letter to the editor, which probably never would have been printed in today's newspapers.

The letter, from John N. Sturk of Mulvihill, in the R.M. of Siglunes described an apparent injustice in a police investigation as follows:

On June 6, homesteader Frank J. ZORN, a Great War veteran, was found dead in his shack west of Fairford wearing only his boots and shorts. His legs were burned terribly between ankles and knees and there were powder burns under one eye. The back of his head had been blown off and a bullet hole was found in the shack. There was a piece of skin on the doorstep. In ashes from a fire in front of the shack was a shotgun with the stock consumed by the fire, a vest and some clothing remnants.

Four days after the body was discovered, Sergeant Hanson of the Provincial Police ordered a hole dug in a low place behind the outhouse and Zorn's body was placed there, without a box or coffin and without any kind of funeral service.

John Sturk described Zorn as an intensely religious and devout Roman Catholic and said that he had been buried like a dog. The neighbours who buried Zorn acted on Sgt. Hanson's orders, even though a priest and a cemetery were only a few miles away. Sturk was a friend of Zorn and beseeched the police to hold an inquiry and to give Zorn a decent burial.

Sgt. Hanson had said that the death was a clear case of suicide and that he had received permission to bury Zorn. An appeal to the Attorney General of Manitoba resulted in an inquiry in which, said Sturk, the coroner

ridiculed any idea of murder and described Sturk as a meddler who had cost the province \$200.00 to hold the inquiry, money which could better have been spent on road construction. The coroner told the inquiry to trust the police as “sleuthhounds of the law” and to trust Sgt. Hanson because of his long experience. His verdict sustained Hanson’s actions.

Does any reader out there know if there was further investigation in this case?

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Are These Your Ancestors?

Kathy Stokes #125

When we reflect on the people in our past who have led our cities and towns in their growth and development, we usually remember the politicians who served us, for better or for worse, for lengthy periods or brief moments in history. We do not as often cast our minds to those men (and in more recent years the women) of vision who used their intelligence, their foresight, their drive for success and their money to make our province the wonderful place it is now.

Such a man was Alexander “Sandy” MacDonald. Born in Pitlochry, Perthshire, Scotland in 1844 he received only about three years of formal education. In 1868 he came with his farmer father and his mother to Seaforth, Ontario and found work in rural Ontario in a country store and on a dairy farm. The motto, “Rising early, toiling late” certainly applied to him, for he took milk to a cheese factory each morning and evening, and in between delivered goods people had purchased at the nearby store. His wages for all this work were \$12.00 a month

for the first 18 month he worked and a bit more when he was promoted to a full-fledged clerk.

Three years later, having been bitten by “western fever”, he set out for Red River, arriving here on July 1, 1871. At the time of Alexander’s arrival, and with only ten dollars in his pocket, he saw a settlement of some fifty to sixty houses and a population of about five hundred people in the area. Because it was Canada’s birthday, celebrations were in order. Sports events were conducted between Indians and Métis from the local area, as well as from as far west as the Rockies. Traders came with their Red River carts loaded with furs, which could be seen around the competitions’ grounds.

Alexander, the new arrival, was impressed with Red River. In later years, he noted that the Hudson’s Bay Company had implanted the ideals of honesty very firmly in those who traded with them. Deals were sacred and it was safe to leave carts of furs unguarded while the traders enjoyed a party. If, of necessity, a trader or a settler required goods while the owner of a business was absent, he could help himself, then report to the HBC post and pay for the goods. HBC would then reimburse the original owner. Locks, Alexander recalled, were not used at Red River.

There was much discussion about what the settlement was to be called and Alexander was part of it. Opposing opinions were strongly voiced. Finally, at a meeting in a pub, the name Winnipeg was agreed upon and appeared on the city’s Letters of Incorporation in 1874. Francis E. Cornish became the first mayor and had to deal with such tribulations as possible Fenian raids and grasshopper infestations.

Such was the environment into which Alexander moved. Because of his merchandising experience back east, he worked first in Palmer Clark General Store, then with Higgins and Young, pioneer merchants. The latter store closed and Alexander began trading from his own firm on Market Street, selling imported fruits and produce from the east. His business expanded rapidly. The policies he developed called MacDonald’s Bible meant sales were to

be cash or 30 days, one price only to all with whom he dealt, and the lowest possible prices were offered to all. He worked about 16 hours daily and paid himself a salary of \$45.00 - \$75.00 monthly. After 21 years he had capital of 1.6 million dollars, having started with almost nothing.

In 1921, when the *Winnipeg Free Press* did a lengthy interview with him to celebrate his 50 years of success in Winnipeg, Alexander spoke of his latest business endeavour, MacDonald Consolidated, begun in 1913 with two of his sons. They developed a series of twelve wholesale warehouses and three factories, throughout western Canada. Many of his employees came from his former businesses. Staff at the new business had a profit sharing arrangement with the owner.

One might think that, as a successful businessman, Alexander would spend all his time keeping the businesses running. Such was not the case. Many organizations in the city benefited from his fine business acumen. He turned the crank of a primitive hand press for the first issue of the *Free Press* in 1872 and was later the president of the *Winnipeg Tribune Publications* from 1902 to 1917. Beginning in 1894, he was president of Great West Life Assurance Company until about 1915, never using his salary from GWL for personal needs. He served a short term as mayor in 1892, after having been a city councillor in 1887-88. He became a director of Northern Mortgage Company and also helped establish Canadian Fire Insurance.

Alexander also had a strong altruistic sense. During WWI, he noted that "his heart went out to the boys" and that "there is nothing we could do to recompense them for their patriotic service." From his own pocket, he paid for more than 3000 copies of Winnipeg newspapers to be sent to those in the trenches, so they could keep in touch with home. Winnipeg members of the first contingent to the front were supplied with special copies of the New Testament and hymnal, bound in khaki and especially designed to fit into their tunic pockets.

Alexander was the honorary Colonel of the 43rd Cameron Highlanders. When they asked him for assistance in outfitting their pipe band, he arranged for all necessary instruments to be specially manufactured in Scotland. "As a musical body, they had few, if any equals in the trenches and they were asked to play at a banquet hosted by the Lord Mayor of London", he noted.

The Children's Home of Winnipeg was a special interest of his from its beginning. He was instrumental in procuring land in Tuxedo and in the erection of the building and improvements. By the time the building was opened, the \$180,000 cost was paid for. In a similar arrangement, he got 10 acres of land in Kildonan for the Home of the Friendless and buildings were erected there at a cost of \$90,000. On Sundays, Alexander and his chauffeur picked up fruit and candy from his warehouse and delivered it to the two organizations.

Sporting groups, particularly curling and cricket captured his interest and participation. He was an original member of the Granite Curling Club, now known in Winnipeg as "The Mother Club". The Manitoba Curling Association bestowed an honorary life membership on Alexander, recognizing his many contributions to the sport.

Alexander MacDonald's life however was more than just a series of successes. All four of his sons predeceased him. Douglas died in 1914. Alexander Graham drowned at Kenora about 1915. Charles died in the flu epidemic in 1918. Duncan predeceased his father by two weeks, dying in the Elmwood Sanatorium. His wife, the former Annie Sullivan, whom he married in Winnipeg in 1878 died in early 1928. His remaining child and only daughter, Grace Anne Furlong, died in 1936, leaving three young children.

Alexander himself also died in 1928 and is buried in the family plot at Kildonan Cemetery. His business acumen and his philanthropy had a tremendous impact on the city. He lived to see the results of nearly sixty years of residence here and knew that Winnipeg was a wonderful

city where people could raise families and succeed in many different ways, thanks in part to his efforts.

(Information from the Winnipeg Free Press of July 1, 1921 (photo in the issue) and August 24, 1928 and The Winnipeg Tribune August 24, 1928.)

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Screening the articles is not as good as it could be and there is considerable unwanted information selected. Newspapers from each county can be selected and keywords added to the search. Limitations can be made on dates and it is easier to include both first name and family name in the first name box as this helps to exclude various unwanted articles.

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Researching Selkirk Settlers

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The MGS Library and Resource Centre has a number of books and other materials which may help in researching into the genealogy and family history of the Selkirk Settlers.

History

Most general histories of Canada, of Western Canada, and of Manitoba, include at least a chapter or two about the Selkirk Settlers of Manitoba. For instance:

- Jackson, James A. *Centennial History of Manitoba*. Published under the auspices of the Manitoba Historical Society, in association with McClelland and Stewart, 1970 (MGS library call no. Manitoba 971.271 JAC).
- *Manitoba 125: A History, Vol. 1 Rupert's Land to Riel*. Great Plains Publications, 1992 A good source of illustrations. (MGS library call no. Manitoba 971.271 MAN4)

A number of books will give more information about specific aspects of the Selkirk Settlers' story:

- Bumsted, J. M. *The People's Clearance : Highland Emigration to British North America, 1770-1815*. Edinburgh University Press/University of Manitoba Press, 1982 (MGS library call no. Great Britain & Ireland 941.1 BUM).
- Bumsted, J. M. *Fur Trade Wars : The Founding of Western Canada*. Great Plains Publications, 1999 (MGS library call no. Manitoba 971.273 BUM).
- MacBeth, R. G. *The Selkirk Settlers in Real Life*. Toronto, W. Briggs, 1897. (MGS library call no. Manitoba 971.272 MacB)
- MacDonald, Graham A. *A Good, Solid, Comfortable Establishment : An Illustrated History of Lower Fort Garry*. Watson and Dwyer, 1992 (MGS library call no. Manitoba 971.272 MAC).
- *The Selkirk Settlers of Red River and Their Descendants, 1812-1897*, edited by K.M. Gillespie and others. Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land, 1997 (MGS library call no. Manitoba 971.272 SEL).

Biographical and Autobiographical Works

Campey, Lucille H. *The Silver Chief: Lord Selkirk and The Scottish Pioneers of Belfast, Baldoon, and Red River*. Toronto : Natural Heritage Books, 2003 (MGS library call no. Canada 971.271 SIL).

Hargrave, Joseph James. *Red River*. Montreal: Printed for the author by J. Lovell, 1877. Reprinted by H. Doherty, 1977 (MGS library call no. Manitoba 971.272 HAR).

Ross, Alexander. *The Red River Settlement: Its Rise, Progress, and Present State*. (First published 1856). Minneapolis, Ross & Haines, 1957 (MGS library call no. Manitoba 971.272 ROS).

Healy, W. J. *Women of Red River, Being a Book Written From the Recollections of Women Surviving From the Red River Era*. Winnipeg:

Women's Canadian Club, 1923, reprinted 1977 (MGS library call no. Manitoba 971.272 HEA).

Church Records

St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Winnipeg – the oldest parish, established 1817? Burying ground established 1812
(<http://stjohnscathedral.ca/about/our-past/history/>)

- Church registers include baptisms from 1813; marriages from 1820; and burials from at least 1830 (MGS Library call no. ChR12).
- Cemetery transcriptions – from 1817 (MGS Library call no. Cemeteries 122)

St. Paul's Middlechurch Anglican Church (Rural municipality of West St. Paul, Manitoba)

- established 1825

(<http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/stpaulsan-glicanmiddlechurch.shtml>).

- Church registers include baptisms from 1850; marriages from 1853; and burials from 1850 (MGS Library call no. ChR8)
- Cemetery transcriptions from 1850 (MGS Library call no. Cemeteries 83)

St. Andrew's on the Red Anglican Church (Rural municipality of St. Andrew's, Manitoba)

- established as a mission to the Indians and Métis in 1828

(<http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/rep-reg/place-lieu.aspx?id=5389>).

- Church registers include baptisms from 1845; marriages and burials from 1835 (MGS Library call no. ChR2)
- Cemetery transcriptions from 1845 (MGS Library call no. Cemeteries 118).

St. Peter's Dynevor Anglican Church (Rural municipality of St. Clement's, Manitoba)

- present building erected 1853, replacing one built 1836

(<http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/sites/stpeterdynevor.shtml>)

- Church registers include baptisms, marriages and burials from 1839 (MGS Library call no. ChR1)

- Cemetery transcriptions from 1884 (MGS Library call no. Cemeteries 35)

Census Records

Several censuses were conducted in the Red River Settlement. Unfortunately, they all seem to have named only the heads of households, with general notes about the number of adult males, adult females, and children in each household. The Library has the 1827, 1831 and 1834 censuses available on its own computers.

Maps

- *Manitoba Historical Atlas*, edited by John Warkentin. Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba, 1970 (MGS Library call no. Manitoba 911 WAR).
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Book Reviews

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Facta Non Verba: A History of the Fort Garry Horse by Michael R. McNorgan & Gordon T. Crossley. Winnipeg, The Fort Garry Horse Foundation, 2012. 544 p. illus. index. (MGS library call no. MAN 355.3 MCNO)

Two military historians have produced a large, lavishly illustrated volume detailing the history of the regiment known as The Fort Garry Horse. The book begins with the origins of the regiment at the time of the North West Rebellion in 1885. It goes on to describe their involvement in the Great War, the interwar period, and World War II, as well as the Korean War, the Cold War, peacekeeping in the Balkan region and the conflict in Afghanistan. Maps showing battles in which the “Garrys” were involved and pictures of training camps, groups

of men, weapons, uniforms and medals, all help the reader understand more about the Regiment.

Even Winnie the Pooh has a place in this book.

Many useful lists are included, such as names of commanding officers, casualties, and those who were awarded medals over the years. At the back of the book are the nominal rolls of those who served during the various periods, up to the present day. These include rank and number. Anyone who had family members who were involved with The Fort Garry Horse will find this to be an invaluable resource.

Selkirk Settlement

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Selkirk settlers to what is now Manitoba. The library has a number of books related to this, and here are just two of them. (*also see Researching Selkirk Settlers under the Our Library feature.*)

The Red River Settlement published by Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Citizenship, 1994. 15 p. English, 15 p French. illus. (MGS library call number MAN 971.27 RED)

This is a brief summary of the history of the Red River Settlement, beginning in 1812 when a huge tract of former Hudson’s Bay Company land was transferred to Thomas Douglas, fifth Earl of Selkirk.

Another related volume is ***The Red River Settlement: Its Rise, Progress, and Present State, with Some Account of the Native Races and its General History to the Present Day***, written by Alexander Ross and originally published in 1856 by Smith, Elder & Co. of London, republished in 1957 by Ross and Haines of Minneapolis. 416 p. (MGS library call number MAN 971.272 ROS).

This book was written by a man who had personal knowledge about the settlement at Red River and provided considerable detail about many aspects of the settlement.



Periodical Potpourri

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Manitoba History (summer 2012)

The Selkirk Settler bicentenary.

The New Leaf (June 2012) Contains a comprehensive article about the Birtle Indian Residential School.

CANADA

Connections (Quebec FHS) (summer 2012) An article about the Titanic gives some information about Canadians who were on board.

Internet Genealogy (Aug/Sept 2012) Locating World War II Canadian service records.

******Legion Magazine** (2009-2011) (recently donated) Military information.

Qualicum Beach Family History Society (June 2012) Canadian genealogy online – civil registration and censuses.

Relatively Speaking (Aug. 2012) Early Canadian newspapers.

WAR OF 1812

Bruce & Grey Branch (May 2012) Documenting War of 1812 Ancestors.

*****Goulbourn News***** **NEW!!**

Contains an article about Colonel Burke who served Canada throughout the War of 1812.

Halton-Peel KINnections (summer 2012) Women & the War of 1812.

Heritage (vol. 15 no. 2, 2012) Niagara's historic houses in the War of 1812.

Lanark Log (May 2012) Information about thousands of images of the War of 1812 on the LAC website.

Leeds & Grenville Branch OGS (May/June 2012) A lengthy list of names of persons who were convicted of high treason, those outlawed

but not captured for serving with American forces and all those whose property was forfeited (War of 1812).

Notes from Niagara (Nov. 2011) Contains a list of non-combatant prisoners of war from Newark (War of 1812). Includes occupations.

- (Aug. 2012) Researching the War of 1812 in the Upper Canada Sundries.

Talbot Times (June & Sept. 2012) Elgin County's veterans of the War of 1812.

ONTARIO

BRANTches (Aug. 2011) Names of children baptized in 1858 at Dumfries Street Presbyterian Church in Paris, Ontario.

Bruce & Grey Branch (Aug 2012) Searching for Grey County roots.

Families (Feb 2012) An article about slavery in the town of York, and one about the family history of a Caribbean Canadian.

Family Chronicle (Nov-Dec 2011) An introduction to researching Ontario land records.

Halton-Peel KINnections (spring 2012) Provides a brief timeline for villages in Esquesing Township.

Hamilton Branch (Aug 2012) Lists names of pedlars, shopkeepers and innkeepers in Gore District in 1832.

Internet Genealogy (June/July 2012) Muskoka genealogy.

Kingston Relations (Jan/Feb 2012) A list of lot holders in Cataraqui Cemetery in 1854.

Lanark Log (Aug 2012) A list of names from an 1866 directory of Clayton, Ontario.

Leeds & Grenville News & Views

(Sept/Oct 2012) Return of the population of Leeds & Lansdowne in the district of Johnstown for the year 1816. Includes names and ages.

London Leaf (Aug 2011 & Feb/12) Contains lists of women who were entitled to vote in London for the first time (municipal election, January 1885).

- (Aug 2012) A list of early wills of Middlesex County (1838-1869).

Nipissing Voyageur (Sept 2012) History of the Algonquin Regiment 1941.

Ottawa Genealogist (July-Sept 2011) This issue contains several pages of names and dates of persons who were buried in four old Sandy Hill cemeteries (Ottawa area).

Perth County Profiles (Aug. 2011) Gives a list of wills for probate, printed in the *Stratford Beacon* in November 1896.

- (Nov/11) A list of names of men from Perth County who joined the military in 1914.

- (May 2012) A list of early Ontario photographers 1851-1900.

The Quinte Searchlight (Sept. 2012) Contains a list of physicians who graduated between 1900 and 1909 in the Belleville area.

Roots, Branches & Twigs (Kent county) (v.35 no.1, 2012) Lists of students at Botany School in 1881-82.

SCAN (Simcoe County Ancestor News) (Nov 2011) Bond Head Presbyterian Church, West Gwillimbury, communion roll 1822-1860s – includes name of communicant, residence, occupation, how & when admitted, how & when removed.

Timberline (Oct & Dec 2011) How to find land registration information for Pontiac County, Ontario.

- (Oct. 2012) Remembering soldiers buried in Petawawa's All Saints Anglican Church's military gravesite.

Toronto Tree (Sept/Oct. 2011) Upper Canada Sundries: an underused genealogical goldmine (1791 to 1841).

The Tracer (Aug. 2012) List of clock and watchmakers and jewellers in Oxford County 1864-1900.

Traces & Tracks (spring 2012) Finding Wesleyan Methodist baptisms.

Trails (winter, spring & summer 2012) Index of wills of Essex County 1785 to 1869.

York Region Ancestors (Aug. 2012) A list of school teachers at Mount Joy Public School, 1851-1940.

CARIBBEAN & WEST INDIES

Families (Aug.2012) Life of a Guyanese in Guelph.

Practical Family History (Oct. 2010) Web resources for the Caribbean and West Indies.

Old Kildonan Cemetery

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Kildonan Community Church



PHOTO: Kildonan Presbyterian Cemetery

The cemetery at 'Old Kildonan' was established in 1851 prior to the completion of the Historic Kildonan Presbyterian Church that opened in 1854. Both were developed with the arrival of the Reverend John Black to minister to the remaining 'Selkirk Settlers' who arrived in 1812-1815 in the Red River Settlement. The Church was the first Presbyterian Church west of the Great Lakes and it became the 'mother church' of all future congregations in the emerging western territories.

The oldest section surrounding the 'Old Kirk' is the last resting place of many of the original settlers and their descendants, and former employees of the Hudson's Bay Company, many of whom retired to the original settlement of those times.

Many of the markers on the graves tell the history of the settlement and from where these brave settlers came. The key group traced its origin back to Helmsdale and Kildonan within Sutherlandshire, Scotland. Others came from locations in the Highlands and the islands of Shetland and Orkney.

The names of the streets in the north end of modern Winnipeg are easily recognized from the tombstones' inscriptions; Bannatyne, McDermot, Pritchard, Henderson, Matheson, Murray, Munroe, Polson, Sutherland, Bannerman, Salter and Templeton. These were all amongst the leading families of 'Selkirk's Settlers' who eventually thrived in the harsh demanding world of Red River. These hardy Scots endured floods, pestilence, and, at times civil disorder to establish an agricultural community upon which the present City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba is based.

Alexander Ross, the 'Sheriff of the Plains', who came to the settlement in 1825 is buried here with several others from the 'Ross Clan'. He owned the land called 'Colony Gardens', occupied today by the Concert Hall, the Museum of Man & Nature, City Hall and the condemned Public Safety Building. Several streets are named after him and his family; Ross, Alexander, Pacific, James and William.

The congregation at Kildonan were also responsible for the establishment of public education in the settlement of Kildonan when the Reverends John Black and James Nisbet, minister, school teacher and carpenter, created the first stone school house that stands today, in their memory on the site. Others followed with the creation of a post-secondary education initiative known as Manitoba College that eventually evolved into Wesley College, United College and its present status as the University of Winnipeg. The Reverend George Bryce, buried in the cemetery, was the first principal of the institution. The Reverend John Black was one of the first professors of the new College. Bryce's successor, the Reverend John M. King, made Manitoba College a respected centre of learning in the Arts and Theology.

The Reverend James Robertson, the renowned 'Superintendent of Missions' for the Presbyterian church in the new Western territories, was instrumental in establishing congregations all over the prairies, in British Columbia as far away as Vancouver Island and the Yukon. His gravesite recognizes that significant contribution.

Other notable people buried in the cemetery include: the Reverend Charles Gordon who wrote under the 'pen name' of Ralph Connor, – his former home is now the location of the University Women's Club on Westgate in Winnipeg; J.S. Sisler for whom Sisler High School is named also rests in the cemetery; Alexander 'Sandy' MacDonald and his family members occupy a significant mausoleum on the site. MacDonald was Mayor of Winnipeg in 1892 and credited with the formation of many Winnipeg institutions such as the MacDonald's Consolidated that became Canada Safeway; the Great West Life company; the *Winnipeg Free Press* and *Winnipeg Tribune*; the Granite Curling Club and many philanthropic endeavors.

The cemetery is still an active cemetery with annual burials. Interments number over 6,000 in total. Most burials in the past fifty years have come from the broader community as the cemetery became more of a community cemetery rather than a religious one. History abounds within its burial records.

For more information on the Presbyterian Cemetery, please visit its website at www.kildonanpresbyteriancemetery.com or email the cemetery at kpcadmin@mymts.net



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An Introduction to the Database For HBC Servants' Contracts, 1776 -1926 (Part One)

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When I retired I abstracted the Servants' Contracts held at the Hudson's Bay Company Archives from 1776 to 1926. After 1926 the company moved to Personnel Dossiers. This appeared to be a good starting point for collecting data on employees from the late eighteenth century to the early twentieth century. Information was extracted from the microfilm and added to a spreadsheet. When complete the extracted information was checked against the original documents. Permission was granted to use the original documents by Maureen Dolyniuk as the Servants' Contracts had been withdrawn from service.

In early 2012 Sari Fields and Mona Phillips, two talented volunteers with the Manitoba Genealogical Society, took the spreadsheet on Access and produced an excellent method of searching for individuals using various categories on the new database. Searches can now be made by: location of the document in the HBC Archives; name; place of origin; work location; age and occupation. The database was given to the HBC Archives and staff were using the product before it became accessible through MGS. Thus modifications and changes could be made. With permission from Maureen Dolyniuk, Keeper of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, and support from Denise Jones and Marie Reidke, who tested the database, it is accessible to the public at the MGS Research Centre in Winnipeg.

There are almost ten thousand Servants' Contracts in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives. Some contracts consist of one sheet or folio, others have two or more folios. Later contracts have additional documents appended. These could be photographs, certificates or letters of recommendation. Photographs can be checked in the Photographic section of the HBCA.

There were earlier contracts, before 1776, but these have not survived. Contracts can be

viewed on microfilm in Archives Manitoba's Research Room and they begin with A.32/1 and end with A.32/60 covering about 25 reels of film. These contracts are for employees who worked for the Hudson's Bay Company. Prior to 1821 there are contracts for men who worked for the North West Company F.5 but only a few of these documents are included in this database. The NWC Servants' Contracts are frequently in French.

The majority of employees who worked for the Hudson's Bay Company were men who were unskilled, semi-skilled, or skilled at a particular trade. In addition there were accountants, clerks and surgeons who were also under contract to the Company. These people were mostly men and they were *Servants* of the Company. *Officers* of the Company were the Factors and Chief Factors who had considerably more responsibility, generally these men were excluded from the database as they did not have a signed contract. However, if they began their career as a Clerk, then their early contracts may have survived. It is a good idea to search the index.

Before checking the database for information, a reader should consult full *Introduction to the HBC Servants' Contracts*. This guide can explain the terminology used and act as a *finding aid* to locate other documents. This database covers the following categories:

- Changes in contracts over time
- Variant spelling of surnames or family names; please check the *Spelling Variants* listed in the guide if a contract is not located;
- Abbreviations used in place names;
 - Canada
 - British Isles
- French terms used in contracts;
- Categories of the database;
- Payment of employees

What is included in the database?

This database includes all the filed contracts preserved by the Hudson's Bay Company Archives in Winnipeg, located in series A.32 in

the archival documents. The contracts in this database represent a [partial listing] of the employees hired to work for the Hudson's Bay Company. If a person's name is not in this database the contract may be missing, he could have been employed for casual or seasonal work or it could be filed elsewhere.

A few contracts are filed with private papers [Section E] e.g. E.191/1 Richard Stevens. Some contacts have been located in Post Records [Section B] or Records of Related & Subsidiary Companies [Section F]. Some employees did not receive contracts, e.g. A.32/58 fo.252

[William Wesley]has worked for the Hudson's Bay Company at Rupert House for 11 years, as Labourer, without Contract for ½ Made Beaver a day.

Early Contracts 1776-1818

These folios are bound into a book leaving a number of blank pages at the end. However many are very tightly bound and it is not possible to read some salaries as the number of pounds paid is bound into the spine. There are numerous references to *a previous contract* although earlier contracts cannot be located if they were written prior to 1776. Some contracts were signed at the London Office, others in Orkney or Hudson's Bay. No attempt was made to organize these documents into categories based upon the signing centre.

A labourer's wage in 1776 was £6 per annum but many of the contracts have a signing payment of £1.1.0 [one guinea] £1 *as part of wages* and 1/- *earnest*, meaning at the exchange of this money the employee understood the contract was binding. This guinea was the customary advance on wages.

On occasion a servant could bargain for better wages. When Thomas Flett, a thirty-eight year old tailor, refused to remain at Severn for one year if he was not paid £12 per annum [A.32/4 fo.172] the Company was "obliged to comply with his demands."

Early Twentieth-Century Contracts

These contracts are much more detailed. They contain:

- the name and address of the future employee
- the period of the contract, usually 5 years
- the occupation or capacity of the employee, e.g. apprentice clerk
- the annual salary, sometimes in British pounds or Canadian dollars
- the age of the future employee, his date and place of birth
- his marital status
- his previous employer
- the amount, usually in pounds, of any advance payment.

Appended to the contract may be:

- a photograph
- a handwritten letter of application
- testimonials usually from a previous employer or Minister of the Church
- medical and dental certificates to indicate the person is in good health
- occasionally a copy of a birth certificate
- typed carbon copies of all documents

Spelling of Surnames or Family Names

Variations in the spelling of names are common in these records. If the names are not located in the search it would be a good idea to check **all** spelling variations. If a person had several contracts each contract may have a variant of the employee's name, e.g. Dumais and Dumas; Irvin, Irvine and Irwin; Knarston and Narston; Louttit, Loutitt, Louttitt and Lutit. In addition French Canadian names will also carry an alias or "dit" and often the contract is filed under both names in the database.

e.g. Duhorné, Pierre dit Laneville or Laneuville, Pierre Duhorné dit.

When names have been abbreviated in the contracts the full name is written without using square brackets for the missing letters,

e.g. *Miller, Magnus* is written in the index and not Miller, Mag[nu]s.

e.g. *Murdoch* for Murdo[ch]

When a discrepancy occurs between the spelling by the clerk at the top of the contract and the signature of the employee at the bottom of the contract the spelling of the employee's signature is recorded unless the clerk's spelling is the more common variant.

e.g. A.32/13 fo.56 Thomas Halcrow, (clerk);
Thomas Halcro, (employee).

Abbreviations used in Place Names - Canada

A number of abbreviations have been used to permit as much information as possible in the database. Wherever possible the geographical information is given in modern terms, even though many of the contracts pre-date the Canadian Confederation and are pre-1974 Britain. Many contracts are dated before the province was established so all modern provinces are given in brackets, e.g. Manitoba [MB.] A typical entry would read:

Abbreviation *Can. [MB] Red River*

Explanation: Canada, Manitoba, Red River Settlement now Winnipeg.

Abbreviation *HB [MB] York Factory*

Explanation: Hudson's Bay, Post or Place, Manitoba is the present day name of province; York Factory was the name of the post.

Rupert's Land, or [RL] included all land whose rivers drained into Hudson Bay. As this encompassed a vast region and more than one province, no provincial boundary is given in the document. The abbreviations used are those found in documents on the HBC Archives Internet site and in the records.

Other abbreviations are used for provinces and countries. Chapman County Codes are used for British Counties identified in the contracts. These are listed in the guide. *(to be continued...)*



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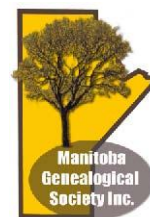
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Generations: Advertising Rates Schedule

	<u>1 ISSUE</u>	<u>4 ISSUES</u>
Full Page/2 column width	\$150.00	\$500.00
Half Page/2 column width	\$ 80.00	\$200.00
Quarter Page/1 column width	\$ 40.00	\$ 90.00

Please supply your ad as a Word document of the correct size in an e-mail attachment. A proof will be sent for your approval before printing. Photos should be supplied as a jpeg (300 dpi). Minimum photo manipulation charge \$15.00 and \$15.00 each additional 15 minutes .

Classified Ads

Maximum of 3 (typewritten) lines x 1 column width for \$10.00 per issue or \$32.00 per year. Must be typewritten or printed clearly. Extra lines are \$3.00 each.

Business Card Ads

Actual business card = \$20.00 per issue or \$60.00 per year. Camera ready.

Changes

Changes will be allowed to advertising purchased at the yearly rate at a cost of \$15.00/change. Changes must be received by the copy deadline.

Copy Deadlines

February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1. Send copy or enquiries to Editor, *Generations*, at the address above or generations@mbgenealogy.com

Guidelines

The following guidelines shall apply to advertisements placed by MGS or appearing in Society publications:

- All advertisements shall conform to MGS policy. The following outline of principles constitutes the policy of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. on advertising. **Purposes:** [1] to advance the cause of genealogy; [2] to promote the interests of the Society; [3] to provide information to the public. **Content:** any advertising placed by the Society or appearing in Society publications shall: [1] conform to the policies of the Society; [2] contain no statements that are false or misleading to the best of our knowledge; [3] ensure a regard for public safety and shall not depict situations which might encourage inappropriate, unsafe or dangerous practices; and [4] conform to the public standards of taste and decency. **Placement:** advertising shall not be placed by the Society in any publication or media program that discriminates in its content on the basis of race, sex, language, religion, marital status, family status, source of income, or age. Advertising that appears in any publications of the Society shall not discriminate in its content on the basis of race, sex, language, religion, marital status, family status, source of income, or age. **Application of the Policy:** Where any doubt exists as to the application of the policy, the Vice President of Communications and the Journal Editor of the Society shall decide.
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LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTRE

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:30 to 3:30
Wednesday Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 (September through June)
Sunday Noon to 4:00 (mid-October to mid-May)

(It is always best to confirm Wednesday evening and Sunday opening times)

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If so, your membership is expiring with this issue.

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