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## From the Editor

David Farmer #2277



Well, summer is upon us! Time to get out in the yards, hit the beaches and travel to visit with family and friends. Family History gets put on hold a bit (seems we like to work on those family trees when it is cold and blowing out there), but summertime is a great time to collect information from relatives while sitting around the BBQ or the cottage or just anywhere.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will read about the continuing struggle MGS is involved with to make ends meet. *Generations* is a big factor in that struggle, so we are asking for your input on what we might be able to do, what our options might be and what you, the reader, wants. Be sure to read "To e-mail or not to e-mail" and give us your opinions.

But there is good news too. The new look web site is up and running and looks great. Check it out at [mbgenealogy.com](http://mbgenealogy.com).

We have a couple of articles on Irish Genealogy, "Irish Degrees of Separation" by guest author Anne Letain; and "Our Irish Research Experience" by Elizabeth and Colin Briggs. Be sure to check them out.

We also highlight some extraordinary volunteers and a large number of donours who help us keep the doors open. Many thanks to all of them.

We have all of our regular features, filled with a variety of interesting and informative information, to help us with our research.

The September issue is to be dedicated to the Families of the NWMP, as we combined with the Alberta and Saskatchewan Genealogical Societies, to share articles. Unfortunately we have not had any input from MGS members (still not too late, but do it soon). Hopefully we will be able to include a couple of articles from the other two societies.

Enjoy the summer and enjoy the issue.

## From the President

Jim Oke #2729



Summer seems to be just around the corner at the time of writing, so let's all welcome the warmer weather and look forward to summer travels, perhaps some time at the cottage, or whatever your plans are!

The last few months have been a busy time at MGS with several long-awaited projects moving to fruition. First, there is the new look to the MGS web site: with a fresh new colour scheme, an improved menu system, and some family history images and graphics to draw visitors in. Appearances are one thing, but there are also some important changes behind the scenes with: easier updates possible, space available for MGS Branches to post their own activities and news, and provisions for a gateway to the MANI system. Keeping the content current and the links active will be easier now, ensuring the web site is relevant and provides a useful service to our members and visitors. If you have not recently visited the site at [mbgenealogy.com](http://mbgenealogy.com), I would encourage you to do so. Let us know how things look, using the *Contact Us* page links.

Special thanks are due to Janice Butcher for her work on the web site and also on our Facebook presence, which is another useful way to spread the word about MGS.

Considerable progress has been made with the MANI system, over the past months, to correct some of the less functional areas and give the system a better look and feel. Beyond providing access to the master MGS names database, MANI is also evolving as an important administrative tool that, to provide just one example, helps maintain and keep our membership lists current while reducing the work load in the office. An on-line MGS membership renewal service is also now available for those who wish to use it. As hoped for in the planning stages, MANI is also attracting interest and memberships from outside of Manitoba. Access to MANI is part of your membership so please make use of it and

apply for the necessary access password. MANI has been a long-term project, under the leadership of Gordon McBean, who deserves our thanks for a very significant contribution to MGS.

Again the intent of MANI is to provide service and value for money to MGS members and interested visitors, so please make use of it!

I would like to mention that an MGS Council meeting was held in Portage la Prairie in April, to ease the travel needs for Council members outside Winnipeg, and gain some views from those Branches outside of Winnipeg. I think it was a good, productive meeting and something we should do again in the future.

Sadly I must include a bit of sad news, to the effect that the Swan Valley Branch of MGS has decided to cease operation, due to declining membership and retirements from their Executive Committee. Many thanks are due to Eric Neufeld for his leadership and many contributions to the Swan Valley Branch and MGS over the years.

By the time this issue of *Generations* reaches you, the MGS Annual General Meeting will be history and a new Executive Committee will be in place. Thus this will be my final President's message for *Generations* (*ed. note: so no more waiting for Jim's input?*). It has been an interesting and educational time in office for me and I learned much about how MGS functions behind the scenes. I want to close by recognizing the volunteers who have done the real work of keeping MGS functioning so smoothly and well. It is only through their efforts and dedication that the library remains open, *Generations* is published, memberships are renewed, and many other seemingly routine, but important things happen at MGS. Thank you one and all!

Once again, have a good summer, everyone. Hope to see you in the fall!



## The Front Cover

It is appropriate that from time to time that MGS recognizes some of its stalwart, and usually long-serving volunteers. The cover of this issue honours two of those volunteers.

Long-Time MGS Volunteers Honoured  
*Enid Dorward #4502*



**PHOTO:** Louisa Shermerhorn,(front row, second from left) and Lynn Francis, (front row, third from left).

The MGS library committee gathered recently at the home of Joyce Elias to honour Louisa Shermerhorn and Lynn Francis. These two women are faithful volunteers who have worked at the MGS library every Tuesday for many years helping keep the library operating smoothly.

Louisa was the librarian for 20 years, beginning in 1983. She also served as Vice-President, Administration for several years and Vice-President, Finance for one year. Louisa has not officially retired, and will probably still appear, at least occasionally, to lend a helping hand and demonstrate her remarkable memory for all things related to the library.

Lynn quietly did many behind-the-scenes tasks throughout the years, such as processing new books, shelf reading, shelving books, and indexing local history books. Even after she was no longer driving, Lynn arrived at the Resource Centre by bus, no matter what the weather. Now in her mid-nineties, she has decided to retire.

The Manitoba Genealogical Society owes a great debt of gratitude to these two dedicated volunteers!

## To e-mail or not to e-mail?

David Farmer #2277/ Kathy Stokes #0125

For some years now the MGS Council has tried to balance our yearly budget, but it gets harder every year. Our expenses are greater than our regular revenue. For example, in the last physical year we managed not to go into a deficit position, only because of a generous bequest contained in the will of a late member.

Expenses are always the focus when these financial difficulties arise. The Executive has actively pursued reducing those expenses in areas where there can be gain, without significant impact on the membership. There is nothing more we can do about our fixed expenses such as rent and utility costs and office supplies; we have negotiated the best possible ‘deals’ we can. And we have already cut the monies formerly given to our library from our general revenue, which were used to purchase new materials/books and the like.

One area of expense which we have not looked at significantly and where we see a possibility to further trim our expenses, is in the publications and distribution of our quarterly journal, *Generations*. We have made a small step in curbing ever-rising mail costs, by having all new members receive *Generations* by e-mail only. We have also asked all of our members to consider receiving the magazine by e-mail; about half of our members have agreed to do this.

In addition, you will have no doubt noticed that some issues of *Generations* are smaller than usual. We have decided that rather than pay for ‘filler’ (i.e. previous published articles) just to keep the issue the traditional size, we will simply publish ‘what we have’. This helps somewhat to reduce both printing and mailing costs.

However, this still leaves us with a cost of roughly \$5,000 per year to print and mail printed copies to those members who wish to receive them by mail. In review, this seems to be an area where we must make further cuts.

We recently looked into changing our printer to see if we could get a better price for printing, but found that we are currently getting a very good deal. It does not make sense to simply change printers.

The Executive has once again reviewed the *Generations* expenses and have determined that there are several things that could be done to make the production and distribution less costly. Please read the possibilities listed below and comment if you wish. We are interested in the opinions and suggestions of our members and will consider them in making the necessary changes to the printing and distribution of our quality magazine.

Here are possible solutions:

1. Have all new members receive e-mail copies of *Generations* (already being done).
2. Decrease the number of issues from the current four/year to three/year. If so, what timing during the year would you like to see an issue?
3. Have those who wish to have copies mailed to them pay extra for this service. This ‘fee’ could be added to an individual’s membership fee, or invoiced separately in some manner.
4. Make e-mail delivery mandatory for all members.

There will be instances where members do not have computers and we would have to make special arrangements for them.

It is being considered that for a trial period, beginning perhaps with the September 2016 or December 2016 that all members with an e-mail address would receive an electronic copy, in addition to the printed copy they currently receive. This would give members a chance to see the advantages of the electronic copy (full colour, better resolution of photos, etc.)

The Manitoba Genealogical Society is not alone in having to face the problems of reduced revenue and growing expenses.

Please take a moment to respond with your thoughts. *Generations* is your publication; and we want to ensure that we are providing you with the best possible publication, within the constraints we have.

We look forward to hearing from you. Your comments and suggestions can be sent to [generations@mbgenealogy.com](mailto:generations@mbgenealogy.com). Or you can drop a line to *Generations* at the Resource Centre library.

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The Canadian Expeditionary Force Study Group is asking for some help in identifying a young Canadian soldier who died at the Battle of Passchendaele, in the fall of 1917. It is known that his first name was Alex, and that he had in his possession, letters from his sister Retta, which contained a partial address of 469 Winnipeg. Some detective work has been done by the MGS Research Group, but more still needs to be done. If you are interested in helping find these individuals, and have 'Alex's' headstone updated with his full name and unit information, please check out the CEF Study Group's web site located at: [http://cefresearch.ca/cef\\_help-updated-post-alex-retta-winnipeg-469/](http://cefresearch.ca/cef_help-updated-post-alex-retta-winnipeg-469/). You may also contact Richard Laughton, at the Canadian Expeditionary Force Study Group's web site home page <http://cefresearch.ca>

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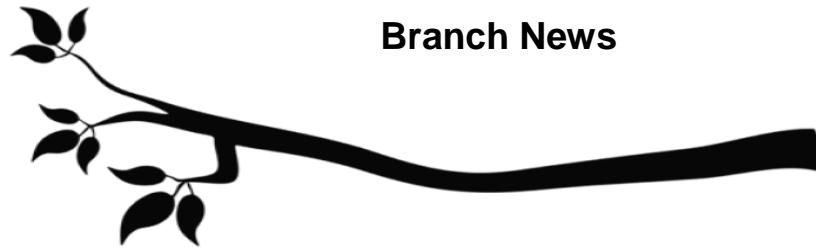
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And shift the sands of time  
That I might find the roots that made  
This family tree of mine;  
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads  
On which my fathers trod  
And led them through so many lands  
To find our present sod.  
Lord, help me find an ancient book  
Or dusty manuscript  
That's safely hidden now away  
In some forgotten crypt;  
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts  
My soul when I can't find  
The missing link between some name  
That ends the same as mine.

Curtis Woods,  
Tennessee Author



## Branch News

### Swan Valley Branch

Sadly, MGS has learned of the closing of the Swan Valley Branch, due to declining membership. The Branch started in 1988 with Glen McKenzie as the first President. Eric Neufeld became the President in 1992 and has remained as such ever since, a time span of 24 years. Donna Fox has served as Branch Secretary since its beginning and Helen Ellingson has been the Branch Treasurer since 1993. Both Eric Neufeld and Donna Fox have received the Eric Jonasson Award as awarded by MGS.

One of the main contributions of the Swan Valley Branch was the preparation and submission to MGS, of annual indexes of obituaries from the *Swan Valley Star and Times* newspaper. Helen Ellingson did much of this work from 1983–2014, with assistance from Donna Fox. The Branch also prepared cemetery transcriptions, held monthly meetings, and had a small library, in the Swan River Library, including books and an early settlers' map. The Branch [held] a meeting on April 12 to wrap up their affairs. Some books will be donated to the Swan River Library and some to the MGS Library.

MGS will miss the Swan Valley Branch and its members. It feels like we have lost a branch off of our own "family tree". Former Branch members are invited to continue with the Manitoba Genealogical Society to receive the many benefits of membership, including free access to the new MANI database for searching ancestors, borrowing privileges by mail from the MGS Library, and copies of the journal, *Generations*.

### Southeast and Winnipeg Branch

*Virginia Braid #0868*

The Southeast and Winnipeg Branch held its Annual General Meeting on May 9, 2016. Elections were held and the following positions were filled by acclamation:

President – Vacant

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Virginia Braid

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Barbara Becker

Secretary – Kathleen Kristjansson

Treasurer – Susan Thorpe

Councillors – Ted Becker, Sandra Havig, Sheila Woods

The Branch thanked three members who had served on the Executive this past year – Virginia Braun, Katharine Schulz, and Kelly Southworth.

The presentation was on the *Golden Age of Postcards* in Winnipeg, and the presenter was Rob McInnes. Rob showed us some of his vast collection of postcards from Winnipeg, dating back to the 1900s. Some of these postcards can be seen on the Winnipeg Public Library's web site on their "Pastforward" project.

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## Our Irish Research Experience

Elizabeth #0484 and Colin Briggs

October 1, 2015 we arrived in Dublin ready to spend a few days researching Colin's Scots-Irish ancestor George Campbell and his family. George was born c1785 and we have collected a number of baptisms for George Campbell +/- 5 years that is 1700-1790. They are stored away until we gather further details about his family. George Campbell married Cecilia Garvey by license on 3 May 1812 in St. Catherine's Anglican Church, Dublin. It is an hypothesis but we think Cecilia was Roman Catholic and George may or may not have been Catholic. However during this period of time marriages were only recognized in the established Church of Ireland. We have a copy of the death certificate of George, December 1865, one of the earliest certificates issued by the Government in Ireland. Colin was descended from the eldest son William Henry Campbell and through the census we traced his birth to Dublin, Ireland.



By checking the church records on [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) we have added a number of baptisms of the children of George and Cecilia, born in Dublin:

William Henry	bap.	1814	St Nicholas RC Dublin
George	bap.	January 1821,	St Nicholas RC Dublin
Cecilia	bap.	January 1821,	St Nicholas RC Dublin
Charles Abraham	bap.	18 January 1824	St Nicholas RC Dublin
Edward Joannem	bap.	16 Nov 1825	St Michael RC Dublin

We believed there were more children born between 1815 and 1823 but we could not locate them in the databases we used. A summary sheet was prepared listing dates, events and the source of the information. Thus we had a skeleton of the salient features of George's life between birth, marriage and death with many gaps to be filled.

The marriage of George's eldest son, William Henry Campbell, to Sarah Allen occurred in St Martin's in the Field, London on 9 January 1839. William stated his father was an Excise Officer and this was evident in many of the records we would find on the family. We went to the National Archives in Kew and the National Archives in Dublin searching for staff records of Customs & Excise Officers.

From 1812-1826 George and his family lived in Dublin. Then in 1826 when George was about forty-one years old he was posted to Newry in Northern Ireland. We assumed his wife Cecilia would be between thirty-six and forty-five years of age and we wondered if there were other children born in Newry. We had no time to investigate this idea as we had to catch up on our chores before leaving for Ireland.

We had enrolled in a Seminar organized by The Ulster Heritage Group out of Belfast. The conference was scheduled from 4-10 October and then we would fly to Heathrow on October 11<sup>th</sup>. There were approximately seventy-two participants from the UK, USA and Canada; Australia, New Zealand and other countries. The registration appeared to be expensive but we had value for our money. We stayed at the Ramada Hotel, Belfast at the conference rate and arranged our own travel to Belfast for October 4<sup>th</sup>. On the first Sunday evening we gathered at a local centre to meet other registrants, enjoy a glass of wine and have an overview of the programme for the following week. We were divided into groups of six participants to a professional genealogist and received our information package for the following week. Participants had been invited to send a summary of their research and in the package Colin discovered Dr. William Roulston, the Research Director, had located another baptism for George Campbell's family in Newry. We could now add *Gustavus Lambert Campbell* baptized 7 March 1828 to the list of children. With such an unusual name we might have an advantage tracing him.

Monday and Tuesday we spent at the new Public Record Office in Northern Ireland. Elizabeth went on the newly launched Roman Catholic parish registers of Ireland [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie) This site also includes newspapers of Ireland. She searched for baptisms from Newry from 1826 and later. There was a second entry of interest. It was the baptism of Eliza Campbell daughter of William [ours was George] Campbell and Cecilia [maiden name missing]. The sponsor was identical to the entry for Gustavus Lambert a few years before this entry. We thought it was ours but there were problems with the record. Information was missing. However, we collected the details: 11 June 1830, Eliza Campbell of Wm [George] and Cecilia [Garvey], sponsor Mary M. Parand.

Baptisms	
June 9th	Michael of James Murphy & Mary Butler Spouse Henry Bran & Catherine Slevin 1 0
	John & Sarah & Charles McEntee & Catharine Spouse Daniel Daffy & Mary Weston 2 6
June 11th	Thomas & Hugh Murphy & Mary McMurphy Spouse James Kier & Alice Connelly 2 6
	Wm and Anne of Jas. McMurphy & Anna Daly sp. Joe McNamee & Kitty Lang 2 6
C	Henry Polan (alias Dunn) Priestman Langham sp. Thomas Polan
	Eliza Campbell of Wm & Cecilia 8 0
	Spouse Mary M. Parand 1 00

National Library of Ireland RC Registers

Colin had checked newspaper entries and located the burial of Cecilia Garvey Campbell on 19 January 1836 in Athlone, in the Republic of Ireland. Cecilia was about forty years old, the mother of more than seven children and she might have died in childbirth. She was buried in Athlone soon after George was posted to this new government site from Newry.

Lunch time! It was all provided in our registration fee. There were excellent sandwiches, hot food, dessert and coffee with individual items for those with special dietary needs. Lunch each day was served in the foyer. There were computers in the cafeteria for those who could not tear themselves away from their research.

Colin located another newspaper entry which showed George's second daughter Cecilia Campbell married Peter Campbell 29 June 1840. We have yet to locate the entry as it appears in a few newspapers across Ireland not mentioning the place of the marriage.

Each evening we were taken to a special historic centre or a pub for an excellent supper. The two or three course meal was part of the registration package, alcoholic drinks were extra.

Wednesday morning we met at the coaches outside the hotel and we were driven to Dublin for a day searching one of the six record centres:

National Archives of Ireland [www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie)

National Library of Ireland [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie)

General Registry Office [www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie)

Dublin City Library & Dublin City Archives [www.iol.ie/dublincitylibrary](http://www.iol.ie/dublincitylibrary)

We had already checked many indexes in the archives such as wills and directories and we worked on other references. I had two sessions with Paul, a professional genealogist working in the Republic of Ireland. He encouraged me to walk down the street and purchase the marriage entry for Eliza Campbell which would confirm or deny her link to the family. It was a twenty minute walk and at first I missed the General Registry of BMDs but I found a lane alongside a car park and what looked like an old dilapidated building behind the wall. I entered and checked the indices, located the reference and ordered the marriage certificate of Eliza Campbell. I had a photocopy of the record for a few euros and did not pay the more expensive fee for a certified document. The entry was correct and George Campbell, Excise Officer, was Eliza's father, the baptismal entry was incorrect – the father was not William Campbell and information was missing from the mother.

### *Marriage Certificate of Eliza Campbell*

1853 Marriage solemnized at the Registrar's Office in the City of Dublin in the District of Dublin Castle								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
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Married in the Registrar's Office, according to the Revisions of the Act 7th and 8th Victoria Chap 81 by Science by me,								
Robert Hartfield Registrar								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Edward Smyth Eliza Campbell } in the Presence of us, { Charles Smyth Letitia Smyth }								

Colin and I had a lot to do so we opted out of lunch in Dublin and decided to continue working in the Archives. Much to our surprise when the group retuned we were given sandwiches, cookies and a drink. We did not expect this extra care but it reflected the lengths the organizers went to ensure we had every consideration.

Paul encouraged Elizabeth to check with the Registry of Deeds for the marriage of Cecilia Garvey and George Campbell in 1812. Elizabeth had located a reference to the marriage of George Campbell and Cecilia Garvey in Betham's Genealogical Abstracts, a microfilm located in the Archives of Dublin [MF 38/21 Series 5 Vol 9-16]. The reference was brief:

*Campbell George of Parnell place Dublin Esq. [Esquire] and Celia Garvey of the parish of St. Catherine Dublin Spinst.*

Paul told me the addition of esquire to George Campbell's name suggested property or a marriage settlement. There was no time that afternoon so this activity is on our "to do" list.

All too soon the visit to Dublin was over. The coach collected people at the various centres across the city to drive back to Belfast stopping for dinner along the route.

There were two days left in PRONI with a lot left to do. Colin worked on his Irish Campbells and I collected all the Garvey entries I could find. I had already started this activity in Dublin. Then I decided to use [www.findmypast.gov.uk](http://www.findmypast.gov.uk) and search for Gustavus Lambert Campbell and Cecilia/Celia Campbell Campbell, daughter of George and Cecilia who married Peter Campbell. I searched for the family in England. I located Cecilia Campbell with her daughter, Kate Stewart Campbell, living with Gustavus Lambert Campbell near Liverpool in the 1891 and 1881 census. Gustavus Lambert was in the navy and the records can be accessed on the National Archives web site at Kew in London

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) His death certificate was located in the December Quarter of 1892. Kate Stewart Campbell was born in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland. We have yet to locate her certificate and investigate her father Peter. There is a lot we can do from Canada but time and other pressing activities intervene.

A number of George and Cecilia's children went to England: William Henry to London, Penrith, and back to London; Edward to Leeds and Eliza Campbell Smyth remained in Dublin, where her in-laws were grocers.

Friday night we shared a final dinner with the group and the leaders. Spouses and partners who did not want to participate in genealogical research were taken sightseeing each day beginning on Monday with the Titanic museum. As the week wore on some of the researchers joined them on their tours. Saturday we all took a trip across Northern Ireland to Londonderry and visited churches of historic interest. Different points of interest and the highest pub in Ireland for that final memorable glass of warm beer!!!

For more information on future seminars, log into this web site [www.rootsireland.ie/2016/01/family-history-conferences-2016](http://www.rootsireland.ie/2016/01/family-history-conferences-2016). There are two conferences for 2016: 15-22 June 2016 and 4-10 September 2016

The price for the conference is £749.99 per person. What is included in the price? For all those taking part in *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* the following is included:

- Six evening meals
- Six lunches
- Four morning tea/coffee
- Transport during the event
- Talks and tours
- Entrance fees
- Research assistance by professional genealogists

Please note that **travel to and from Northern Ireland and accommodation are not included in the price**, and delegates will need to make their own reservations for accommodation during the *Tracing your Irish Ancestors* event.



## Degrees of Irish Separation

Submitted by Anne Letain

*Although not a member of MGS or any other genealogical society, Anne is heavily ‘invested’ in genealogical research via many commercial tools. She has been working on both maternal and paternal family trees for several years. She has a M.S. in Information Science and finds genealogy research a perfect fit.*

*Anne says “I do have a Manitoba connection. My Irish Protestant relatives from West Cork constituted a fairly big community in Winnipeg and around Brandon. I was totally surprised to discover just how large it was and how connected, and how Methodist!*

*Anne lives in Ladysmith, British Columbia.*

The past few weeks have been filled with stories and documentaries celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ill-fated Easter Uprising in Dublin in 1916. The uprising led directly to the Irish Civil War, over British home rule, and ultimately to the establishment of the Irish Free State. Experts galore opined extensively on the Uprising but the one observation that really stayed glued to me was that the events of 1916 could be directly traced back to the Irish potato famine of the 1840s, when the Irish population was decimated by about 50%. I learned that the potato famine was unequally distributed and that the geographic areas of Ireland that were most impacted were County Cork (and specifically West Cork) and County Mayo.



Oddly enough, in my genealogical digging, my two direct lines of Irish ancestors begin in West Cork and in Mayo. So I began to wonder about how many degrees of separation there were between my existence on this earth and the infamous Irish potato famine.

In our family, it's no secret that there was little affection between my two “Irish” grandmothers. One regarded the other as “uppity” and the “uppity” one considered the other as lower class. There's probably truth in both points of

view, and the two of them could probably have started their own civil war.

My Catholic Mayo relatives, like so many others, fled Ireland across the Irish Sea. With some stops along the way, they finally settled in the Irish quarter of Leeds. They found work in the great woolen mills as cloth dressers and mill workers. When they couldn't find mill work, they worked as rag sorters and street peddlers. They lived utterly miserable lives punctuated with alcohol and crime. They often appeared in court for larceny (isn't that a great word - larceny?) and drunkenness. A contemporary newspaper account describes one of the many Anthonys in the tree as an “impudent thief”. Anthony was also banned from the York race course! A 2xgreat-grandfather was located in the Menston Asylum. I eventually found my 2xgreat-grandmother (aged 34) buried together with her 6<sup>th</sup> baby in the Leeds Beckett Street cemetery. Two of her children lived to adulthood, one being my great grandmother who came to Canada in 1912.

My Protestant Irish relations in West Cork were, in some cases, landowners. However, they were also poor and the Irish townlands system of small acreage farms prevented them from being able to feed their large families (and pay those dowries!). They, too, took the emigration route. Of my great-grandmother's seventeen siblings, only three remained on the Sheepscott peninsula. The rest re-populated the world – Australia, Canada, the United States (especially Rochester, New York, where they formed a temperance-loving Irish mafia, known as “The Ninety-Nine Cousins”).

As Protestants in Ireland, my family was already a religious minority, but by the mid-nineteenth century they had already broken away from the Church of Ireland to become Wesleyan Methodists. The family is well populated with Methodist ministers and they were also evangelists until well into the twentieth century, setting out as missionaries to India and China.

Oddly and ironically, I have recently received stories and queries from direct descendants in both my Irish lines. These have truly come out

of the blue via my public tree on [Ancestry.ca](#). The correspondence has been illuminating. It is also interesting that the degree of relativity is virtually identical.

On the Catholic side, my “cousin” writes of what it was like to grow up on a council estate in South Leeds during the 1950s and 1960s. I was shocked to learn that they were still using a pump in the scullery, and what it meant to them to finally get indoor plumbing and hot water. Laundry was done on an assigned day at the Armley community laundry. Somehow it seemed that little had changed for the better from the Irish quarter of the second half of the nineteenth century – an area eventually deemed “unhealthy” and razed as part of a slum clearance initiative.

My contact with my Protestant Irish relative was also very enlightening. We exchanged pictures and information and stories. One story involved the silk top hat that had been ordered for my great-uncle’s wedding in 1932. When the young man who is currently in possession of it marries, he will be the fourth generation to be wed in the hat, assuming he removes it for the ceremony!

With such contrasts between the two recent contacts, I sort of felt as if my Irish roots had come full circle. In some ways it was hard not to make judgments about which side had done better. But I did experience one over-arching thought: I was simply grateful that one member (and one only) of the Catholic family had escaped from the misery and awfulness. Somehow, my great grandfather must have seen the writing on the wall and saw the future. He eventually spent a year working in Saskatoon in 1911 in order to save up enough money to bring his wife and seven children over in steerage in 1912.

Depending on how you measure success, I can assure you that many members of this impoverished, shanty Irish family from Temple View Terrace (no temple, no terrace) in Leeds, prospered and took advantage of all that Canada had to offer. They even found themselves on the right side of the law – there have been two judges in the family!

So when I look at the bigger picture, I find it truly astonishing that I can attach one half of my existence to one great event in history. If it had not been for the great famine, my ancestors would not have been forced to look for a better life. Depending on how you do the math, it is for me, either four or five generations to my handy-dandy iMac here in my office on Vancouver Island.

Even though my story feels uniquely mine, it really isn’t. It’s not uncommon at all. Everyone has their own story of degrees of separation. What is yours?



## From the Past Rural Ramblings

Kathy Stokes #0125

*Rapid City Reporter May 5, 1938*

SHANKS, Ida Florence nee WIGGLESWORTH, wife of John T. SHANKS of Pettapiece, died April 26 in Brandon. She was born in Ashgrove, Halton Co., Ontario on December 3, 1873 and married her husband there on June 30, 1906. Ida is survived by her daughter Marion Ruth at home, three brothers, Fred and Norman of Ashgrove and Gordon of Ogden, Utah.

DONG, Willie, 39 years old, son of J. Dong of Rapid City died in Winnipeg, of tuberculosis on

April 27. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife and two sons in China.

James PURVIS and Mary HEINSBURG were married at the residence of the bride's parents on April 27.

*Rapid City Reporter* November 17, 1938

The old stone stable owned by J.C. Millar is being torn down.

Laura LILLY, second daughter of A. LILLY was married at Elphinstone on November 6 to Manus EWING of Rapid City.

The home of Mrs. S. CORNISH of the Rapid City area was broken into on November 14. \$175.00 in cash was taken.

*Stonewall Argus* August 6, 1930

At Arnes, Manitoba, on July 30, 1930, D.G. MCKNIGHT of Togo, Saskatchewan, married Wilma Isabel ELLIOTT, daughter of W.G. ELLIOTT of Arnes. The happy couple will reside in Gull Lake, Saskatchewan.

Police Officer George TOWNSEND, of Winnipeg Beach, was taken into custody there, at the request of Winnipeg Police. A report indicated that TOWNSEND had assaulted a woman on Walnut St. in Winnipeg. Winnipeg Police Sergeant LORIMOR was sent to the scene to investigate. TOWNSEND leaped from the garage, hit LORIMER in the face and escaped. LORIMER suffered concussion as well as cuts and bruises to the face.

Mary LEECH, daughter of Rev. A.C. LEECH married David Mackay recently at Gordon United Church.

*Stonewall Argus AND Teulon Times* October 2, 1946

Gladys SKEELER, daughter of Charles SKEELER married Francis APPLEYARD, son of Francis APPLEYARD and his late wife, of Stonewall in the Stonewall Anglican Church on September 28, 1946.

Edna May DENNIS, daughter of Mrs. J. DENNIS of Balmoral, England will marry Harvey Austin WATSON, son of the late George WATSON, of Argyle, Manitoba, on October 19, 1946.

Mary WINOSKI and Michael PENDICK were married on September 28, 1946.

Mrs. Hilda MACK, daughter of Frank LILLIES, was married at Warren, Manitoba, to Reginald CRADDOCK, youngest son of George CRADDOCK.

At Winnipeg Knox Church, Millie, the daughter of Fred KRYWCHUK, married Clifford E., second son of D. HAVARD of Montreal. The couple will reside in Montreal.

Dorothy Isabel, youngest daughter of A.J. FROST, of Teulon, was married recently to Elwin BUSKELL, son of W.D. BUSKELL, of Teulon.

Ada Josephine, the elder daughter of D. J. McDONALD of Gunton, Manitoba, was married on August 31 at the First United Church in Fort William, Ontario, to Maurice Holger, eldest son of the late A. BENSON and his wife. The death of Mark Percival CAMPBELL, 58 years, occurred on September 26. Mr. CAMPBELL farmed in Dundas, Manitoba. He is survived by his widow, sons Willard and David and daughter Elsie, as well as brother Edward of Teulon and sister Mrs. R.D. HENDERSON of Sylvania, Saskatchewan.

Janet SHAW, nee MCQUARRIE, widow of John SHAW, died September 26 at the age of 67 years. She is survived by: daughters Mrs. T. Christianson of Preston, Minnesota and Mrs. H.L. Paul of Balmoral, Manitoba and; sons Allister of Calgary and Albert of Balmoral, Manitoba; sisters Mrs. E. MOLLARD and Mrs. T.A. FOX of Balmoral, Manitoba, Mrs. M. MUMFORD of Summerland, British Columbia. Brothers Angus and William MCQUARRIE of Balmoral and Charles of British Columbia also survive.

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## **It Pays to Advertize**

*Sheila Woods #4629*

I like to keep a low profile on the Internet – you could call me a lurker – but some years ago I took the bold step of attaching “Postems” with my e-mail address to some index entries on *FreeBMD*, (<http://www.freebmd.org.uk/>). Two years later I had my only response, from a distant relative by marriage. She persuaded me to join *Genes Reunited*, (*GenesReunited.com*), so I could see her tree. I signed up for the minimal time and posted a bare bones tree, but between us we attracted two closer cousins of mine, and I have been corresponding with them ever since.

Susannah is my double third cousin, an insightful and tenacious researcher, and quite gregarious. We hit it off immediately when we discovered that we both had copies of the same divorce file from the National Archives. She broke through a brick wall and opened up an unfortunate, but colourful, branch of our family. We were both wondering what had happened to my great-grandmother's and her great-grandfather's oldest sister, Ellen, who wasn't with the rest of the family in the 1871 census. By carefully studying adjacent households and comparing them with the marriage index on FreeBMD, she identified Ellen living nearby with her husband William and two daughters.

After Ellen was institutionalized and William died (in 1891), their oldest daughter, Eleanor, assumed responsibility for her father's estate and the welfare of her younger siblings. When Susannah mentioned that two of the boys had gone to Canada, I immediately thought of Home Children and followed up that angle. Eleanor had taken her youngest brother to Fegan Homes, where he received some training and was sent to Canada in 1892. His next older brother entered Fegan Homes and followed him in 1893.

In 1906 Eleanor bought tickets to Canada for her other brother and five of his children, leaving his wife and the youngest, handicapped daughter in England. He appears to have left his children with his brother and struck out on his own. He had daughters with three different

women and married two of them, the first while his wife in England was still alive. All four of his sons fought with the Canadian forces in World War I, and one of them was killed.

The other sister was still a mystery. We couldn't find a record of a marriage or death on *FreeBMD*, so I ordered Eleanor's will. Having no children, she left her clothes and jewellery to a niece. Now we had a name, and we could find her in *FreeBMD* and census records. After ordering her birth certificate, a search for her parents revealed that they married in Calcutta! He was the captain of a merchant sailing ship, and they made several voyages between Britain and Australia before her untimely death in Cork harbor in 1904 at age 34. Susannah made contact with the captain's granddaughter from his second marriage, and received photos of her mother on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and her cake in the shape of the ship.

Later Susannah broke through a more challenging brick wall finding my great-grandfather's grandmother and solving the mystery of his middle name.

Ruth is my second cousin once removed, with multiple connections. In addition to participating fully in the collaborations, she sent excerpts from her grandfather's diary, which had stories of my grandparents and my mother's aunts and uncles. She also made contact with a descendant of my great-uncle and her great-great-uncle Bert and his wife “Rose, from Malta”.

Susannah and Ruth are continuing to trace different branches of our family back to the 1700s and even 1600s. Unfortunately I have had little to contribute to those efforts.

Thanks to these two cousins I now know more about my maternal grandmother's family than I ever thought possible.

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### **FYI!**

The June 2016 MGS Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes are available on the MGS web site at: <http://mbgenealogy.com/>

## Our Library

Mavis Gray #0008



Over the centuries, women have played important roles in war and the military, and also at home in support of war efforts. The MGS Library and Resource Centre has a number of books on this topic, some of which are listed below:

*Athene, Goddess of War : the Canadian Women's Army Corps, Their Story* by W. Hugh Conrod. Writing and Editorial Services, 1983. Canada 355.3 CON

*Canada's War Grooms and the Girls Who Stole Their Hearts* by Judy Kozar. General Store Publishing House, 2007. Canada 940.54 KOZ

*Dangerous Lives : War and the Men and Women Who Report It* by A. Feinstein. T. Allen, 2003. Canada 070.4 FEI

*Greatcoats and Glamour Boots: Canadian Women at War, 1939-1945* by Carolyn Gossage. Dundurn Press, 1991. Canada 355 GOS

*The Most Important Available Reserve of Manpower : a Series of Wartime Recollections by Members and Friends of the University Women's Club of Winnipeg.* The Club, 1996. Manitoba 355.3 MOS

*No Place for a Lady : the Story of Canadian Women Pilots, 1928-1992* by Shirley Render. Portage and Main Press, 1992. Canada 355.3 REN

*Of Love and War: Kenora's War Brides.* Lake of the Woods Museum, 2009. Eastern Canada 971.3 KENO OFL

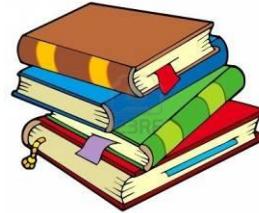
*Promise You'll Take Care of My Daughter: the Remarkable War Brides of World War II* by Ben Wicks. Stoddart, 1992. Canada 355 WIC

*To Spread Their Wings* by Sara E. Johnson. Saraband Productions, 1990. Canada 355 JOH

*Women of the War Years: Stories of Determination and Indomitable Courage.* Galloway, 2000. Canada 355 WOM

*Women of the 1885 Resistance* by Lawrence J. Barkwell. Louis Riel Institute, 2006. Western Canada 920 BAR2

*Women Overseas: Memoirs of the Canadian Red Cross Corps, Overseas Detachment* edited by Frances Martin Day. Ronsdale Press, 1998. Canada 920 DAY



## Library Lines

Mary Bole #0884

MGS Librarian



For further information on any of the following books check KOHA, our on-line catalogue. The link can be found on the MGS web site.

There has been some discussion about the value of the list of new books to the library as included in *Generations*. For the past few years the Library budget has been almost nonexistent and for that reason the book list is declining – however we do receive some monetary and book donations – I would like to note here some that may be of value to our patrons.

## Manitoba

### Cemeteries

One cemetery which may be of interest to patrons is the *St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox*, which is located in Caribou, Minnesota, USA. Caribou is located just south of the Canadian border east of Highway #59, but has grave stones of many from Arbakka, in the municipality of Stuartburn. For this reason we have added it to our collection, with the number Cemeteries 687.

Another cemetery new to MGS is *The Heppner Family Cemetery*, located in the Rhineland municipality, #1372.

*Portage la Prairie Obituaries and Directories*  
A big thank you to Percy Gregoire-Voskamp, Head Librarian of the Portage Public Library, for generously donating the following:

**929.5** 53 binders of all obituaries published in the *Portage Daily Graphic*, from 1930-2013. Arranged chronologically, with annual and master indexes.

**917.127** *Henderson's Portage la Prairie, City Directory* 1950, 1957, 1959, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967-69, 1972-1983, 1985-2000

#### Other books about Manitoba

**971.27 Arth** *Coulter Park, Sourisford*  
**971.27 Rosb** Karman, L. *On the Sunny Slopes of the Riding Mountains*. Index to the 2013 edition.

**971.27 Winn** *On Fort Garry: History of Rural Municipality of Fort Garry*

#### **Eastern Canada**

**971.024 Mcc** *Descendants of Francis Harris, United Empire Loyalist of Sandy Cove, Nova Scotia.*

**971.3 Lenn** *Lennox & Addington [Ontario]*

#### **Western Canada**

**971.24 Vict** *Looking Back at Victory*. [Coteau Hills Region, Saskatchewan]

#### **Great Britain and Ireland**

**941.1 Woo** Woodcock, C. *In Search of Your Scottish Ancestors*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

**942.9 Gla** Anyone researching in Glamorgan, Wales? A number of microfiche (942.9 GLA) of parish registers were added to our existing collection from that area.

#### **Family History and Biography**

**929.2 Mer3** *Merko (Luz Merko) Family History, 1867-2010*

**929.2 Per** *Charles Pereski Family*

**929.2 Van** *Van De Spiegle Ancestry*  
**929.2 Yar** *Teodor Yaroslowski Family*

#### **General**

**929.1 Dna** DNA Quick Reference Guides; DNA For Genealogists

**929.3 New** *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Index of Persons, Volumes 51-148*. 4 large volumes of names for which MGS has copies of the journals indexed. Valuable for anyone with Eastern United States names.

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Donations can be made to the Memorial Fund, the Library Fund, or the General Fund. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$5.00 and are much appreciated

#### **Book Reviews**

*Enid Dorward #4502*

*The following books are all in the Reference Section of the MGS library, and are available for you to peruse when you visit the Resource Centre. They are not new. In fact some of them are very old! The eldest of these books was published in 1902.*



Here's an eclectic mixture of books that are available for loan from the MGS library. Out of town members pay a very low postage rate for borrowed books.

***In Search of Your Scottish Ancestors, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.***  
by Christine Woodcock. c2015. 53 p. photos.  
(MGS library call number: GB & IRE 941.1 WOO)

This is a very helpful and practical book for those who are researching their Scottish ancestry. Included is: advice about using the ScotlandsPeople web site, information about Scottish marriages, Scottish naming patterns, wills and testaments, National Records of Scotland, local Scottish archives, university archives, and more.

**Betel Home Foundation 1915-1995: 80 Years**, ed. by Evelyn K. Thorvaldson. Gimli, MB, 1995. 182 p. photographs.  
(MGS library call number: MAN 362.605 BET)

This book celebrates the history of the Betel Home Foundation in its three locations: Gimli, Winnipeg, and Selkirk, Manitoba. It tells how these homes for Icelandic seniors were first established. There are many photographs of founders and residents, along with information about the early days of these facilities. One very valuable feature is a handwritten record of 399 Betel residents for the years 1915 through 1955, inclusive. The list includes name, age, place of residence, date of admission, and date of death. This is a valuable resource for Manitobans of Icelandic heritage.

**The Genes in Your Genealogy** by Sherilyn Bell and Constandina N. Arvanitis. Toronto, Heritage Productions, c2001. 176 p. Illus.  
(MGS library call number: General 616 GEN)

Includes examinations of DNA, X+Y chromosomes, and inheritance disorders.

**The Timetables of History: A Horizontal Linkage of People and Events** by Bernard Grun. New York, Touchstone, c1991. 724 p. Index.  
(MGS library call number: General 920 GRU)

This book can be used to add context to your ancestor's story. For example, my grandfather was born in England in 1874. From seven categories, I learn that, in that same year, Winston Churchill was born, Thomas Hardy wrote "Far from the Madding Crowd", the first impressionist exhibition was held in Paris, the operetta "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss II, was performed in Vienna, explorer Ernest

Shackleton was born, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was founded in New York.



### **Periodical Potpourri**

*Enid Dorward #4502*

*All publications mentioned in this column are available for loan from the MGS Resource Centre. Also, when you visit the Resource Centre, don't forget to check the journals that were received electronically – available on all the computers.*

### **CANADA**

**Anglo-Celtic Roots** (Spring 2016) Information about records of Canadians who served with the British military in WWI.

**Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants Newsletter** (March 2016) There's a listing of Pilgrim family societies.

**Family Footsteps** (November 2015) Canadian census dates of enumeration including the earliest censuses, and up to 1921, the most recent one that is available. The article also lists census dates for England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

**Qualicum Beach Family History Society** (December 2015) Lists numerous important Canadian genealogy resources.

### **ENGLAND**

**Anglo-Celtic Roots** (Winter 2015) Information about numerous excellent on-line resources such as National School Admission Registers, Lloyd's register of ships, and many more.

**Berkshire Family Historian** (December 2015) A pupil's view of education in National schools (19<sup>th</sup> century).

**Cleveland FHS Journal** (January 2016) An article provides information about Middlesborough churches, parishes and records. This includes a list of Church of England churches, as well as other denominations and closed or demolished churches.

**Family Tree** (UK) (October 2015) Searching for relatives in Britain in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

-(December 2015) Making the most of the census.

-(Christmas 2015) How to make the most of your discoveries in the 1939 English and Welsh register.

-(April 2016) Ways to locate records of British people who lived in other countries.

**Footprints** (November 2015) Spotlight on union workhouse records in Northamptonshire.

**Genealogists' Magazine** (March 2016) Includes an article about a massive database called "MyHeritage", which you could consult for free at the Society of Genealogists in London, if you happen to be taking a trip to England. Also available by subscription. Includes many European records.

**Gloucestershire Family History Society Journal** (Autumn 2015) There's an impressive list of search services provided by the FHS, including a marriage index, burial index, non-conformist indexes, Quaker registers, and more. -(Winter 2015) Check the article about the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society, which actually does produce many aids for family history researchers.

-(Spring 2016) Information about the Thornbury workhouse.

**Lancashire FHHS** (February 2016)

Lancashire pedigree database searchable by surname and first name with year and place of birth.

-Liverpool lists of emigrants to America 1697 – 1706.

**Oxfordshire Family Historian** (December 2015) There's a list of parish registers deposited since 2006 at the Oxfordshire History Centre.

-(April 2016) A listing of dozens of archers from Oxfordshire who fought in the Battle of Agincourt in 1415.

## IRELAND

**Abbotsford Genealogical Society Newsletter** (June 2015) Free access to Irish Catholic records.

**Genealogists' Magazine** (June and September 2015) The 1841 census in Ireland.

**Family Tree** (UK) (March 2016) Taking stock of your Irish ancestry.

**Your Genealogy Today** (January/February 2016) Irish land records.

## SCOTLAND

**Aberdeen and North-East Scotland FHS** (February 2016) Employees of the Ferryhill Foundry in WWI.

**GALLUS** (October 2015) Glasgow's maritime heritage – with lots of pictures of ships and docks.

-(March 2016) – What's new at ScotlandsPeople  
-Making good use of valuation rolls.

**The Scottish Genealogist** (December 2015) Huntly Free Church, Aberdeenshire marriages 1841.

-(March 2016) Scottish girls who served behind the lines in WWI.

**Sib Folk News** (Orkney) (December 2015) Experiences of World War I prisoners of war.

-(March 2016) Names of farmers on the island of Sanday who owned work horses 175 years ago – they were assessed a horse tax in 1797-98.

**Your Genealogy** (March/April 2016) Researching your Scottish ancestors – look beyond the usual sources.

## USA

**Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants** (September 2015) Crime and punishment in Plymouth.

**Internet Genealogy** (April/May 2016) State-by-state listings of research resources for tracing female ancestors in the USA.

**Oregon Genealogical Society Journal** (Fall 2015 and Spring 2016) Oregon pioneer land records. A listing a records, organized by county.

## WALES

**Family Tree** (USA) (October/November 2015) Researching your Welsh roots.

**Glamorgan Family History Society** (September 2015) A list of useful resources for researching your coal mining ancestors.

- (December 2015) Researching a stained glass window.
- Elementary education in Wales up to World War I.

## ABORIGINAL RESEARCH

**Family Tree** (USA) (October/November 2015) This issue has an insert entitled "American Indian Cheat Sheet", with ideas for genealogical research.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Cleveland FHS Journal** (October 2015) What to do when you inherit an old family photo album.

**Family Tree** (UK) (November 2015) Tips for making good use of the Family Search web site.

**Family Tree** (USA) (October/November 2015) Solve family puzzles with DNA.

**Genealogists' Magazine** (December 2015) Old photographs: history, restoration and caring for your collection.

**SCAN** (Simcoe Co.) (February 2016) Take a look at the extensive checklist of features of various genealogical software programs.

- (August 2015) DNA: another genealogical tool.

## Breaking Down a Brick Wall

*Gordon McBean #3033*

*(The proof for Robert BARBER being the father of Samuel BARBER and being a descendant of John BEAN of Exeter, New Hampshire, USA)*

We all look for the direct proof for the connection to our ancestors. One that is indisputable such as birth, death or church records that show the relationships we are looking to prove. Sometimes we cannot find that documentation needed for the direct proof, where we have every reason to believe a connection. The Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) provides us with a method of organizing what we know about ancestors. This helps us to identify, not only what we know, but also what we don't know, i.e. what is missing. The process then gives us a framework to do further research and to present what we have collected to prove the ancestral connection.

Genealogy is a lifelong learning experience. If we apply ourselves we can learn new techniques and acquire the knowledge needed to help us do a better job at researching our ancestors.

Generations of genealogists have abandoned the research into the down-line of Robert BARBER and Mariam SCOFIELD; this was due to a lack of information on the couple, or knowledge of what happened to them once they disappeared from Canaan, New Hampshire. Those researching the ancestors of Samuel Patterson BARBER, of Manitoba, have also been frustrated tracing their roots. Currently print and web genealogies are silent on these questions. I propose that these two [genealogies] are connected.

Over the years I have searched on-line through: Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com, Marlene Simon's Quebec database, FamilySearch.org, google.com, Google books, and Myfolk.com. I have on two separate trips researched in the Port Perry/Reach/Scugog, Ontario area, as well as this past June visiting the Quebec Eastern townships, where I researched at the archives in Brome/Knowlton, Mississquoi and the Eastern Townships Resource Centre at Bishops University. I continue to check these and other



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resources as new content is added, new connections are made; and that information leads to new lines of research. One of the benefits of writing this document has been to more clearly define what information is still missing and where I am most likely to find it.

In searching, it became apparent that the spelling (in the 19<sup>th</sup> century) of names varied by family and in some cases varied in the same document. The original spelling from the document has been used.

Recently, a Clan MacBean colleague, Clan Genealogist Justine Bradford, provided the needed link<sup>1</sup> that I hope will prove that Robert BARBER was Samuel P. BARBER's father and that, that up-line extends back to John Bean of Exeter. This would be my third ancestry line tied to the Clan MacBean.

- 1) After years of extensive research, in Winnipeg, searching web sources and several trips to do research in Ontario and Quebec, I have still been unable to find the following:
  - a) Birth certificate/record for Samuel Patterson BARBER
  - b) Baptism for Samuel Patterson BARBER
  - c) Death record for Mariam (SCOFIELD) BARBER
  - d) Death record for Robert BARBER
  - e) 1830 Census entry for Robert BARBER and Mariam (SCOFIELD) BARBER
  - f) 1842 Census entry for Robert BARBER
  - g) 1851 Census entry for Robert BARBER

My Quebec Eastern Townships research turned up a number of Barbers, Scofields and Pattersons. I have been able to sort the BARBERS into:

1. BARBER/SCOVILLE line. Not related by my BARBER line but they are by the SCOVILLE/SCOFIELD<sup>2</sup> line

2. Dr. Johnathon BARBER line. Not related
3. Robert BARBER of Canaan, N.H. line including SCOFIELD, PATERSON, FITCHETT, etc. My line.
4. Some not yet attached to any above. No relationship discovered.

My investigation, though still lacking of the direct evidence I would prefer and that would provide the proof, appears to support this Samuel-Robert relationship. When all of the indirect evidence is assembled, its sum points inexorably to my conclusion. Due to the lack of direct evidence and given that researchers have failed to track Samuel BARBER further back from Quebec to his roots and that they also have failed to trace Robert BARBER and Mariam SCOFIELD down line I propose the following hypothesis.

I believe Samuel Patterson BARBER to be the son of Robert BARBER and Mary "Polly"<sup>3</sup> (PATESON) BARBER. Further I believe that this Robert Barber was the one married to Mariam SCOFIELD and that he descends from John Bean of Exeter. To set the evidence in context however we must assemble the evidence for Robert and Mariam and place them in Armand, Quebec and then connect them to Samuel.

I provide the following source citations and analytical notes to support this assertion. Square brackets [ ] provide additional information added by this writer for clarity.

### The Proof

**Samuel Patterson BARBER**<sup>4 5 6 7</sup>, was born 11 Jan 1819 in Canada East, [Quebec, Canada]. I believe his mother was the Mary "Polly",

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<sup>3</sup> About.com, Common Nicknames & Their Given Name Equivalents  
[www.http://genealogy.about.com/library/bl\\_nicknames.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/library/bl_nicknames.htm)

<sup>4</sup> 1891 Census of Canada, Reach Twp, Ontario, Ontario Line 12 Samuel P. BARBER 72 yrs., born Quebec living with his daughter's family, Line 4 William BROCK

<sup>5</sup> Information on him comes from the BARBER family bible where he is the first entry along with his 2 wives. G. McBean Collection

<sup>6</sup> Robert Gordon Barber - Manuscript -(Typed Transcript) - found in Family bible

<sup>7</sup> 1851 Census of Canada, Reach Twp, Ontario, Ontario, Samuel BARBER Concession 5 lot 16 Farmer

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<sup>1</sup> Wallace, William Allen , The history of Canaan, New Hampshire, Google books, located by Justine Bradford, Clan MacBean Genealogist. Appendix A

<sup>2</sup> Since writing the first version, research has connected the SCOVILLS/SCOVIL/SCOFIELD families as being the same family in Cannan, NH, St Armand, Quebec and Reach Township, Ontario areas.

PATESON who married Robert BARBER<sup>8</sup> in 1814 and that Samuel's middle name, Patterson, reflects this. I have not been able to find birth or baptism proof for Samuel but the marriage date for Robert and Polly and the location, Dunham, Quebec, would fit my hypothesis. By the 1861 Census entry for the family in Reach Township, Ontario county, Canada West [Ontario], Robert BARBER has passed away as [Mary] "Polly" [PATESON] BARBER<sup>9</sup> is listed as a widow and living with her daughter-in-law Margaret BARBER. Samuel Patterson BARBER is not listed in the Personal census with his family in 1861, but is listed in the 1861 Agricultural Census. Parts of the 1861 personal census are missing from the index.

In the "Robert Gordon BARBER manuscript" Samuel's mother is mentioned as Nancy. Although this could be a middle name, it also could indicate that Robert had a third wife. It could also be an error on the manuscript writer's part.

I have documented Samuel's life in Reach Township, Ontario including the 1851 and 1861 census. Samuel is missing from the 1871 census<sup>10</sup> and that might be explained by the manuscript where he was moving around at that time, living in Middlesex, Ontario and was possibly a provincial policeman. Marriages of two of his daughters took place here<sup>11, 12</sup>. By the 1881 census we find him in the Emerson,

Manitoba district. In the 1891 census<sup>13</sup> he is back in Reach, a widower, and living in the household of his daughter, Sarah BROCK and her family.

The history of Franklin has Samuel arriving in May 1878.<sup>14</sup>

Samuel dies, in 1897, back in Franklin Rural Municipality, Manitoba, in the Dominion City area. He is buried in the Dominion City Cemetery.<sup>15</sup>

Contributing evidence is that Samuel is living in Reach in close proximity to his sisters Orillia and Rosetta, who both married FITCHETTs and; his mother is listed as a widow living with Samuel's family [Samuel is not listed] in the 1861 census. Polly is listed as being 85 and having been born in the USA. This would make her born about 1776 which matches the information I have for Mary "Polly" PATERSON.

**Robert BARBER,<sup>16</sup> 1780–bef1850**, and his two wives, **Mariam SCOFIELD, 1780–bef1814**, married Feb 20, 1800<sup>17</sup> and **Mary PATERSON, 1776–1861**, married Oct 27, 1814.

Robert BARBER's first wife was Mariam SCOFIELD born May 4, 1780 in Canaan, New Hampshire<sup>18</sup>. She was the daughter of John SCOFIELD, 1756-? and Lydia CLARK. John SCOFIELD led a migration to St. Armond Seigneurie, Quebec to get land, as land in Canaan had been fully taken up and subdivided

<sup>8</sup> "Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection)," database, Ancestry.com, for Robert Barber and Mary Pateson

<sup>9</sup> 1861 Census of Canada West. , Ontario County Reach Township

page	line		born	Religion	age
23	49	Barber	Margaret	C.E.	E.M.
23	50	Barber	Polly		E.M.
24	1	Barber	Sarah	C.W.	W.M.
24	2	Barber	Willy?	C.W.	W.M.
24	3	Barber	Hannah	C.W.	W.M.
24	4	Barber	Polly	U.S.	W.M.
					85

<sup>10</sup> 1871 Census of Canada, ancestry.com

<sup>11</sup> Marriage of Samuel's daughter, Sarah Barber to William BROCK, 1871 in Cardoc, Middlesex, Ontario. Ancestry.com

<sup>12</sup> Marriage of Samuel's daughter, Polly Barber to James Borland GEOFF, 1872 in Cardoc, Middlesex, Ontario, ancestry.com

<sup>13</sup> 1891 Census of Canada, Reach Twp, Ontario, Ontario Line

<sup>12</sup> Samuel P. BARBER 72 yrs., born Quebec living with his daughter's family, Line 4 William BROCK

<sup>14</sup> R.M. of Franklin turns a century 1883-1983, May 1983,

<sup>15</sup> Printed by Dicksens Printers, Steinbach, Manitoba

<sup>16</sup> Manitoba Genealogical Society's Cemetery Transcripts, Dominion City Cemetery.

<sup>17</sup> Johnson Sproule, *Sproule Johnson Family Tree*

(<http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/36590887/family?pid=18957800945>).

<sup>18</sup> "New Hampshire, Marriages, 1720-1920," index, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal/MM9.1.1/FDGL-12B> : accessed 15 Nov 2014), Robert Barber and Marriam Scofield, 20 Feb 1800; citing reference ; FHL microfilm 1000968.

<sup>19</sup> Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970  
Volume: 354; SAR Membership Number: 70695, Ancestry.com.

making the parcels too small to support a family.<sup>19</sup>

Robert and Mariam had two daughters:

1. Rosetta BARBER (1801-1886) who married, in 1819, Duncan D. FITCHETT (1790-1873)<sup>20 21</sup>,
2. Orilla BARBER (1803-1844) who married, in 1825, John FITCHETT (1802-1844)<sup>22</sup>

Both of these daughters moved with their families to Reach Township, Ontario and resided on lots adjoining Samuel Paterson BARBER<sup>23 24</sup>. Their mother was living with Samuel's family in 1861.

A land sale<sup>25</sup> dated July 21, 1804 places Robert in St. Armand Seigneurie adjacent to John SCOFIELD and supports their relationship.

*Robert BARBER [yeoman] purchased land in the St Armand Seigneurie from Jonas Abbott [physician] 60 acres of land, known as lot number Six E, bounded on the west by lot*

<sup>19</sup> Wallace, William Allen, *The history of Canaan, New Hampshire*,

<sup>20</sup> 1819, Dunham, Quebec, Anglican church  
On the Thirteenth of January eighteen hundred and twenty, Dennis Fitchett, Yeoman of full age and Rosetta Barber, Spinster under age both of Dunham, were married after publication of banns with consent of Parents in presence of the following persons by me Chas C. Cotton, Minister  
Signed Dennis Fitchett and Rosetta Barber  
witnesses Robert BARBER and Samuel PATTESON

<sup>21</sup> "Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection)", database, [www.yourfolks.com](http://www.yourfolks.com) Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1967 for Rosetta BARBER to Dennis FITCHETT, January 13, 1819 by Rev. Charles C. Cotton, Minister Dunham Anglican Church, Quebec.

<sup>22</sup> "Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection1621-1967) for Orilla BARBER to John FITCHETT, 1825 by Rev. Charles C. Cotton, Minister Dunham Anglican Church, Quebec.

<sup>23</sup> 1851 census of Canada, Agricultural Census schedule, Reach, Ontario, Canada West (Ontario); digital image, [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) ([ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)).Line 19 Samuel BARBER, line 11 Dennis FITCHETT, line 10 Patience FITCHETT, line 9 Isaac FRALICK, line 29 Solomon FRALICK

<sup>24</sup> Census and Archives Canada, 1861 Census of Canada-, Ancestry.com. 1861, Census Place, Enumeration district 1,The township of Reach,, Ontario County, Ontario; Agricultural Census,  
Line 22 Samuel P. BARBER concession 5 lot 16,  
Line 28 Dennis FITCETT concession 5 Lot 16 ,  
Line 24 Theodore FITCETT concession 5 Lot 14 ,  
Line 26 Hiram FITCETT Cosseesion 5 Lot 14,  
Line 32 Isaac FRALICK Cossesion 5 Lot 16

<sup>25</sup> Photocopy of land sale document from Brome Historical Society Archives, personal collection

*belonging to John SCOFIELD. Part of the land may have belonged to Ebenezer CLARK the younger before Jan 10, 1804. With water rights to certain springs on the adjacent property of Joseph Dyer and right to an aqueduct by agreement made January 8, 1802, with the sum of 600 Spanish dollars and annual payments of nineteen pounds, sixteen shillings and eight pence be paid to Thomas Dunn, Esquire, Seignior of the Seigneurie of St Armand.*

Robert married Mary PATERSON 27 Oct. 1814<sup>26</sup>. Polly is a common nickname for Mary.

*Year 1814, Dunham PQ Anglican, On this twenty-seventh of October, eighteen hundred and fourteen, Robert BARBER of St. Armand, farmer, and Mary PATERSON of Dunham, spinster, were both [...] were married after publication of banns in presence of the following by me Chas. C. Cotton, Minister Contracting parties Robert BARBER and Mary Paterson X her mark Witnesses James SCOFIELD and Samuel PATTESON*

The witness for Robert and Mary BARBER's wedding, James SCOVILLE, further reinforces the connection of the SCOVILLEs with this couple. There is also a relationship with the PATTERSON family, through Samuel PATTESON being a witness and Samuel Patterson BARBER's first and middle names.

In 1819 – Samuel's sister, Rosetta BARBER, was married to Dennis Fitchett. In the document we find the names of Robert BARBER and Samuel PATTESON. Robert being the father and Samuel PATTESON likely being related to Robert's second wife and the same, Samuel PATTESON, that witnessed Robert and Mary BARBER's wedding.

*1819, Dunham PQ Anglican  
On the Thirteenth of January eighteen hundred and twenty, Dennis Fitchet Yeoman of full age and Rosetta Barber, Spinster under age both of Dunham, were married after publication of*

<sup>26</sup> "Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection)", database, Ancestry.com, Ancestry.com. Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), , (Ancestry.com), Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1967 for, Robert Barber to Mary Patterson.

*banns with consent of Parents in presence of the following persons by me Chas C. Cotton, Minister*  
[signed] Dennis Fitchett and Rosetta Barber  
witnesses Robert BARBER and Samuel PATTESON

In 1825 another of Samuel's sisters, Orilla BARBER, marries John Hiram FITCHETT. For their wedding their witnesses are her sister and his brother, who were married in 1819.

*1825, Dunham P.Q. Anglican register<sup>27</sup>  
On this ..... John Fitchett of Schefford... and  
Orilla Barber of Dunham, Spinster underaged,  
were ... after publication of Bahnns with consent  
of the parents ...of the following ....by me Chas.  
E. Cotton, Minister  
Witnesses Rosetta (BARBER) FITCHETT and  
Dennis FITCHETT signed John Fitchett and  
Orilla Barber*

Charles E. Cotton was the minister first at St. Armond and then at Dunham for the Anglican Church. He presided over all three marriages mentioned above. He is also listed in the 1825 Dunham, Bedford census living near Robert Barber.

In the 1825 census, township of Dunham, county of Bedford, Canada East, head of households only, Robert BARBER is listed with 4 in the family, 2 are 6 years and under, 1 is a male married 40-60 yrs. and 1 - female married 45+. Robert would have been 45yrs, Polly 49, Samuel 6 and Ann 3. Both of the daughters from the 1<sup>st</sup> marriage have married by this time. These ages and the family fit with the information given in the census.

In an unpublished manuscript written by Robert Gordon BARBER 1861 - 1937<sup>28</sup>, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Robert recorded his family oral history. William Barber, who is mentioned, was Robert Gordon Barber's son and Samuel Patterson Barber's grandson. This document

gave me my first clues and it has taken years to get to this point of establishing proof. My comments about its content are after the manuscript entry.

*William BARBER's great-grandfather, Robert BARBER, came to Canada from New Haven, Connecticut. He had two maiden sisters. Annie HORN had a quilt made by these sister's for Robert's 21st birthday. Robert married twice. His first wife and he had two children: Samuel and Orilla. His second wife was Nancy Patterson. They had no children, so [she] mothered Sam and Orilla. Nancy lived to 95 years. These people lived in Graudby, [probably Grandby] Quebec, after coming to Canada.*

*Orilla married John Fitchett. He fought in the War of 1812 and had a crown of land given to him for his service<sup>29</sup>. He decided to take land in Upper Canada, so left Quebec<sup>30</sup> with his family in covered wagons drawn by oxen. Samuel BARBER and his mother came with them. After a long journey they came to the village of Prince Albert. John took a homestead and Samuel became a provincial policeman. Samuel later married Annie GORDON. They had two children: Polly and Sarah. Annie died and Sam married her cousin Margaret GORDON. They had two children: Anne and Robert Gordon BARBER.*

*Mrs. John FITCHETT said her father Robert BARBER was the son of a village squire and was sent to England to be educated from New Haven for his father was rich in lands....moved from Prince Albert, Ontario to Mount Bridges [ON] 1870. From Mount Bridges to Strathroy [ON], October 1875. From Strathroy to Dominion City [MB] 1878.*

Although there are many differences in this manuscript and my research, the research supports many of the facts in the manuscript of personal recollections. Robert was married twice. Robert came from New Hampshire, he had a sister Orilla, his second wife's last name was PATERSON, Nancy [Mary "Polly"] lived

<sup>27</sup> "Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection)", database, Ancestry.com, Ancestry.com. Quebec, Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1967., (Ancestry.com), for Orilla Barber and John Fitchett, 1825

<sup>28</sup> Written by Robert Gordon BARBER 1861 - 1937 , Winnipeg, Manitoba: source: Dianna McLelland, Dominion City, Manitoba.

<sup>29</sup> Upper Canada Land Petitions, Library and Archives Canada, #42046

<sup>30</sup> 1842 Census of Canada East,

to 95 and Granby is close to St. Armand, Quebec. Some of the manuscript's content is not born out by research. This may reflect the time expired since the events and the oral history being passed down between the generations.

## Conclusion

Samuel Patterson BARBER was born in Quebec in 1819, the son of Robert BARBER and Mary "Polly" PATERSON. Mary was Robert's second wife and they were married on Oct 27, 1814 and recorded in the Dunham Anglican Church register. Mary and Robert also had a daughter, Ann who was born Aug 16, 1822. Robert's first wife was Mariam SCOFIELD and they were married Feb 20, 1800 in Canaan, Grafton, New Hampshire. Mariam and Robert had two daughters, Orilla born 1803 and Rosetta born Nov. 1805. Orilla and Rosetta married FITCHETT brothers. Orilla married John Hiram FITCHETT, Feb 22, 1825 in Dunham, Missisquoi. John was granted land for service in the war of 1812 and took a homestead in Prince Albert, Ontario. Rosetta married Dennis FITCHETT. They also moved to Prince Albert, Ontario

In the 1861 census Samuel is living in Reach in close proximity to his sisters, Orillia and Rosetta and his mother, Mary. "Polly" is listed as a widow living with Samuel's family. Polly is listed as being 85 and having been born in the USA. This would make her born about 1776.

Having written this document, I can define what information is still missing and where I am most likely to find it. Genealogical research is a cycle of continuous improvement and a process that is never finished, but it is gratifying to break through a brick wall that has confounded me for so long.

*The appendixes have not been included here but are available from the author.*



## Manitoba Day Celebrations

Many thanks to all participants, organizations, artists, educators, costumed interpreters at the Manitoba Day Celebrations on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Your contribution made this event a great success!

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Museum Program Developer / Développeur des programmes  
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## Collecting Family Stories

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#### Ask questions about:

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#### Interview Questions

At a family gathering, such as a holiday celebration, a birthday party or a family visit, take time to tell stories about the family. Or, arrange a special visiting time when an interview session can happen. Making a recording of family stories is an enjoyable way to listen to the stories again. Be sure that the device used for recording can be inconspicuously placed so as not to make the speaker nervous. Pay as little attention to the recording device as possible and give full attention to the teller!

Ask questions about:

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- People To Remember

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- Objects
- Important Transitions

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- Ask **who** was in the story.
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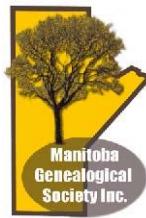
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