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Please be sure to spell-check your submissions, and attach appropriate permissions for reprints and your contact information.

From the Editor

David Farmer #2277



This has been an interesting summer for me, with much travelling, many family visits and trying to keep up with the demands of life. It has definitely been busy and interesting.

But as September approaches things are settling down, with only a couple of more trips between now and spring. It is time now to focus on things at home, at MGS and some of my other interests.

So let's talk about MGS and more specifically, *Generations*.

As you will quickly notice, this September issue is considerably smaller than past issues. Although a smaller issue saves MGS printing and mailing costs, a reduction in content really does not serve you well. I believe that one of the MGS 'jewels' is *Generations*, along with MANI, our resource library and our volunteers.

We are having a content problem; simply not enough articles, stories, photos, etc. are being submitted. It is becoming very difficult to find content that will be of interest and value to you, the reader.

Over the past several issues, we have been fortunate to maintain our size, but only through the generosity and efforts of a few volunteers. But in a couple of instances, finding this content has resulted in a very late publication of *Generations*, again not our goal.

We need your input! If we continue to have less articles, stories, photos, etc., then *Generations* will continue to shrink in size and could well be reduced in frequency.

Is it time for a change in format? Do you have any ideas of what you would like to see, read, discuss? Do you know of potential authors? All suggestions are welcome. If you have a story, please consider submitting it.

Enjoy the issue.

From the President

Jim Oke #2729



Welcome to the fall season at MGS! I hope everyone had a good summer, be it at the lake, at home, or visiting someplace new. Perhaps your travels led to some new and interesting research discoveries that will help move your own family history ahead. Perhaps you would even care to share your experience or discovery with others in *Generations*.

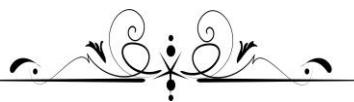
As activity at MGS picks up in the fall, our first event will be the annual MGS Open House at the Resource Center on September 26th. We trialed a fall date last year for the first time and it seemed successful in bringing in more members of the public and interesting them in an MGS membership right away, to pursue research in the fall and winter months instead of a spring date, followed by the summer months when interest fades away. We do our best to publicize the event but MGS members at large can help too with some "word-of-mouth" advertising by letting friends, neighbors, or co-workers know about MGS and this opportunity to see what we are about and how to become involved.

A major MGS project this year will be to enhance the MANI system by adding more members' services, such as online membership renewals and book sales, as well as access to more MGS data sets. We want to make MGS membership good value no matter where one lives. The intent is to also add a public access module to make our wealth of Manitoba data available on-line and begin generating sales revenue to assist overall general MGS operations. Watch for future announcements and MANI access instructions in future issues of *Generations*.

Now, a few words about the MGS journal. *Generations* has been an important part of MGS and the organization has been blessed with dedicated and talented Editors over the years (as we are right now, a big thanks here to David Farmer!). The Editor has the responsibility to

gather and organize material and produce the finished publication; however he or she is not required, nor expected to produce most or even a large part of the content of our publication. To be blunt, we need material from MGS members to make *Generations* useful and worth publishing. This could be your story about an interesting research finding, a review of a relevant web site, or maybe something about a museum or archive that you visited and found helpful. *Generations* is your publication and your input and contributions are needed! Our editor would be glad to hear from you in whatever format or length you find convenient!

The fall season is upon us, I hope everyone will find it an interesting and useful time at MGS!



Our Sympathies

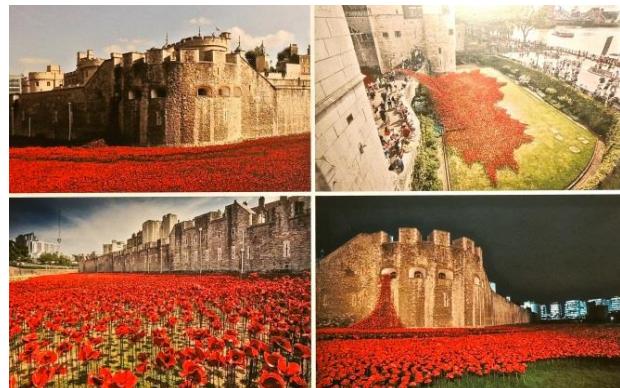
Our Condolences...

to Bonnie Batchelor and family on the passing of her father, Art Taylor, in Newboro, Ontario on July 14th, 2015. Bonnie has been a Thursday volunteer for several years.

Our Condolences...

to Marilyn Muller and family on the passing of her husband, David, on May 26th, 2015. David was a kind, gentle man. Marilyn is a member of the Dauphin Branch, volunteering as a Query Researcher and recipient of the 2013 Florence Cox Award.

The Front Cover



From 17 July 2014 until Armistice Day (Remembrance Day in Canada) 11 November 2014, poppies slowly flowed down the Tower of London, in London, England and into the moat, resulting in the spectacular display pictured above. In all 888,246 poppies were created and placed in remembrance of each British or Colonial military fatality during World War I. Each poppy is hand-made of ceramic and each one is unique.

Although this September issue is not dedicated to the wars, it does cover the period of Remembrance and so it is fitting to recognize the great sacrifice that was made.

Through the largess of my cousins, the poppy on the front cover is mine! I have it in remembrance of my Great Uncle Edward William Farmer (after whom my father was named), who died on April 9, 1917 at Vimy Ridge, France. His body was never recovered. There are three of us cousins, each having a poppy to remember a deceased military family member.

REMINDER: Effective April 1st, 2015, the fee for MGS Individual Membership and Institutional Membership was increased to \$50.00. Associated fees did not change. Branch fees will continue to be set by the Branches.

A Member Update

In the last issue of *Generations* (June 2015, Vol 40 Issue 3), we highlighted three members. Traditionally, in those cases, MGS commemorates a book in the Library in their name. That information was not available at the time of publication, so we present it at this time:

For her generous bequest to MGS, the Library has commemorated, to Bonnie Bileski, the book, *The Genealogy Handbook*;

Along with the presentation of the Florence Cox award, the Library has commemorated, to David Jenkins, the book, *The Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com*;

In honour of her David Jonasson Award, the Library has commemorated, to Orma Sozansky, the book, *Irish Emigration and Canadian Settlement*.

Each of these books can be found in the MGS Library at the Resource Centre.



From the Past Rural Ramblings

Kathy Stokes #0125

Winnipeg Free Press April 6, 1906

The first Doukhobor wedding in the more northerly part of Manitoba was solemnized in Swan River on April 3rd. Rev. John E. Lane, a Methodist minister officiated at the wedding of Nicholas ANTIFAER and Anna OLHORECK. Witnesses were the groom's father Michael ANTIFAER and Hugh Hartley a land agent who had been especially helpful to the Doukhobors.

Winnipeg Free Press September 1, 1921

Mme. Joseph LECOMTE, nee Marie Vitaline Anna PAYMENT of 233 Young St., a prominent French Canadian pioneer, died August 25 in Winnipeg. Born in Ottawa in 1854, she came to Manitoba over the Dawson Trail, a journey which took 26 days. In 1875 she married Joseph LECOMTE. Throughout her

life, she was active in charitable and church work. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sisters and three brothers; Mrs. A Desautels of Ponteix, Saskatchewan, Mrs. Edouard Champagne of St. Norbert, Mrs. H. Pacaud, Alfred Payment of Alaska, Edouard Payment of Elie and Albert Payment of Tessier Street, Winnipeg. Burial was in St. Norbert Cemetery.

Winnipeg Free Press March 1, 1938

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel JACKSON, pioneer settlers of Stonewall, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 28. (photo). Mr. JACKSON was previously a speaker of the Manitoba Legislature.

On March 2 was a further mention of Samuel JACKSON because of his 90th birthday which was also recently celebrated. He was born in 1848 in Brantford Ontario, the son of another Samuel JACKSON. In 1878 he married Isabella Clarke, a daughter of Albert CLARKE of Winnipeg. There are four children from this marriage – Mrs. H. A. Arundel of Stonewall, Mrs. C. R. Bunn of Red Deer, Alberta, Dr. Fred and Clarence of Ottawa. Grandchildren are Mrs. Walden Ross and Mrs. Ronald Henderson of Killarney, Barbara Bunn of Red Deer, Clayton, William and Jocelyn Jackson. Their only great grandchild is Suzanne Arundel Ross.

Winnipeg Free Press March 2, 1938

Mrs. Peter Funk, wife of a Giroux farmer delivered twin girls in a snowplane piloted by P. T. Loewen of Steinbach.

Jonathan HUGHES celebrated his 96th birthday on March 3 in Altamont where he has resided for 57 years. Born in Innesville, Ontario, he came to Manitoba in 1881 and homesteaded four miles southeast of Altamont. Besides being a farmer, he was a carriage maker. His wife Anne died in 1934 at the age of 85 years. The couple had ten children of whom eight are alive. They are Roy and Frank of Altamont, Charlie from Lacadena, Saskatchewan, Mrs. Moffatt of Vancouver, Mrs. Irvine of Barwick, Ontario, Mrs. J. Ridley of Manitou, Mrs. R. G. Swain and Mrs. Stockford of Altamont. Son Clifford

Hughes died in WWI and son Robert died in 1937.

Winnipeg Free Press March 3, 1938

A four generation photo of a family appeared this day in the newspaper. It included Mrs. F. Morand, 68 years, who came from Scotland in 1906, her daughter, Mrs. M. Swan, granddaughter Mrs. G. F. Resch and great granddaughter two year old Patricia Resch.

Winnipeg Free Press March 4, 1938

Frederick TAYLOR, a pioneer of Oak Lake died March 3 on his 83rd birthday. Born in Grey County, Ontario, he came to Manitoba in 1881 and settled in Oak Lake. He married Annie Milne from Perth, Scotland who survives him along with two daughters, Mrs. R. M Aitken of Victoria, British Columbia, Annie, at home. There are five sons as well, Dave, Herbert and George of Oak Lake, Allan of Brandon and Dr. Miller Taylor of Saskatoon.

Daniel THOMAS of Traverse Bay, Manitoba, celebrated his 100th birthday on March 4. He was born at Lac Brochet in 1838. His father was an HBC Factor. At the age of 14, Daniel began working for HBC as well, delivering mail at Cumberland House and Lac Brochet using huskies and York boats. On November 15, 1864 he married Sophie Linklater, daughter of another HBC Factor. In 1892 he homesteaded at Traverse Bay where he has since remained. The family totaled 16 children. Still alive are Daniel of Churchill, Joseph of Traverse Bay, Mrs. Guimond of Fort Alexander, Mrs. Dennet of Grand Marais, Mrs. Peter Parisien of Traverse Bay. There are 67 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Wife Sophie is now 90 years old (Photo).

Winnipeg Free Press July 1, 1950

Clarence EVENSON of Morden, 46, died suddenly there on June 20. Born in Redwood, Minnesota, he came to Canada as a child. In 1932, he married Martha Link who survives along with children Dorothy Mavis and Elmer Howard, also brother Carl.

Winnipeg Free Press 10 July 1950

Mrs. Pearl BATES of Flin Flon, drowned at Lake Athapap, south of Flin Flon, on July 9 leaving seven children. Her nine year old daughter was rescued by Kathy Edwards, who found it impossible to save the mother. Kathy was assisted by 10 year old Johnny Slade of Flin Flon who thrust a pole into her hands and pulled her to shore clutching the little girl. Mrs. Bates is survived by her children and her husband Hubert S. Bates, a shift boss at Cypress Mines.

Winnipeg Free Press July 11, 1950

John STEELE, 61, of Glenboro, died July 7 in Brandon. Born in Ayrshire, Scotland in 1889, he came to Canada in 1905. In 1923 he married Ellen Hislop Dodds in 1923. The family farmed until 1948. Surviving are daughters Mrs. G. E. Goodmanson of Russell, Mrs. G. Bjornson of Glenboro and Lorna. There are three grandchildren as well as a sister, Mrs. Hack Steele of Glenboro. Burial was in the local cemetery.

Winnipeg Free Press July 25, 1950

The 50th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. G. D. ROBINSON was marked recently in Hamiota. They had been married on July 15, 1900. Both Rev. and Mrs. Robinson were born in Ontario. Rev. Robinson's ministry took their large family to several places in Western Canada. They are now based in Lewvan, Saskatchewan. The Robinson clan consists of seven children – Olive Knox and Dr. L.G. Robinson of Winnipeg, Edythe Moon of Moncton, New Brunswick, Hazel McDougall of McConnell, Manitoba, Paul of Hamiota and Mac of Vancouver. There are 19 grandchildren and one great grandchild. (Photo)

Winnipeg Tribune December 20, 1927

Erlender THORDARSON, 79 years, a resident of Winnipeg for 40 years, died December 19 in Gimli, to which he had retired four years ago. He came to Canada from Iceland in 1883 and was employed by the city to take care of water hydrants. He leaves a wife and four sons, Henry, Harry and Fred of Winnipeg and Willis of Gimli as well as daughters Mrs. J. Sigurdson of

Eriksdale and Mrs. H. W. Einarson of Winnipeg. A sister, Mrs. Helga Thordarson of Winnipeg also survives. Erlendur was buried in Winnipeg.

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Are These Your Ancestors?

Kathy Stokes #0125

Sometimes when I am reading old newspapers I come across tidbits or small stories which help to contribute to the history of our province. I note them and then every so often, I put them together in a sort of potpourri for this column. They may be thought-provoking, sad, humourous, of an historical nature, or letters. Here is my latest collection.

In September 1921 the police seized the largest still found to date at Beausejour. The still was located in an old flour mill. A massive horizontal boiler was used to make the moonshine. A truckload of evidence was taken away. David Greenberg and William Kogut were to be charged. I'm sure that this was not the only still located in Manitoba, just the biggest one so far.

In the same month, a Letter to the Editor, signed by "FAIR PLAY" expressed an opinion about the employment of married women.

"Sir: As you are aware, the unemployment situation is becoming more acute and for this reason I draw to the attention of employers the fact that there are great numbers of married women holding nice, easy, comfortable jobs in city offices and stores while there are many single girls who cannot get positions. It would greatly relieve the unemployment situation and divide things up a bit more evenly if employers would take up the question at this time."

Another Letter to the Editor found in the *Manitoba Free Press* of April 1906 spoke of a very different concern and its possible remedy.

"Sir: I would like to make a few remarks in regard to a subject which I think would be in the interest of the Post Office department to look into and have rectified, as well as in the interest of the public. I refer to scenic postcards. As everyone knows, they are making quite a hit and becoming very popular. The P.O. Department certainly derives revenue therefrom and they should do what they can to encourage this. Now I have received quite a number of these postcards and practically every one has been disfigured by P.O. stamps being struck on the wrong side of the postcard. It is quite practicable that these date marks be limited to the address side only, thus preserving the souvenir side of the card. I think this action should be taken by proper authorities as it would increase considerably the volume and business done and give satisfaction to all concerned."

Signed – C.F.S.

Although these two letters are about very different subjects, their simple eloquence in making their arguments show a side seldom seen today with its tweets and twitters!

In March 1938, six Winnipeg youths aged 18 to 22 years were sentenced to prison terms and lashings. One was convicted of rape and received a sentence of seven years and 20 lashes. With regard to the sentence and the use of the lash generally, it appeared that Winnipeggers in general were in favour of using the lash as punishment. Church officials, lawyers and representatives of women's organizations were quoted. A spokeswoman remarked, "While not relinquishing the idea of human torture, in many cases physical punishment is very necessary to control crime." "This was an atrocious offense", the Rev. J. W. Clarke said, "There are certain brutal minds that understand only in terms of physical punishment, and for society's protection they must be spoken to in their own language."

What comments would we hear today about the subject of lashings as punishment?

On another topic, The *Winnipeg Tribune* in early December 1927 reported that the Canadian National Railway had seen a marked increase in family settlement in some parts of the province. Many family groups were headed to the Ochre River and Minitonas areas. However, American and British settlers' numbers had decreased in spite of efforts to attract them.

Back in April 1906, The *Manitoba Free Press* reported from Winkler that the first contingent of immigrants to Swift Current, Saskatchewan from that southern Manitoba town had begun. Loading of some 15 railway cars with settlers' implements and household items was partially complete. The first four passenger trains from Winkler were almost ready to travel west because of the overpopulation in the Winkler area. About 150 families planned to move. Some farmers were planning to rent out their land in Manitoba for about three years while they assessed the new area. Young men who chafed at being under the control of their parents also were interested and eager to own their own land.

The *Free Press* of July 1 noted that the 51st horse and tractor plowing match was held in Portage la Prairie. Don McLeod won the prize for the best plowed field, a silver cup. The ploughing itself had just been done and the judges were about to begin the discussions when the area was hit by a severe storm. Judges walked the fields in deep mud, the wind tore the microphone from the hands of the announcer and a tent was torn from its moorings. A social comment from the event noted that horses were seldom being used for plowing anymore.

A story in the *Winnipeg Tribune* in December 1927 is about love gone wrong, leading to serious consequences. Nineteen year old Peter Ordinal worked on the John Lushka farm in Gonor, Manitoba for two months. While there, he was attracted to the farmer's daughter, Sophie, and fell in love with her. Young Peter was anxious to have her think of him as a person and not just as the hired hand, so he told her he

would purchase a car. Of course he did not have the funds for such a large purchase.

Sophie began to ask when he would be getting his car as she was anxious to have a ride in it. She became more and more impatient as the weeks went by and no car appeared.

Peter certainly did not want to appear foolish in the eyes of his beloved so he journeyed to Winnipeg and returned to the farm with a car. Sophie was "tickled to death." For a month the two rode around in perfect bliss.

One day they travelled to town and Peter went into a store. Police Constable Davis noticed that the license plate on the car had been tampered with, so he took the car with Sophie in it to the police station where investigation showed that the car had been stolen.

Later, Peter was picked up and confessed that he had indeed stolen the car because he wanted to impress his lovely lady, Sophie. Prosecutor R. B. Graham demanded a stiff sentence for poor Peter. He received a term of two years in the penitentiary.

The *Winnipeg Tribune* of December 1927 spoke of the contest for the design of the new cenotaph to be built in Winnipeg in remembrance of those who died in World War One. A contest had been held for the design of the monument and the results of the contest were worthy of much comment.

The winner of the design was Mrs. Emmanuel Hahn of Toronto, nee Elizabeth Wood. However, although her creation was said to reveal great artistic merit and she was to receive the first prize, the judges decided that, "although original in concept, it was inappropriate for the intended purpose which was a sincere and eloquent memory to those men who died in the war." The committee consisting of members Frank P. Martin, C. W. V. Chivers, James McDiarmid, Eva I. Jones and D. R. Ross argued that Mrs. Hahn's model would never be accepted by the people of Winnipeg.

The third place design for the cenotaph was declared by the selection committee to be the actual model for the memorial. It was designed

by British-born Gilbert Parfitt who came to Winnipeg in 1912 and who had recently been the architect for the new St. John's Anglican Cathedral in Winnipeg.

And lastly, a personal story which may be of assistance to some researchers. Many years ago I applied for and received the record of the service of my grandfather Walter Robinson in WWI. Being new at the family history game, I glanced at them, copied appropriate dates, etc. and then filed the papers away. More recently, I took out these papers for another look. Walter had not returned immediately after the end of the war. He finally arrived home in July 1919. Where had he been during the months after the war? The papers indicated that he was still in the Canadian army and was working at a "horse concentration camp." Here was a whole new field to research. I learned that Walter was involved in the processing of some 50,000 horses left in Europe after the end of hostilities.

This presented a huge problem. Many of the horses were ultimately resettled in places like Belgium, but the majority had to be destroyed because no places could be found for them in Europe or Britain. Perhaps other researchers have ancestors who served in similar camps at war's end.

Walter was given responsibility for one special horse, however. It was a fine steed belonging to Sir Sam Steele, a well-known Canadian hero who had died in England near the war's end and whose body was returned to Winnipeg for burial in St. John's Anglican cemetery. The horse travelled home with Walter on the same ship. Lady Steele was very grateful for the care he took of the horse and, in gratitude, presented Walter with the horse's saddle. Unfortunately, the saddle was destroyed in a fire.

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Our Library

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Local Histories

The MGS Library and Resource Centre has a large collection of local histories, which can be of significant interest to genealogists. Besides the history of the town, village, municipality, school district, or other geographical area, they usually include family histories and surveys of the local churches, schools, sports and other pastimes. There may also be articles concerning local developments in farming, transportation and business.

Local histories are sometimes produced by a committee established for the purpose, sometimes as part of a bigger event (for instance, the celebration of the provincial centennial, or a local centennial or other anniversary), sometimes as a special project by a local group (the 4-H, or Women's Institute). These histories vary widely in the amount and type of information they contain. Some include indexes, and some don't. Some of those which did not include indexes have had indexes created after publication.

From the point of view of a genealogist or family historian, the most important element of the local histories is the family histories. These are usually written by members of the families themselves; whether or not a family appears in the book depends on whether or not the people producing the book were able to contact a member of the family, and whether a family member responded and actually contributed an article.

The local histories are filed together on the shelves. The Manitoba local histories are in the Manitoba section with call no. 971.27, sub-arranged by municipality and then by title or author.

There are also quite a few from Saskatchewan and Alberta in the Western Canada section. The Saskatchewan local histories are filed under 971.24, sub-arranged by municipality and by title or author. Those for Alberta are filed under 971.23, sub-arranged by title or author.

Some examples of the local histories are:

Between Earth & Sky : Steinbach, the First 50 Years by Ralph Friesen. Derksen Printers, 2009.

Manitoba 971.27 HANO BET

A Chronological History of the Parish of Notre Dame, formerly St. Michael, Selkirk, Manitoba [1877-2002] by Alice Belanger. Published 2002 by the Parish. Manitoba 971.27 SAAA BEL

Cradle to Combine : Kenton, 1881-2005. Kenton Historical Book Club, 1956-2005.

Manitoba 971.27 WWOR KEN

From Paddles to Propellers : the History of Matheson Island, a fishing community compiled and edited by Neill and Edith von Gunten. Matheson Island Community Council, 2008.

Manitoba 971.27 NORT FRO

Heritage, a History of the Town of Neepawa and District, as told and recorded by its people, 1883-1983. Manitoba 971.27 LANG HER

Municipal Memories [Cornwallis]. Cornwallis Centennial Committee, 1983. Manitoba 971.27 CORN MUN

Silberfeld 1878-2008 : 130 Years of Change by Benno & Mary Loewen. 2008.
Manitoba 971.27 RHIN SIL

Stories of Selkirk's Pioneers and Their Heritage by Kenneth G. Howard. 2010. Manitoba 971.27 SAAA HOW

They Stopped at a Good Place: A History of the Beausejour, Brokenhead, Garson and Tyndall Area of Manitoba, 1875-1981 by Michael Czuboka. 1982. Manitoba 971.27 BROK THE

'Tween Meadow and Meridian: A History of Warren, Manitoba. 1985? Manitoba 971.27 WLAN TWE

A few examples from Saskatchewan and Alberta:

Along a Prairie Trail [Lucky Lake, Sask.]. 1981.

Western Canada 971.24 CANA ALO

As the Roots Grow : the History of Spruce Grove and District [Alberta]. 1980.

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Between the Rivers II : Memories of Maidstone [Sask.], 1905-2001.

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Our Treasured Heritage: Leross & Districts (Clarkson-Doverley-Eskdale-Georges-Ravine) [Sask.]. 1984. Western Canada 971.24 KELL OUR

Wandering River History Book [Alberta] compiled by Wandering River Women's Institute. 1983.

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WESTERN CANADA

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941.4 Ber *Berwickshire Monumental Inscriptions, v.14: Coldingham* [CD-ROM]

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EUROPE

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945 Mel Melnyk, M. *Tracing Your Italian Ancestors, 2015.*

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Book Reviews

Enid Dorward #4502

New books, recently added to the MGS library. All are available for loan.



Genealogy cannot be done in a vacuum! Many people find that certain types of books can help round out their research and provide further understanding of their ancestors and the places they lived. For example, for persons researching British or Irish ancestors, the MGS library offers numerous helpful books. Here are a few of them, but there are many more just waiting for you to check them out.

Ordnance Survey Road Atlas of Great Britain. Temple Press, c1983. 208 p. Detailed maps of England, Scotland and Wales, with an index of over 32,000 place names. Handy for locating those little villages (or big cities) where your ancestors lived and worked.

MGS library call no. **GB & IRE 912 ORD**

The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers edited by Cecil Humphery-Smith, Chichester, Phillimore Press, c1984. Maps of parishes, showing their boundaries and dates of

the commencement of registers formed before 1832, plus topographical maps. Also an index of records and their locations.

MGS library call no. **GR & IRE 942 PHI**

British 19th Century Surname Atlas. This is a CD from which you can display and print maps that show the distribution of surnames in Britain, at the time of the 1881 census.

MGS library call no. **CD-ROM 929.4 BRI**

Dictionary of Old Occupations by Andrew Twining. Woodcroft, SA, Australia, 1995. 108 p.

MGS library call no. **GEN 331.7 DIC**

My Ancestor was an Apprentice.

London Society of Genealogists, 2010. 121 p.
MGS library call no. **GB & IRE 331.5 RAY**

The library's reference shelves provide several gazetteers which give an alphabetical listing of place names, naming the county in which the places are located, and a brief historical note as well:

The Gazetteer of Scotland 1882.

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A Genealogical Gazetteer of England.

REF 942 BAR

General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland. Based on the census of Ireland for the year 1851.

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Periodical Potpourri

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All periodicals mentioned in this column are available for loan from the MGS library.

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The New Leaf (June 2015) Contains an article about Cree and Sioux in Manitoba.

Glamorgan Family History Society

(June 2015) The story of a Welsh family who came, via Devon, England, to Elknorn, Manitoba.

CANADA

British Columbia Genealogist (June 2015) Canadian Airmen's War Memorial, Isle of Man, World War II. Lists names, with brief information about each person.

GALLUS (Glasgow) (June 2015)

Sir John A. Macdonald's birthplace in Glasgow.

Glamorgan Family History Society (June 2015) This issue contains considerable information about web sites for researching your Canadian ancestors.

QUEBEC and ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Abbotsford Genealogical Society Newsletter (June 2015) Information about Pier 21 in Halifax.

Cariboo Notes (Spring 2015) List of convicts shipped from Lower Canada to Australia in the 19th century.

Connections (Autumn 2014) A list of the first colonists of Quebec, from 1617 to 1635.

-(Spring 2015) *Montreal Star* death database 1900-1910.

Generations (New Brunswick) (Winter 2014, Spring and Summer 2015) Part of an alphabetical listing of burials at McFarlane Burial Ground (Sunny Bank Cemetery).

-(Winter 2014) Deaths in the 140th Battalion (1916 and later).

-(Spring 2015) A listing of voluntary fire wardens 1919.

-(Summer 2015) English Settlement school records 1841.

Newfoundland Ancestor (Vol. 30, No. 4, 2014) Newfoundlanders at the battle fields of France and Flanders WWI.

-(Vol. 31 No. 1, 2015) History of Bay Bulls.

-(Vol. 31 No. 2, 2015) Early Welsh family names in Newfoundland.

P.E.I. Genealogical Society (Nov. 2014) The heroic service of P.E.I. nurses in the Great War.

-(Feb. 2015) Contains a list of recently published Island books of historical significance.

-(April 2015) A creative enumerator wrote many fascinating comments on the 1871 census of Lot 36 (sample: McAree, Bryan – this man has 5 pigs, some of them weigh about 400 lb)

ONTARIO

Bruce & Grey Branch (Feb. 2015) A list of accidental deaths and suicides in 1886. *Dominion Annual Register*.

The Bulletin (Kawartha Branch) (Feb. 2015 and May 2015) List of 19th century settlers in Peterborough County.

Families (Nov. 2014) Information about WWII service files of those who died between 1939 and 1947.

Family Tree (UK) (July 2015) A story from Paris, Ontario, through a collection of old postcards.

Hamilton Branch (Feb. 2015) Finding Loyalist lineages.

Kingston Relations (March-April 2015) Frontenac Militia 1862 – list of men who served as “week-end soldiers”.

-(May/June 2015) War of 1812 militia names.

Lanark Log (Oct. 2014) BMDs from 1915-1916 (Lanark County).

-(Jan. 2015) Births, marriages and death notices from the *Perth Expositor*, January - June 1926.

Leeds & Grenville Branch News & Views (Nov.-Dec. 2014) A list of men who left Gananoque for service in the Transvaal in January 1900.

London Log (Nov. 2014) This issue has several lists of names, among them: names of people in the Welsh settlement in Middlesex County in early 1800s, and Flying Cross recipients from western Ontario.

Nipissing Voyageur (March 2015)
List of kindergarten students at Queen Victoria School, Sept. 1909.

Ottawa Genealogist (Jan.-March 2015)
Descendants of Loyalists in Beechwood Cemetery. Gives name of Loyalist ancestor as well as name of descendant.

-(April-June 2015) List of Bytown volunteers (militia), 24 Feb. 1838.

Our Waterloo Kin (Vol. 14, No. 3, 4, 2014) 1844 contested elections witness list with names and townships.

Perth County Profiles (Nov. 2014)

Names of Irish Palatine pioneers of Blanshard & Usborne Townships.

-(Feb. 2015) Stratford's Ontario Street Baptist Church.

-(May 2015) Lists of Worshipful Masters of Stratford's Masons 1936.

Rooting Around Huron (Feb. 2015) 1974 voters' list, Huron-Middlesex, polling division No. 69. 210 names with addresses.

-(May 2015) 1911 census listings for the House of Refuge.

Roots, Branches & Twigs (Vol. 38, Issue 1, 2015) List of Blacks in Harwich Township in 1861.

Sault Channels (Dec. 2014) Pre-1900 births from the newspaper *Sault Daily Star*. Gives name, birth date, birth place, gender, newspaper date.

-(March and June 2015) *Sault Daily Star* - List of births before 1900.

SCAN (Simcoe County Ancestor News) (May 2015) Simcoe County House of Industry and Refuge. Includes 1905 and 1906 refuge inspector's reports, with lists of names.

Traces & Tracks (Wellington Co.) (Fall 2014) List of Ontario strays from Saskatchewan.

Trails (Essex Co.) (2015 Vol. 37 No. 1)
Web sites relating to the township of Sandwich.

EUROPE

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (Summer 2014) Volga German women: midwives in Lincoln, Nebraska.

East European Genealogical Society (Dec. 2014) Polish place names and their Ukrainian equivalents.

-(Winter 2014) Given name equivalents useful in east European research – an extensive article.

Family Chronicle (Nov.-Dec. 2014) Planning a research trip to Belarus.

Family Tree (USA) (Dec. 2014) Researching Norwegian records.

Germanic Genealogy Journal (Spring 2014) Genealogical resources for Schleswig-Holstein.

Internet Genealogy (April-May 2015) Researching your Danish ancestors.

Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (Summer 2014) The life of a young Volga German woman in Soviet forced labour camps.

Mennonite Historian (Dec. 2014) Celebrating 225th anniversary of Mennonite migration to New Russia.

-(June 2015) Information about MAID (Mennonite Archival Image Database).

Timberline (Jan. 2015) Two maps of West Prussia, Kreis-Deutsch Krone

-(April 2015) List of names from the above area.

WESTERN CANADA

British Columbia Genealogist (March 2015) Marriages, First Lutheran Church, Vancouver, BC, 1892-1899.

Relatively Speaking (Feb. 2015) Using WWI records to identify family groups in a one-name study.

-(May 2015) The historical churches of Lamont County, Alberta.

Tree Tracer (March 2015) Pioneers of Prince George.

Victoria Genealogical Society Journal (Spring 2015) Canada's naval heritage: WWII and beyond.

-(Summer 2015) Tales from the Victoria police charge books.



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The Great Fire of London

From the church register of Burton Latimer, Northamptonshire, undated but not long after the Great Fire of London. It was written by the rector, Rev. George Baker.

"Upon the second (2nd) day of September 1666, being Sunday, the fire began in London, at one Farryner's house, a baker in Pudding Lane between the hours of one (1) and two (2) in the morning and continued burning until the sixth (September 6) of the same month, consuming (as by the survey appearing in print) three hundred seventy three acres within the walls of the city and sixty three acres, three (3) roods within the walls unburnt, eighty nine (89) parish churches besides chapels burnt, eleven(11) parishes within the walls yet standing. Houses burnt, thirteen thousand and two hundred (13 000)."

A Tale of a Trunk

Enid Dorward #4502

A few years ago my brother decided to burn down the old farm home where we had grown up. It had been damaged by fire thirty years earlier and had slowly fallen into disrepair, to the point of being dangerous to enter. The house had been used for storage so, before doing the deed, my brother went through the house and salvaged anything that still looked useful.



PHOTO: The Trunk

In the attic, where we used to play, there was a large covered wooden box at the top of the stairs. Our mother stored extra bedding in it and, although it had always been there, we never paid any attention to it. On the day when he decided to take one last look, my brother paused beside the big box, shrugged, and left it. But then something made him turn around and go up to the attic one more time.

He pulled out the box and was astounded to find stamped on the back of it, the words: "Settlers Effects". That prompted him to look inside, and on the underside of the separate wooden cover were clearly inscribed the following words: "L H Burton Elkhorn Manitoba Canada per SS Canada to Montreal". My brother knew enough about our family history to realize that L H Burton was our great grandmother. He called me with some excitement to tell me of his discovery, and I was able to fill in some blanks for him.



PHOTO: The Discovery

Louisa Hawke Burton, with her three daughters, had sailed on the SS Canada from Liverpool to Montreal in May 1905. Her husband, Henry Burton, and son Harry had left England the previous year and had established a home for the family at Elkhorn, Manitoba. The wooden trunk would have contained the family's belongings, including such treasured things as a silver teapot and a large oval framed picture of the family in a rowboat on the Thames River.

How did the trunk end up in the attic of a house forty miles from the Burtons' home at Elkhorn? We will never know for certain, but my best

guess is that, when my parents were married 75 years ago, my mother (granddaughter of Louisa and Henry Burton) packed her trousseau and special possessions in the old trunk to move them from her parents' home at Elkhorn to her new home north of Oak Lake, Manitoba. The trunk wasn't required for daily use, so was given the task of storing bedding in the attic.

Through all the years my brothers and I had played next to it, we never knew anything about its historical role in our family. The trunk is now in the care of my brother's daughter, so it will not be forgotten again.



Rose Isabel Farmer – A Portrait of Strength

Mary Ruth Noiles

(Mary Ruth has contributed to *Generations* previously, in the September 2014 issue commemorating the beginning of World War I). She has also contributed articles related to her family's military service. Mary Ruth's grandmother was my grandfather's sister, so the Burman story is in large part the Farmer story as well.)

The 100th anniversary of the start of WWI has caused much of the world to pause and reflect on how it changed the world.

The Tower of London Poppy project brought home to most people, the enormity of the conflict...one poppy for each of the 888,246 men killed in English or Commonwealth uniforms. Once offered for sale, they were gone within mere weeks, most of them to overseas families.

We have three of them in our family: for Great Uncle Charles Burman (*Generations*, September 2014, Vol. 39I3); Grandfather Alfred John Burman and; Great Uncle Edward William Farmer.

My grandmother, Rose Isabel Farmer Burman lost so much and yet she carried on

the rest of her life with kindness and good humour. She just never forgot.

Her journey through the war began with the loss of Charles Burman, Sept. 26, 1915, in the battle of Loos, whom she must have known well. She married his brother Alfred John Burman Dec. 25, 1915 after a courtship of several years. He probably joined up shortly afterwards. It is doubtful that he was called up. He was employed by H. Lotery, a factory that made army uniforms. Those records were lost in the bombings of WWII.

By this time her own brothers were fighting the war. Eldest brother Walter was career Royal Navy, having joined, at the age of 12, as a cadet before 1901. His naval record seems to show that his ships were sunk at least twice. Edward and Arthur had already arrived with the Canadian Army. They both had been sent to Canada as Home Children in 1905 and 1907 respectively.



PHOTO: Alfred John Burman (rear), Rose Isabel Farmer Burman (seated), Alfred Edward Charles Burman (on his mother's knee).

The siblings had essentially been made homeless after their mother, Jessie, died in 1904. She had remarried after the death of their father Walter in 1898. Their step-father now had children of his own and wanted the siblings out of his house. Interestingly, the descendants of those half-siblings had no idea there was another family named Farmer, related to them until one made contact to correct (he thought) an on-line tree.

November 14, 1916, Rose named her only son Alfred Edward Charles Burman to honour the family soldiers.

The next shock came with the news that Edward, her younger brother, had been killed April 9, 1917 at Vimy Ridge. Arthur had found his brother wounded in a shell crater but was ordered to keep advancing. He saw the shot that probably killed him. After the battle he searched everywhere but could never find any trace of Edward. His name is inscribed on the Vimy Ridge Memorial. There were eight unknown Canadians buried in the Canadian Cemetery No. 2, Neuville St. Vaast according to the 1921 Graves Registration Report. One of them is probably Edward. It was from the Vimy battlefield Canada's Unknown Soldier was chosen.

Edward had been close to Rose. She was listed as his next-of-kin. There is a sad photograph of her little family taken about this time. My grandfather is in the uniform of the Royal Field Artillery; Rose is dressed in black and my infant father on her knee. Angry is the only word that describes her expression.

Shortly after this Alfred John would have gone to war in Europe. We have the postcard stamped Dover, Aug. 7, 1918, as he left. Her next loss on Sept. 16, 1917, was Alfred John's 1st cousin Thomas Burman fighting in Palestine. He was 22.

And again, on October 11, 1918, her 1st cousin, Henry George Farmer, was killed in France leaving behind a widow and three young children. He was 27.

All this time she must have had friends wounded or killed, as there are photographs of weddings, and most of the grooms and guests are in uniform. Unfortunately none of them are identified.

The final terrible loss was her own husband, Alfred John. She received the dreaded telegram on Nov. 11, 1918, while London was madly celebrating the end of the war. He had died Nov. 8, in hospital in Amiens, France. His gun battery had been engaged in an operation on the River Scheldt preparing for an infantry crossing on Nov. 11, if necessary. A quick scan of the cemetery documents shows that most of his battery had died of their wounds that week. It had been the target of a direct hit involving gas shells.

At that point, her whole world turned upside down. Rose, along with my father, was invited to come to Canada, by the Curelley family of Mitchell, Ontario. Arthur had stayed with this family while he lived in Canada as a Home Child. Records showed that her itinerary for the journey was sent from a lawyer's office. She never had any contact with the Burman family again.

This leaves us wondering if they had made a legal move to adopt my father. He was apparently exactly like his late father at that age. I am sure she would have rejected any suggestion she couldn't look after him.

She and my father arrived in Canada, May 2, 1919. She stated officially that she was a dressmaker and housekeeper on the way to meet her brother, Arthur. They stayed in Mitchell, Ontario for a while with the Curelley family and later moved to Woodstock, Ontario.

The journey itself was terrible. She was too seasick to care for Dad (a toddler by now). All the baggage had been put into the hold by mistake. (It seems there was a dock worker's strike so nothing was sorted for cabin use.)

Dad remembered being so excited when they arrived in Quebec City that he knocked off his mother's glasses. He would always see them

spiraling down between the ship and the dock. She was blind without them; however another pair appeared so quickly, he was sure she had brought another pair.

She eventually married widower Michael Cook who also had a son. Michael had been a proud Canadian soldier who was wounded on the Somme. My grandfather's picture, Dead Man's Penny and framed King's scroll always hung in their hallway. He told every visitor that Alfred John Burman was the hero, not himself.

Although Michael legally adopted him, he refused to change my father's last name as was customary at the time. Michael Cook understood that the only legacy that mattered was the Burman family name.

When war broke out again in 1939 my father decided that he must also join the fight. He wanted to be in the Air Force, but was thwarted because of his bad eyesight. (Memorizing the eye chart was no help - as it was changed that day).

His uncle, Arthur Farmer, was in charge of swearing in the new volunteers and demanded to know if Rose knew what he was about to do. Deciding he couldn't face his sister if anything happened to his nephew, Arthur promptly found someone else to take his oath.

Rose kept herself busy during the war knitting for soldiers and the Red Cross.

Her step-son, Michael Cook, was also in the Army although he was posted to Western Canada.

She and my mother grew very close during the early years of the war as Dad was posted in Ottawa before they were married. My parents married in 1942, by now certain that Dad was not going to be sent overseas. That all changed in 1944 two months before my sister was born. After the Italian campaign Dad used to joke that if you were breathing and had a heartbeat they needed you.

While crossing France with Corps HQ, as the Canadian Army made its way to Holland, Dad found himself, for three days, in the same area

where his father had been killed. He did not request permission to go to his father's grave.

"How could I go there and explain to him why I was in Europe. He had died believing that he was fighting 'the war to end all wars'."

When the war finally ended Rose had been spared further loss. All of her family in Walthamstow, England, had come through the air raids unscathed, although it was a miracle. No one fighting in any of the services had been killed.

She received a letter in the middle of the war from a sister-in-law suggesting that her son in the merchant marine could "pop" up from Halifax to Woodstock for a visit on a short weekend leave. The reply: "he should go visit you as he is closer to Portsmouth than to me."



PHOTO: Much happier times with Mary Ruth, Grandma Rose and sister Ann.

The grandmother I knew and loved for ten short years was always busy with her knitting (now for refugees) and teaching her granddaughters the needle arts.

She loved a good joke and was often the target. One thing I realize now is that she never got used to Canada's wide open spaces.

She had been raised in London's East End and never quite felt at ease outside of town.

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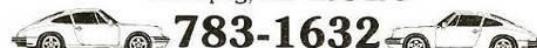
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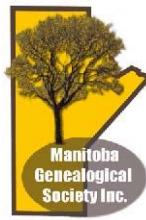
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- All advertisements shall conform to MGS policy. The following outline of principles constitutes the policy of the Manitoba Genealogical Society Inc. on advertising. **Purposes:** [1] to advance the cause of genealogy; [2] to promote the interests 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.
- Advertisements in MGS publications shall be directly relevant to members of the Society.
- All advertisements shall be subject to the approval of the Editorial Committee. Where doubt exists as to the appropriateness of any advertisement, the Vice-President of Communications & Vice-President of Administration shall have the right to deny its publication.
- All revenues from advertising shall go directly to MGS. Rates may be subject to change annually upon review and recommendation by the editorial committee and approval of the Council of the Society.

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