

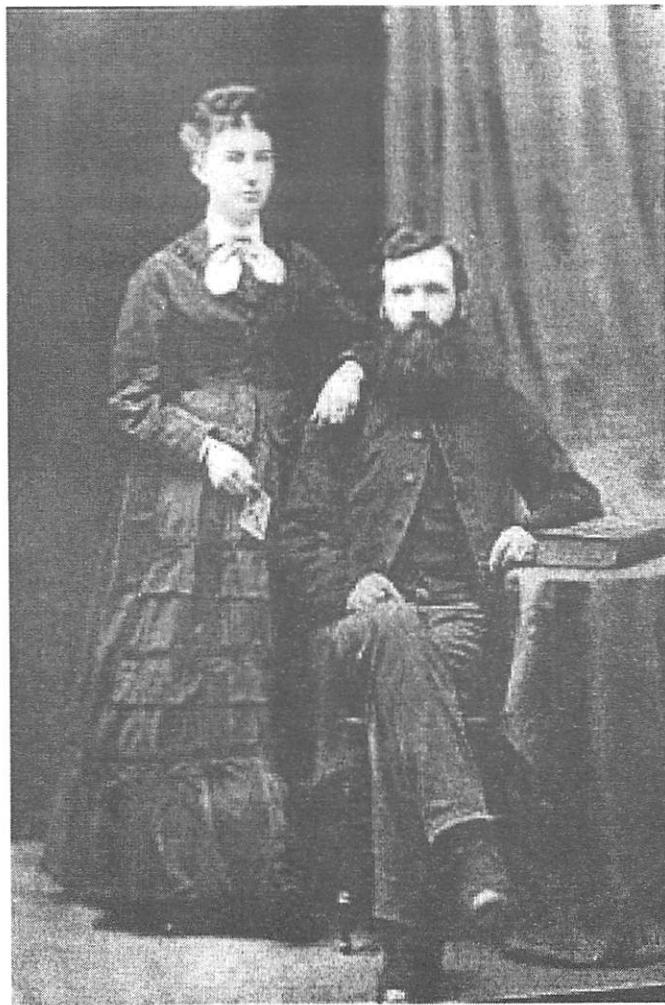
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## President's Report

Jayne Paradis, MGS #45

I hope that everyone had a great summer - it certainly was hot enough! This is my last entry for *Generations* as President. I must say that it has been an interesting 3 years. MGS is really lucky to have the people volunteering that it does. Please consider volunteering your time - no amount of time is too small.

By the time most people receive this issue, the September council meeting will have been held in Neepawa - more will be mentioned in the next issue.

The Annual Meeting will be 14 October 2006 - further info as to time and date is in this issue. Please try to attend.

### From the Editor

Well, one of the warmest summers I can remember is over, and it's time to go back to work.

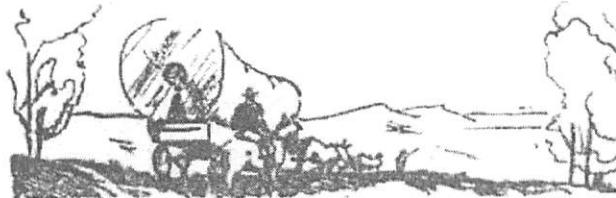
In this issue, I am pleased to present a brief biography of the Reverend Robert Ross, a Baptist minister who practiced in Manitoba in the late 1800s, written by a family member. As well, we are fortunate to have a copy of his Marriage book, containing all the details he recorded of each marriage – from Ontario and Manitoba.

We have as well an opinion piece by a member, Dan Spurrill, prompted by the headlines this summer. See "Muslims and Micks", page 17. Two dates to note: Oct 14, MGS's AGM (all members are encouraged to attend), and the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society's Annual Seminar, October 27 - 29, in Moosomin, SK. If you haven't already done so, consider doing a write-up on one of your ancestors and submitting it to *Generations* to share with others – choose a hero or a villain, or just a simple hard-working person. I hope to receive some by November 15!!!

### Pioneer Royalty

May 1947

"Pioneer Royalty" is from a small newsletter entitled *Town and Farm* that was mailed out with the Manitoba Hydro Bills covering the dates 1946 until 1955. We thank Manitoba Hydro for permission to reprint them in *Generations*.



In the hustling and bustling of our modern age we are apt to forget the pioneers who blazed the trail for our progress. When we pause and look back at the prairie wilderness, we are humbled and inspired. We deem it a

privilege to pay tribute this month to the following men and women who pioneered in Manitoba:

#### OVER NINETY . . .

Mrs. James A. Mullen, Cypress River, 99 years of age, Sep. 7.

Mrs. G. Hooper, Shoal Lake, 97 years of age, Sep. 15.

D. T. Hird, Treherne, 96 years of age, Sep. 25.

Mrs. E. J. Coulter, Grandview, 95 years of age, Sep. 3.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Farmer, Sandy Lake, 94 years of age, Sep. 6.

William Cairns, MacGregor, 94 years of age, Sep. 12.

#### OVER EIGHTY . . .

E. Hyndman, Gladstone, 89 years of age, Sep. 20.

A. G. Williams, Gladstone, 87 years of age, Sep. 10.

Mrs. Geo. Durston, Brandon, 87 years of age, Sep. 26.

Mrs. W. T. Grogan, Treherne, 86 years of age, Sep. 2.

A. Rose, Souris, 86 years of age, Sep. 6.

R. H. Nesbitt, Rivers, 85 years of age, Sep. 7.

A. Mutch, Crystal City, 85 years of age, Sep. 23.

Mrs. T. Borland, Crandall, 84 years of age, Sep. 28.

F. H. Dagg, Holland, 84 years of age, Sep. 5.

Charles Buckley, Harding, 82 years of age, Sep. 27.

Wm. McLean, Belmont, 81 years of age, Sep. 19.

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES . . .

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Howard, Pilot Mound, married 52 years, Sep. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kennedy, Oak Lake, married 51 years, Sep. 6.

### To all Members of the MGS and Its Branches.

The MGS Annual Awards will soon be upon us. Please get all nominations in for the **Florence Cox Award** and the **Eric Jonasson Award** by September 30, 2006 to the attention of The Awards Committee, MGS. They will then review and consider all nominations. By way of reminder, the criteria for the above awards are as follows:

**1) Florence Cox Award** - "to be presented yearly to members of the MGS who have rendered exemplary service over a long period of time or who have rendered exceptional service over a shorter period of time."

**2) Eric Jonasson Award of Merit** - "to be presented annually to an MGS member who has made an outstanding volunteer contribution over the years to the good of the MGS."

## **Reverend Robert Ross and Christine (Currie) Ross**

by Anita Fellows

The first time I heard the name Robert Ross was in the 1970's shortly after I had married into the Jeavons-Fellows family. My husband's mother Christine (Tripp) Jeavons-Fellows loved to regale me with stories of her family. At the time being both a newcomer to Canada and to the family, her stories didn't have much relevance for me; they were just names and places.

One of her favourite stories was about her given name. Apparently her parents christened her Margaret Christine and were going to call her Margaret. However, Reverend Robert Ross, her grandfather, would only refer to her as "the baby" until her parents began calling her Christine. This, of course, was because his wife's name was Christina. She also told me how he spoke fluent Gaelic, and he performed half of his church service in English and the other half in Gaelic.

As a child Christine and her mother Jenny would drive from Swift Current, Saskatchewan to Shoal Lake, Manitoba to help with the annual spring cleaning of the Ross home. Her Aunt Barbara and Cousin Christine McLean would join them and while the two sisters cleaned, the two young Christines would read the Bible to their grandfather. Reverend Ross was confined to a wheel chair at this time and the two girls would keep him company. However, they also wanted to be outside playing and so they would try to leave out long words and passages of the Bible, but he always knew they had missed something as he had memorized the entire Old Testament.

The second time the name of Robert Ross came up was in the late 1980s. At that time, our daughter Joanne was asked to do a history assignment for her Grade 7 class. The assignment was to make a family tree and write a short essay on an older family member. After much searching and debate it was decided that Reverend Robert Ross was a very suitable candidate. Contact was made with Lois Bergey, a great-granddaughter of Robert Ross. Lois had inherited both the Ross family scroll and the church journal belonging to Reverend Robert Ross. Joanne was able to borrow the church journal for a few days and she made copies of the marriages that Reverend Robert Ross performed, and took notes on how much he was paid and what ministries he had been called to serve. For example, in 1877 he was paid \$500.00 for the year. In 1879 his expenditures were \$445.08.

After Joanne's assignment Robert Ross once again faded into the background until four years ago when my husband and I took a day trip to Creemore, Ontario. We knew from the family stories that Christina Currie Ross hailed from the area and decided to take a look in the local cemetery. To our

surprise, several Currie family members were buried in the local cemetery. Little did we know that finding these ancestors would be the equivalent of pulling one small strand of wool from a very large skein, and from this time on, the quest for seeking my husband's ancestors was well and truly under way. The Ross family scroll shows that Reverend Robert Ross was born on January 25, 1843 in Scotland. His parents were George and Joan Ross. Unfortunately little is known about them or where in Scotland they hailed from, although in Robert Ross' obituary it says that he came to Canada with his parents from Sutherland, Scotland when he was six years old. In the 1901 Canada Census, Reverend Robert Ross states that he came to Canada in 1848, although the first sighting we have of him is when he appears in the 1861 Ontario Census. He is aged 18, a teacher, and living in Kincardine, Bruce County, with the family of John Corbett and his wife Alexandorina Ross Corbett.

The Corbett family do not appear in Kincardine until 1861, and to date a family connection has not been established. However, in a "Personal Reminiscence" by the Reverend John Moyle written in 1931, there is reference made to a Miss H. Corbett, who is Reverend Robert Ross' niece.

After teaching in the Tiverton, Ontario area for a few years, at age 24 he enrolled in the Canadian Literary Institute in Woodstock, Ontario. In 1867, he was one of 30 students in the Theology Department where the tuition was gratis. A Mr. B.G. Tisdale, from Brantford, Ontario sponsored him for lodgings, and Pastor William Fraser, School Superintendent for Kincardine, Bruce County, Ontario, gave him a reference.

Upon graduating from the Canadian Literary Institute in 1868, Reverend Robert Ross took up his first official ministry in the Township of St. Vincent, Grey County, Ontario. He had obviously been performing church duties and marriage services before he received any formal training in the ministry, as his first marriage ceremony is recorded as that of Duncan McGuiness and Sarah McKechnie on January 25, 1866 (see marriage list).

In 1871 Reverend Robert Ross was still single and sharing accommodation with a Reverend Thomas S. Johnson, another Baptist Minister in the Sydenham, Grey North area. A Miss Joan Corbit is also living in

the household and listed as a servant, not as a relative of Reverend Robert Ross.

At this point in time Reverend Robert Ross had pastoral responsibilities for the Grey North area as well as Simcoe County. And it was in Creemore, Simcoe County that he met the light of his life, Miss Christina Currie.

Christina was born on January 25, 1848 in Mariposa Township, Victoria County, Ontario and died on August 29, 1914. She was the eldest daughter of James Currie, J.P. b: 1824 Scotland d: 12 May, 1889 Nottawasaga, Ontario and Christena (Gillespie) Currie b: circa 1830, Scotland d: July 7, 1907 Nottawasaga, Ontario.

James Currie and Christena (Gillespie) Currie were both from families who had immigrated from the Isle of Islay, Scotland, to Mariposa Township, Ontario. The Curries arrived in 1832, and the Gillespies arrived in 1837.

James and Christena were married in 1847 and lived in Victoria County, Ontario until 1857 when they bought and moved to Lot 12 Concession 4 in Simcoe County, Ontario.

James and Christena had fifteen children; however, only eleven grew to adulthood.

Christina attended school in what is now known as Bayview in the Nottawasaga area. She had for company her three brothers, Malcolm, Archie, and Angus, and her four Currie cousins Annie, Archie, Dougal, and Neil. These particular cousins must have felt more like siblings given that they all shared the same two set of grandparents. This was because two Gillespie sisters (Christena and Ann) married two Currie brothers (James and Archie).

According to Jeanette Miller Fraser, a great-granddaughter, of Archie Currie and Ann Gillespie Currie, Christina's family were staunch Baptists, "the Curries and Gillespie's being the founding families and the nucleus of the Creemore Baptist Church". Reverend Robert Ross and Christina Currie were married at the home of Christina's parents on May 15, 1873. They lived and served in the Simcoe County area until 1875 when they moved to Glamis, Bruce County. Christina's uncle, Archie Currie and his wife Anne (Gillespie) Currie had moved to Glamis a few years earlier. They had a family of 10 children and were well-established in the Baptist church, so this was perhaps not a hard move for the young Ross couple to contemplate. However, it was to be the first of many moves for them. Stories abound about the old houses that they moved into and how Christina had to scrub every room from top to bottom to clear away the cobwebs, mice and birds' nests.

Looking after so many younger siblings and cousins must have prepared Christina for her own large

family. She and Reverend Robert Ross had ten children in 13 years. Unfortunately only seven of these children survived to maturity. Their children are as follows:

- Joanne Ruth b: October 15, 1875
- Christina (Tina) b: February 12, 1877
- Barbara b: September 10, 1878
- James b: March 18, 1880 d: March 31, 1880, Port Elgin, Ontario
- Jessie Ann b: February 12, 1881 d: March 5, 1881, Port Elgin, Ontario
- Phebe b: November 27, 1881 d: December 12, 1881, Port Elgin, Ontario
- George Edward b: November 22, 1882
- Janet (Jennie) b: October 8, 1884
- James Alexander b: May 19, 1886
- Lauchlin (Lynn) b: May 8, 1888

The eighth child born, Janet, was Christine (Tripp) Fellows' (my mother-in-law) mother, and my husband's grandmother. Further details on all the Ross children are set out at the end of this article. In 1892, when Reverend Robert Ross was almost 50 years old, he and his family left Ontario and moved to Shoal Lake, Manitoba. In 1885 the Canadian Pacific Railway was constructed on the north end of Shoal Lake, opening up the west to many Ontarians who were looking for cheap land. As families moved west, so too did the churches. This must have been a very difficult move for Christina and her seven children, who ranged from four to seventeen years of age. Although they had moved often in and around the Bruce/Grey County areas of Ontario, they had never been too far away from the Currie and Gillespie families and farms. Moving to a small town in another province must have been very challenging.

Reverend Robert Ross served both the Shoal Lake and Strathclair Churches for many years, taking time out for a couple of years to serve in Aberdeen, Washington State. He also spent a short time in Pilot Mound, Manitoba, where he and Christina met up with other Currie cousins who had relocated to the area. One such cousin was Angus Currie and his wife Barbara; another was Florence (Flora) Currie who married Thomas Charles Preston.

Shoal Lake, however, must have felt like home to Robert and Christina as that is where they established a permanent residence for their family. It was to become the Ross home for the next 20 years. And whether or not it was their intention to stay in Manitoba, Robert and Christina Ross never returned to Ontario. Five of their children lived in other parts of Canada but always knew that they could return home to Shoal Lake. Christina died on August 29, 1914, and Reverend Robert Ross died

on March 10, 1931. They are buried together in Shoal Lake Cemetery, in the community they served for so many years.

#### A Personal Reminiscence of Rev. Ross

by Rev. John E. Moyle (1931)

In the issue of March 19th of "The Canadian Baptist" there is a notice of the home-going of Rev. Robert Ross, in Manitoba. It may be correct that the "old people who heard him preach in Gaelic have all gone," but there still survive a few who listened with pleasure and profit to his preaching in English, and still remember him. In the late sixties and early seventies of the last century, he was well known through a large section of Bruce and Grey, serving as pastor in churches from Port Elgin on Lake Huron, to Cape Rich on the Georgian Bay, from Owen Sound in the north to Creemore and Stayner in the south.

He was brought up a Presbyterian, but later became Baptist by strong conviction. With him to believe was to obey. Leaving the church of his fathers he united with the Baptists, then a small people, viewed with dislike and almost with contempt by the larger and wealthier bodies.

At that time the writer of this was living and working in Owen Sound. Our church there was small and could not support a pastor. In the summer student pastors came to us, all of whom have gone, with perhaps one exception, of whom I have not heard for years. In the winter Sunday morning prayer meetings were held, and Sunday school was kept up. Occasionally a pastor of some nearby church supplied for us.

In the summer of 1871 J.J. White was student pastor there, and T. S. Johnson was at Daywood and Woodford nearby. The church at Owen Sound held a week of special services, Mr. Johnson assisting. At the end of the week there were three applications for baptism, Miss Annie Anckorn, John Brown, son of Deacon Ezra Brown and the writer of this. Mr. Ross came from Cape Rich the next day, and on Sunday, July 2nd he baptized the three of us in the waters of the Sound, an inlet from Georgian Bay, near the old "Boyd's Wharf," as it was called. In the evening, taking advantage of the presence of Mr. Ross, the church observed the Lord's Supper, which he conducted and gave us the hand of fellowship as members of the church. Of these three, two, Miss Anckorn, Mrs. Daniel Denoon now for many years, and the writer, still survive: the other has long since gone to the home land.

Mr. Ross was a strong man in every way, a preacher of strong, instructive, biblical sermons. He excelled as a teacher. His weekly evening bible class work was a model of what such work should be. He took

his young people into the epistle of the Romans and we discussed with him some of its deeper things. We certainly learned to know what baptism meant, and the difference between a seal and a sign. Rom. 4:11

He knew the New Testament very thoroughly and could tell in a moment where any given passage could be found. I never knew him to fail in this, though we young people tried him closely, bringing to him some unfamiliar words. He could always tell us where to find them, the right chapter, and often the very verse or very near it. This accurate knowledge of the Word was one secret of his success in his ministry. He ever had the "sword of the Spirit" ready for instant use, and he knew how to use it well.

As a man he was genial, kindly, companionable, though strong, energetic and somewhat rugged in his nature, equally at home in either the English or Gaelic. It was a usual thing for him to preach in the one language to one part of his congregation and immediately in the other language to repeat his sermon for the others. He had the faculty of attracting the young people who became very much at home with him.

In the fall of 1872 he accepted an invitation to become pastor of the Owen Sound church in addition to others that he served. There were several young people living in the town and attending the church whose homes were at a distance. Some of us were boarding in places not very comfortable, or with people not very pleasant. Mr. Ross was not a married man, but he told some of us that if we would come and board with him, he would take a house and get a housekeeper. Some of us were very glad to accept his offer. A niece of his a Miss H. Corbett, came and took charge and several young folk joined them. He made it very home-like for us and we found the change a very welcome one.

I left the town in the spring of 1873, and except for one brief interview, have not seen him since. But the influence of his life, character and teaching is on me still, after nearly sixty years and will abide "while life and thought and being last."

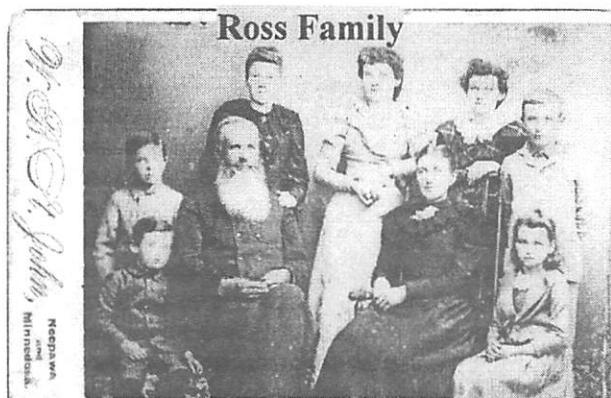
He is one of those whom I look forward to meet again in the hereafter in the hands of the immortal, eternal friendship, if it be our Lord's gracious will. "He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

#### Children of Reverend Robert Ross and Christina (Currie) Ross

1. Joanna Ruth Ross b: October 15, 1875, Glamis, Ontario d: April 30, 1959, Ontario

On December 10, 1894 Joanna Ruth married Reverend William. A. Gunton b: in 1871 Barrie, Ontario d: 1935. The ceremony took place at the home of Dr. Bradford Patterson. Lois Bergey, their granddaughter is not sure why Joanna was living with this family in Ontario, but believes she may have been attending or teaching at the Brantford School of Music.

Reverend William A. Gunton was a Baptist Minister, and after their marriage he and Joanna traveled the country preaching in Evangelical churches, finally settling in Peterborough, Ontario. They had two children, Claude Gunton, and Alpha Edith Gunton b: 1896 d: 1987.



2. Christina (Tina) Ross b: February 12, 1877 d: January 1979, Seattle, Washington U.S.A.  
Christina trained and worked as a practical nurse. In 1897 she traveled with her family to Aberdeen, Washington State, U.S. There she met and married Gilbert G. Fletcher b: circa 1862, Nebraska, U.S.A. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Ross on June 14, 1898. Tina and Gilbert had one son, Gerald. Both father and son died within weeks of one another when Gerald was young. Tina lived on her own well into her late nineties and died at the grand old age of 102 years.

3. Barbara Ross b: September 10, 1878, Port Elgin, Bruce North d: June 26, 1962, Shoal Lake, Manitoba  
When Barbara was in her late teens she moved from Manitoba to live with her sister Joanna and her family. Upon returning to Shoal Lake she married James (Jim) Dickson McLean b: August 23, 1875. They were married in Shoal Lake on May 15, 1906. Jim McLean was a farmer and a well known figure in Shoal Lake. They had one daughter, Christine McLean.

4. George Edward Ross b: November 22, 1882, Port Elgin, Bruce North, Ontario d: January 1930  
In 1906 George married Nina May Gilman b: November 17, 1883 Elgin Southwold, Ontario and lived in Winnipeg for the remainder of his life.

5. Janet (Jennie) Ross b: October 8, 1884, Chatsworth, Sullivan County, Ontario d: November 19, 1960, Shoal Lake, Manitoba  
Jennie is the grandmother of my husband, Bill Fellows. She died while visiting her sister Barbara in Shoal Lake, Manitoba. She is buried in St. Thomas, Ontario alongside her husband William Arthur Tripp. William Arthur Tripp was b: November 9, 1881 in Forest, Ontario. D: May 8, 1958, Pointe Claire, Quebec. William Arthur was the son of Newton and Elizabeth (Brower) Tripp. Jennie and Will were married in Shoal Lake, Manitoba November 9, 1906. Will was a banker with the Royal Bank of Canada and was assigned to Manitoba for a short time. Jennie was a gifted pianist and could play any tune by ear. Growing up she played mostly classical music and hymns; however, in later life she could be heard playing all kinds of music, from jazz to pop. She was nicknamed "Let's Go Jenny" as she was never one to stay home when there were people to see and places to go. She was known to hide dirty dishes in the oven if she didn't have time to wash them before going out.

Jenny and Will retired to Forest, Ontario, later moving to Cornwall, Ontario and then to Pointe Claire, Quebec to be close to their daughter Christine and her family.

The Tripps had three daughters. All of them were born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

Elizabeth Isobel Tripp b: May 8, 1909, Swift Current, Saskatchewan d: February 3, 2003, Wilmington, Delaware, U.S.A.

Barbara Tripp b: 1912 d: 1916 Swift Current, Saskatchewan

Margaret Christine Tripp b: September 23, 1920, Swift Current, Saskatchewan

6. James (Jim) Alexander Ross b: May 19, 1886, Chatsworth, Sullivan County, Ontario d: October 1963, Quarter Creek, on the upper Halfway River, British Columbia

Jim married Jean McDougall in 1930, in Hudson Hope, British Columbia.

When he was 16, Jim left home to find work in logging camps. He gradually moved out to the northwest coast of British Columbia, where he made his living as a trapper, guide, and dude rancher. Apparently the marriage didn't survive the lifestyle of a trapper and guide and was dissolved after eight years. They had four sons: Lynn, Lorne, George and Norman.

7. Laughlin (Lynn) Ross b: May 8, 1888, Chatsworth, Sullivan County, Ontario d: September 24, 1940, Shoal Lake, Manitoba

Lynn never married and lived in the family home until his death.

**Marriages from the book of Robert Ross beginning at Cape Rich Regular Baptist Church,  
Township of St. Vincent, County of Grey**

**Section 1:**

1. Groom: Duncan McGuiness Age 25

Residence: Cape Rich, St. Vincent

Place of Birth: Iona Scotland

Parents: Hector McGuiness Gennet McGilvey

Bride: Sarah McKechnie Age 21

Residence: St. Vincent

Place of Birth: Ila Scotland

Parents: Donald McKechnie Mary Furgason

Witness: John McKechnie, St. Vincent

Gennet A. McGilvey, St. Vincent

Date of Marriage: January 25th 1866

2. Groom: James Flemming Age 21

Residence: Egermont

Place of Birth: Egermont

Parents: James Flemming Elisebeth Hobson

Bride: Jane Johnston Age 18

Residence: Normonby

Place of Birth: Normonby

Parents: James Johnston Hannah Flemming

Witness: John Flemming, Normonby

Lucy Dickson, Normonby

Date of Marriage: October 1st 1867

3. Groom: Gilbert Kennedy Age 26

Residence: St. Vincent

Place of Birth: Glengary Centre

Parents: Hugh Kennedy Janet McIntosh

Bride: Janet McGilvary Age 22

Residence: St. Vincent

Place of birth: King Tp Ontario

Parents: Donald McGilvary Ann McDonald

Witness: Neil McGilvary, St. Vincent

Date of Marriage: December 31st 1868

4. Groom: Gilbert Corbett Age 24

Residence: St. Vincent

Place of Birth: Murray, Canada

Parents: John Corbett Mary Ann Monke

Bride: Abigail Bonehar Age 23

Residence: St. Vincent

Place of Birth: St. Vincent

Parents: Isaac Johnson Sarah Jane Downing

Witness: Robert Carson, St. Vincent

Date of Marriage: January 5th 1869

5. Groom: Sydney Doran Age 26

Residence: Cape Rich

Place of birth: St. Vincent

Parents: David Doran Mary Boughk

Bride: Mary Ann McDonald Age 17

Residence: St. Vincent

Place of Birth: Vaughn

Parents: Archibald McDonald Mary McEachern

Witness: Samuel L. Boyd, St. Vincent

Date of Marriage: January 21st 1869

6. Groom: Thomas Cameron Age 24

Residence: Sydenham

Place of Birth: New Brunswick

Parents: John Cameron Sarah Day

Bride: Margaret McAleer Age 19

Residence: St. Vincent

Place of Birth: Vaughn

Parents: William McAleer Ann Brown

Witness: John Branscomb, New Brunswick

Date of Marriage: December 5th 1869

7. Groom: Robert Carson Age 25

Residence: St. Vincent

Place of Birth: St. Vincent

Parents: James Carson Margaret Huden

Bride: Mary Gradie Age 19

Residence: Sydenham

Place of Birth: Nova Scotia

Parents: John Gradie Mary Ann McKay

Witness: Samuel Carson, St. Vincent

Date of Marriage: May 10th 1870

8. Groom: David Dodge Age 22

Residence: St. Vincent

Place of Birth: St. Vincent

Parents: Nathaniel Dodge Mary Davis

Bride: Elizabeth Molton Age 24

Residence: Sydenham

Place of Birth: Waterloo

Parents: John Saulter (no mother's name)

Witness: Donald McLaren, St. Vincent

Date of Marriage: October 4th 1870

9. Groom: James Holmes Age 52

Residence: Artemesia

Place of Birth: Greetham (England)

Parents: James Holmes Olive Bollands

Bride: Anna Hudson Age 42

Residence: Artemesia

Place of Birth: Nuncaton (England)

Parents: Samul Allen Susan Smith

Witness: Alex McKenzie, Durham

Date of Marriage: February 10th 1871

10. Groom: Oliver C. Brown Age 28

Residence: Owen Sound

Place of Birth: Oakville (Halton)

Parents: Oliver Brown Ann Jane Glendenning

Bride: Eliza A. Castlemor Age 19  
Residence: Owen Sound  
Place of Birth: Dundas County  
Parents: Edward Castlemor Phebe Warren  
Witness: George Day, Sydenham  
Date of Marriage: November 12th 1871

11. Groom: Angus Fleming Age 22  
Residence: Sunnidale  
Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents: Peter Fleming Catherine Sinclair

Bride: Mary Sinclair Age 19  
Residence: Nottawasaga  
Place of Birth: Nottawasaga  
Parents: John Sinclair Anne McLean  
Witness: Peter Fleming, Stayner  
Date of Marriage: October 31st 1873

12. Groom: John H. Price Age: \_\_\_\_  
Residence: Holland  
Place of Birth: Albion  
Parents: John Price Margaret Stinson

Bride: Emma Mustard Age:  
Residence: Sydenham  
Place of Birth: Markham  
Parents: James Mustard Jane Gibson  
Witness: James Campbell  
Bella Mustard  
Date of Marriage: Nov. 7th 1883

13. Groom: Charles E. Thomas Age  
Residence: Elderslie  
Place of Birth: Elderslie  
Parents: John Thomas Mary Morris

Bride: Malind Levens Age \_\_\_\_  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Sullivan  
Parents: John Levins Ann Eliza Speers  
Witness:  
Date of Marriage: Nov. 8th 1883

14. Groom: Joseph McKibbon Age \_\_\_\_  
Residence: Sydenham  
Place of Birth: Sydenham  
Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Bride: Martha Howey Age \_\_\_\_  
Residence: Holland  
Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness:  
Date of Marriage: Sept. 16th 1883

15. Groom: Neil Morrison Age \_\_\_\_  
Residence: Sydenham  
Place of Birth: Sydenham  
Parents: James Morrison Sarah Morrison

Bride: Sarah Mustard Age \_\_\_\_  
Residence: Sydenham  
Place of Birth: Sydenham  
Parents: James Mustard Jane Gibson  
Witness: [Win] Mustard  
Maggie Morrison  
Date of Marriage: June 22nd 1883

16. Groom: Philip Connell Age 26  
Residence: Holland  
Place of Birth: Holland  
Parents: George Connell Elizabeth Smilsner

Bride: Margaret Howey Age 21  
Residence: Holland  
Place of Birth: Holland  
Parents: Edward Howey Eliza Stewart  
Witness: James Howey  
Mary Jane Stewart  
Date of Marriage: July 15th 1884

17. Groom: Gilbert McArthur Age 22  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Sullivan  
Parents: Neil McArthur  
Isabella Fletcher

Bride: Euphemia Hays Age 19  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Williamsford  
Parents: David Hays Anne McDonald  
Witness: Neil McAffrey  
Isabella McArthur  
Date of Marriage: July 29th 1884

18. Groom: Matthew Hutcheson Age 29  
Residence: S. Valley, British Col.  
Place of Birth: Sullivan  
Parents: George Hutcheson Agnes Craig

Bride: Hannah Jane Douglas Age 27  
Residence: Derby  
Place of Birth: County of York  
Parents: James Douglas Mary Boyd  
Witness: Mary Ann Douglas, Derby  
Alex Pringle, Sullivan  
Date of Marriage: Jany 21st 1886

19. Groom: Daniel Coons Age 45  
Residence: Arran  
Place of Birth: T. of Matilda  
Parents: Samuel Coons Catherine E. Barriager

Bride: May Ann Boles Age 28  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Arimosa  
Parents: John Boles May Nicholson  
Witness: James Cherill, Sullivan  
Deborah Cherill, Sullivan  
Date of Marriage: Feby 11th 1886

20. Groom: Wm. Henry Brown Age 28

Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Rochester, N.Y.  
Parents: Thomas Brown Mary Cuthbert

Bride: Martha McMullen Age 17  
Residence: Newbraska  
Place of Birth: Sullivan

Parents: Robert McMullen Jane Underwood  
Witness: William Charlton, Derby  
Eliza June Charlton, Derby  
Date of Marriage: October 11th 1886

21. Groom: Robert Howey Age 20  
Residence: Holland  
Place of Birth: Holland  
Parents: Edward Howey Elisabeth Stewart

Bride: Margaret Flora Morrison Age 21  
Residence: Sydenham  
Place of Birth: Sydenham  
Parents: James Morrison Sarah Morrison  
Witness: James Stewart, Sydenham  
Jessie Morrison, Sydenham  
Date of Marriage: Dec 1st 1886

22. Groom: Thomas Harrison Age 25  
Residence: Hepworth  
Place of Birth: Guelph  
Parents: John Harrison Ann Bottereill

Bride: Ann Sinclair Age 24  
Residence: Hepworth  
Place of Birth: Arthur  
Parents: Malcolm Sinclair Catherine Campbell  
Witness: Malcolm Sinclair  
Margaret McQueen, Sullivan  
Date of Marriage: Dec. 17th 1886

23. Groom: William Crosly Age 25  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Aramossa  
Parents: Robert Crosly Ann Spires

Bride: Maggie McInnis Age 28  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Markham  
Parents: James McInnis Ann McFarlane  
Witness: Albert McInnis  
Elisabeth Leamen  
Date of Marriage: April 4th 1888

24. Groom: Wellington McInnis Age 28  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Sullivan  
Parents: William McInnis Ellen Gourley

Bride: Bella Harbottle Age 23  
Residence: Derby  
Place of Birth: Howick  
Parents: George Harbottle Sarah Hunter  
Witness: James Campbell

Martha Hislop  
Date of Marriage: October 24th 1888

25. Groom: David Jackson Age 31  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: [Ernly] Victoria County  
Bachelor  
Profession: Farmer  
Parents: Robert Jackson Sarah Moore

Bride: Martha Stewart Age 27  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Sullivan  
Spinster  
Parents: John Stewart Jane Ewing  
Witness: Joseph Jackson  
Jane Stewart  
Date of Marriage: March 23rd 1887  
Religious denomination of both Baptist  
Married by Licence

## Section 2:

1. Groom: Samuel McEwen Age 30  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Sullivan  
Parents: Andrew McEwen Mary Stewart

Bride: Elizabeth Waters Age 28  
Residence: Holland  
Place of Birth: Brantford  
Parents: Wm. John Waters Eliza June Grier  
Witness: James Stewart, Sullivan  
Elizabeth Hopkins, Owen Sound  
Date: Keady, March 6/89

2. Groom: Joseph Jackson Age 27  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: County of Victoria  
Parents: Robert Jackson Sarah Moore

Bride: Jane Stewart Age 23  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Sullivan  
Parents: John Stewart Jane Ewing  
Witness: Samuel Stewart, Sullivan  
Lassie Black, Euphrasim  
Date: Sullivan, April 3/89

3. Groom: William John Holmes Age 35  
Residence: Arran  
Place of Birth: Owen Sound  
Parents: William Holmes Jessie Shillingham

Bride: Amanda McInnis Age 26  
Residence: Sullivan  
Place of Birth: Sullivan  
Parents: John McInnis Nalitia Hunter  
Witness: Jacob McInnis, Sullivan  
Jessie Holmes, Arran  
Date: Keady, April 10/89

4. Groom: George Barclay Age 23

Residence: Arran

Place of Birth: Arran

Parents: Alex Barclay Eliza Elgy

Bride: Ida Sheriff Age 23

Residence: Amabel

Place of Birth: Ormond

Parents: Benjamin Sheriff Susan McDougall

Witness: William Barclay, Arran

Mary Sheriff, Annabel

Date: Keady, Nov. 13/89

5. Groom: William George Cook Age 27

Residence: Holland

Place of Birth: Holland

Parents: John Cook Janet McKissock

Bride: Grace Gilchrist Age 22

Residence: Sullivan

Place of Birth: Sullivan

Parents: Donald Gilchrist Flora Brown

Witness: John Cook, Sullivan

Betsy Gilchrist, Sullivan

Date: Sullivan, April 16/90

6. Groom: William Humphrey Age 23

Residence: Owen Sound

Place of Birth: England

Parents:

Bride: Emily Barss Age 25

Residence: Holland

Place of Birth: Sullivan

Parents: Caleb Barss Catherine Ross

Witness: Henry Morgan, Holland

Maggie Barss, Holland

Date: Holland, Dec. 3/90

7. Groom: Joseph Dennison Age 25

Residence: Holland

Place of Birth: Caledon

Parents: William Dennison Mary McBride

Bride: Annie Mustard Age 23

Residence: Holland

Place of Birth: Marrkham

Parents: James Mustard Jane Gibson

Witness: Millie Mustard, Holland

Jenny Heighes, Holland

Date: Holland, Dec. 17/90

8. Groom: John Burton Age 24

Residence: Sullivan

Place of Birth: Saugeen

Parents: Joseph Burton Mary Ann Duck

Bride: Mary Galbraith Age 24

Residence: Elderslie

Place of Birth: Arran

Parents: Archibald Galbraith Margaret McNeil

Witness: John Sinclair, Sullivan

Esther Galbraith, Elderslie

Date: Elderslie/ Peby 4/91

9. Groom: Geo Hooper Age 25

Residence: Derby

Place of Birth: Keppel

Parents: Geo Hooper Grace Perkins

Bride: Mary Henderson Age 24

Residence: Derby

Place of Birth: Derby

Parents: John Henderson Mary Darroch

Witness: John Henderson, Derby

Harriet Hooper, Derby

Date: Derby, Feby 4/91

10. Groom: James S. Robertson Age 27

Residence: Owen Sound

Place of Birth: Sydenham

Parents: William Robertson Margaret Cain

Bride: Minnie Florence Nigh Age 26

Residence: Sydenham

Place of Birth: Whitchurch

Parents: Hamilton Nigh Elisabeth Armstrong

Witness: Wm. Robertson, Sydenham

Elisabeth Nigh, Sydenham

Date: Sydenham, Dec. 24/90

11. Groom: Hamilton Nigh Age 47

Residence: Sydenham

Place of Birth: Markham

Parents: Jonathan Nigh Susanna Andersen

Bride: Mary Ann McKibben Age 40

Residence: Strathaven

Place of Birth: Mulmur

Parents: Wm. McKibben Mary Elisabeth Price

Witness: Joseph McKibben, Sydenham

Marth McKibben, Sydenham

Date: Chatsworth, Sept. 22/91

12. Groom: Donald McLennan Age 35

Residence: Sarawak

Place of Birth: Hamilton

Parents: William McLennan Isabella Fye

Bride: May Jane Stewart Age 26

Residence: Sullivan

Place of Birth: Sullivan

Parents: Robert Stewart Oianah Geddes

Witness: William Salter, Sullivan

Martha Stewart, Sullivan

Date: Sullivan, January 20/92

13. Groom: William Salter Age 30

Residence: Sullivan

Place of Birth: Sullivan

Parents: John Salter Ellen Wilson

Bride: Martha Stewart Age 24

Residence: Sullivan

- Place of Birth: Sullivan  
 Parents: Robert Stewart Dianah Geddes  
 Witness: James Stewart, Sullivan  
     Letitia Sailer, Sullivan  
 Date: Sullivan, March 23/92
14. Groom: \_\_\_\_\_ Bowen Age 34  
 Residence: Shoal Lake  
 Place of Birth: Ontario  
 Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ Bowen Hannah Lawton
- Bride: \_\_\_\_\_ Age 26  
 Residence: Shoal Lake  
 Place of Birth: Ontario  
 Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness: John Moore, Strathclair  
     Kate Robertson, Strathclair  
 Date: Strathclair, April 18/93
15. Groom: John McDonald Age 26  
 Residence: Shoal Lake, Municip.  
 Place of Birth: Co. of Bruce, Ontario  
 Parents: Donald McDonald Christine McLeod
- Bride: May McK[min] Age 17  
 Residence: Municip of Shoal Lake  
 Place of Birth: Tyree, Scotland  
 Parents: John McKmin Mary Ann McDonald  
 Witness: Archie Cameron, Shoal Lake  
     Mrs. A. Cameron, Shoal Lake  
 Date: Shoal Lake, Nov. 30/93  
 (Ed. Note: the Manitoba Index gives Bride's family name as "McKinnon")
16. Groom: Alex McDonald Age 35  
 Residence: Rossburn  
 Place of Birth: Tyree, Scotland  
 Parents: L. McDonald
- Bride: Kate Black Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence: Ioana Scotland  
 Place of Birth: Ioana Scotland  
 Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Witness: Alex Bell, Rossburn  
     May McKmin, Rossburn  
 Date: Shoal Lake \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Ed. Note: Manitoba Index gives date as Sep 9, 1893)
17. Groom: Charles Lament Age 31  
 Residence: Shoal Lake  
 Place of Birth: Scotland  
 Parents: Neil Lamont Marion McLean
- Bride: Isabella Jan McArthur Age 19  
 Residence: Birtle  
 Place of Birth: Ontario  
 Parents: Duncan McArthur Agnes Webster  
 Witness: David Smith, Shoal Lake  
     Katy Ann Lament, Shoal Lake  
 Date: Birtle, March 14/94
18. Groom: Frederick Stephen Arnold Age 27  
 Residence: Yorkton  
 Place of Birth: Ontario  
 Parents: Fred S. Arnold
- Bride: Louisa Bates Age 20  
 Residence: Shoal Lake  
 Place of Birth: Ontario  
 Parents: William Bates  
     Louise Harrison (added different colour ink, ball-point pen)  
 Witness: Ernst Greensh[aw], Shoal Lake  
     Edith Castell, Shoal Lake  
 Date: Shoal Lake, My 10/94
19. Groom: Alexander McArthur Age 25  
 Residence: Municipality of Birtle  
 Place of Birth: Ekford, Ontario  
 Parents: Duncan McArthur Agnes Webster
- Bride: Maggie Sutherland Age 18  
 Residence: Municipality of Birtle  
 Place of Birth: Forass Scotland  
 Parents: William Sutherland Isabella Mann  
 Witness: Archie McArthur, Municipality of Birtle  
     Mrs. Archie McArthur, "  
 Date: Birtle, July 18/94
20. Groom: Geo Edwin Lewis Age 22  
 Residence: Newdale  
 Place of Birth: London, England  
 Parents: Wm. Henry Lewis Sophia Bettridge
- Bride: Marion Campbell Swalm Age 20  
 Residence: Municipality of Strathclair  
 Place of Birth: Clifford, Ontario  
 Parents: Ernest Swalm Catherine McLauchlin  
 Witness: George De Witt, Newdale  
     Isabell S \_\_\_\_\_, Strathclair  
 Date: Strathclair June 12/95
21. Groom: Donald Menzies Age 40  
 Residence: Shoal Lake  
 Place of Birth: Scotland  
 Parents: John Menzies
- Bride: Catherine Ann Lamont Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence: Shoal Lake  
 Place of Birth: Scotland  
 Parents: Neil Lamont Marion McLean  
 Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: Shoal Lake, June 30/95
22. Groom: James Nicol Age 38  
 Residence: Shoal Lake, Man.  
 Place of Birth: County of Wentworth  
 Parents: James Nicol Isabella Massie
- Bride: Mary Caroline Harrissn Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence: Shoal Lake  
 Place of Birth: Haldimand

Parents: Wm. E. Harris Eliza Jane Clarke  
Witness: Elisabeth Harrisn, Shoal Lake  
Wm. B. Martin, Shoal Lake  
Date: Shoal Lake, Dec. 10/95

23. Groom: John Hurst Age 23  
Residence: Shoal Lake  
Place of Birth: England  
Parents: Henry Hurst Susan Tweede

Bride: Hannah Rogers Age 21  
Residence: Shoal Lake  
Place of Birth: Oxford, Ontario  
Parents: William Rogers Elisabeth Saddler  
Witness: Henry Durst, Shoal Lake  
Ida Cunty, Shoal Lake  
Date: Shoal Lake, March 25/96

24. Groom: Porter Ireton Age 31  
Residence: Blanchard  
Place of Birth: Grey, Ontario  
Parents: Samuel Ireton Sarah Smart

Bride: Mary Gill Age 21  
Residence: Blanchard  
Place of Birth: Fullerton, Ont.  
Parents: William H. Gill Laune Gleason  
(Ed. Note: Ontario birth records give mother's name as "Laura")  
Witness: Gleason Gill, Blanchard  
Mariah Gill, Blanchard  
Date: Blanchard, March 25/96

25. Groom: Gilbert G. Fletcher Age 26  
Residence: Aberdeen, Wash.  
Place of Birth: Nebraska  
Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Bride: Christena Ross Age 21  
Residence: Aberdeen  
Place of Birth: Glammis  
Parents: Robt. Ross Christena Currie  
Witness: Alex Grant, Aberdeen  
[Norm] Myers, Aberdeen  
Date: Aberdeen, June 14/98

26. Groom: Alexander Bell Age 40  
Residence: Shoal Lake  
Place of Birth: Islay, Scotland  
Parents: Donald Bell Mary McConnel  
Bride: Hariat Elgin Shepherd Age 23  
Residence: Shoal Lake  
Place of Birth: Fitz Roy Harbour  
Parents: Joseph Shepherd Sarah Hamilton  
Witness: Ebenser Cameron, Shoal Lake  
Elizabeth McGregor, Strathclair  
Date: Shoal Lake, October 26/98

Archivist's Note: Spellings are as in the Register. Blanks indicate no information given, or in the case where one or more letters appear attached to the blank the word is illegible.

## ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

by Kathy Stokes

There occurred in Winnipeg in the early 1890s an unusual incident which resulted in a major disruption in the life of a young child. Although the newspapers in Winnipeg and Buffalo, New York, differ in some details, the story shows the extremes to which some people will go to raise a child.

Little Ruth (as the newspapers referred to her) was born about 1889, probably in Winnipeg. She was one of at least six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris (his name possibly being John B. or H. M.). Mr. Harris was the postmaster at Louise Bridge P.O. in Winnipeg and also ran a large general store.

Little Ruth often visited for several days at a time with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Erasmus Bader.

Erasmus was a brewer. Mrs. Bader was the sister of Mrs. Harris. In 1892, the Baders asked if they could adopt little Ruth as they had no children of their own. The Harris's refused to allow this. While Mrs. Harris was in Brokenhead, the Baders, who had Little Ruth visiting them at the time, announced that they were moving to Portage la Prairie and took off quickly, taking the child with them. Mrs. Harris hurried home from Brokenhead and Little Ruth's parents hurried to Portage to retrieve their daughter, only to find that the Baders were not and never had been there. They had disappeared. The Harris family traced the Baders to Wisconsin and then, as they say today, the trail went cold.

The Harris family never gave up searching for Little Ruth. In mid 1897, Mrs. Bader wrote to Mrs. Harris to obtain addresses for family members. From this letter, the Harris's were able to trace the family to Buffalo, New York. Mrs. Harris immediately left for that city and met with her relatives who promised to return Little Ruth the following day. However, when Mrs. Harris went to get Little Ruth, she discovered that the Baders had once again left their home with the child, now aged about nine years.

Mrs. Harris, armed with letters from the mayor and police chief of Winnipeg, enlisted the assistance of the Buffalo police. The Buffalo police assigned a detective to assist Mrs. Harris and shortly thereafter, the Baders were located. Although the Baders remonstrated when faced with having to return Little Ruth to her natural family, Mrs. Harris was insistent and the child was carried out of the Bader residence, screaming for the only mother she could remember. Mrs. Harris and Little Ruth stayed overnight in Buffalo under police protection and left the next day for Winnipeg on the Grand Trunk Railway.

Although the Baders were in poor circumstances, they had treated Little Ruth very well. Mrs. Bader had no excuse to offer for kidnapping her niece. (From the Winnipeg Free Press of 13 & 20 December 1897).

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- 921 FOS            Fossum, J. *Mancatcher*, 1990.  
An immigrant's story of logging, policing and pioneering in the Canadian West. Includes many names from Kitimat, B.C.
- 921 LEP            Lepailleur, F. *Land of a Thousand Sorrows*, 1980.  
The Australian prison journal, 1840-1842, of the exiled Canadian Patriote. Francois-Maurice Lepailleur.
- 921 SCO            Scott, J. *Wings over Westray*, 1997.
- 921 STO            Ray, J. *Emily Stowe*, 1978.  
Biography of Emily Howard Stowe, the first Canadian woman to practise medicine in Canada, and a suffragette.
- 929.2 GOI            *Father Joseph Goiffin: a Tale of a French Missionary*.

This is an English translation of Father Goiffon's 1908 autobiography edited by Duane Thein. It describes what happened to the Catholic priest and missionary in the winter of 1860 and 1861 when he was returning from St. Paul, Minnesota, to his two parishes in the Red River Valley. Father Goiffon tells of the events surrounding his being caught in a snowstorm, being rescued, the amputation of his leg and foot, and the fire at the St. Boniface Cathedral in Canada.

929.2 McK4 *Scrip Claim for Andrew Thomas Ferdinand McKenzie, 1888-1894.*

929.2 McK5 *Scrip Claim for Lydia Veronica McKenzie, 1886-1889.*

929.2 McK6 *Letters Concerning Scrip Claims of McKenzie and Spencer Children, 1885-1887.*

929.2 McK7 *Power of Attorney from Roderick McKenzie, 1886-1893.*

929.2 McK8 *Scrip Claim for John Patrick Spencer McKenzie, 1889-1897.*

929.2 ROS2 *Scrip Claim for William Roderick Ross, 1894.*

929.2 ROS3 *Scrip Claim for William Roderick Ross, son of Donald Ross, 1894-1927.*

929.2 RAM *Ramsay Family, Part One, Scotland and the Canadas, 2002.*

The story of Robert Ramsay, born 1800 in Townsend, Ayrshire, Scotland, his ancestors and descendants. Robert and his wife, Agnes Trodden, arrived in Fort Garry in 1848.

#### Pictures

971.3 *Rat Portage Lumber Mill Crew of 1918 to 1920.*

From the Kenora district of Ontario.

As you will note we have been busy purchasing Manitoba Local History Books. We are always pleased to receive names of ones that we are missing.

This has been a good month for donations - must be a good house cleaning month. Look for the list in the next copy of Generations.

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#### RURAL RAMBLINGS

by Kathy Stokes

(Winnipeg Free Press (FP) 3 May 1915)

Pte. John Holloway, 22 years old, of 3rd Field Ambulance was noted as wounded. He enlisted shortly after war began in Brandon where he had been employed as a fireman on the CPR. His father and mother reside at Millwood, MB. He has siblings Norris, John, Frank, Philip, Albert, Mary, Ada and Lucy.

#### FP 25 May 1915

Schools in the R. M. of Louise held their first annual Field Day and Parade at Crystal City about May 24. Taking part were schools of Pilot Mound, Floral, Lindsborg, Copperfield, Goudney, Crystal City, Eaton, Rosebud, Rollins, Clearwater and Cypress. Each school carried a banner of its own design. The Pilot Mound brass band led the parade to the agricultural grounds where the children formed a square and sang, "The Maple Leaf Forever."

Prizes were awarded to Cypress for best banner, Crystal City Senior room for best marching, with Goudney in second place. Pilot Mound won the baseball tournament.

#### FP 6 Sept. 1922

The Winkler tennis tournament attracted entries from Miami, Morden, Darlingford, Altona, Greenfarm, Winnipeg and Winkler.

In a 25 entry field Johnson of Miami won the men's singles. Grafer and Weatherhead of Winkler won the doubles crown. Miss Baybe of Morden was the women's singles champion and Mrs. Miller and Miss Siemens of Winkler won the doubles final. Miss Christie and Mr. Fleischman were mixed doubles champions.

#### FP 23 Sept 1922

George Kerr of Vancouver died in Souris Glenwood Hospital on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> as a result of an accident on his brother's farm in which he was run over by a wagon of sheaves. Born in South Monaghan, ON, on Sept. 22, 1857, he came west in 1880 with the Snowdon colonists and homesteaded 18 miles south of Souris. In 1908 he gave up farming and moved to Vancouver. Married twice, he is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son. A second son was killed during the war. Also surviving are two brothers, John of Souris and Joseph of Belmont. Mr. Kerr will be buried in Vancouver.

#### FP 5 Nov. 1936

Funeral services were held in Lundar, MB for Miss Ragnheidur Sigurdson, 51 years, of Lundar who died November 1<sup>st</sup>. She is survived by four sisters, Mrs Einar Johnson, Mrs. P. Peterson and Mrs. V Thordarson, all of Winnipeg and Miss Groa Sigurdson of Lundar. Also surviving are three brothers, Thordar and Ingimundur of Lundar and Bergthor of Gimli. Mrs Edith Mary Dennis, 70 years, widow of Charles Dennis died at Rapid City November 1<sup>st</sup>. Born in Barnstaple, Devon, England, she married in 1889 and came to Canada in 1907. She was known as a prominent exhibitor and winner of prizes in the ladies' work section of many agricultural fairs, including the Brandon Exhibition. Mr. Dennis died in 1927. Mrs. Dennis is survived by son Arthur of Winnipeg and daughter Miss Dorothy of Rapid City, also a brother and sister in England and a sister in Vancouver.

## Using the MGS Library to search for Church and Parish Records

Mary Bole, MGS Librarian

Church records are considered a primary source for genealogists. Be aware that baptisms record baptism or christening dates – not birth dates. These could have been recorded immediately after birth or several years later. Marriage dates are exact. Church records give burial dates, not always death dates.

The following are just **some** of the church records transcripts available at MGS Library. We have no original registers.

### Manitoba

MGS has transcripts of 58 Anglican and 36 Catholic parish registers. Some of these include burial records as well as baptism and marriages. To find a register look in the card catalogue under the name of the municipality or city. For example: Manitoba—Church Records OR Stanley municipality—Baptism Records, Pembina municipality—Marriage Records, Manitoba—Burial Records. OR Winnipeg city, Manitoba—St. Anne's.

MGS has indexes of baptism, marriages and burials of 52 United Church Charges. These include the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches before union in 1925. As well as the regular information the indexes include mothers' names with baptisms and both bride and groom with marriages. These indexes are in the filing cabinet labeled UCA.

### Others

Look in the card catalog under the name of the county, province or country e.g. Middlesex—Registers of birth, etc. OR Scotland—Baptism Records, OR Ontario—Marriage Records, OR Dublin—Burial Records OR London—Death Records.

### Some registers found:

*Early marriage records of New Brunswick, St. John from the British Conquest to 1839. The research was conducted in the parish registers of Trinity Church, St. George's and St. Luke's Churches, etc.*

*Norfolk Parish registers of Diss, 1551-1837*

*London Parish Records; Middlesex Parish Records (CD-ROM)*

*Hampshire Burials 1400-1837; Hampshire Baptisms 1813-1841 (CD-ROM)*

*Register of the Cathedral Church of St Columb, Derry, 1703-1732, Ireland.*

The *IGI* also contains information from parish registers. If you look at the end of the entry you will find Batch or Film No. If the number begins with a C or an M then the record is from a Parish Record.

The CD-ROM package *British Isles Vital Records Index* includes both civil and church records of 7.3 people. The package *National Burial Index for England and Wales, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.* contains over 13 million burial records.

*Family Tree Magazine* includes a CD-ROM each month. Each one contains a census record and a parish register (usually marriage) from various locations in England. These can be found in the CD-ROM drawer at 942 FTM and can be used in the library.

### How to find if a Parish Register exists.

Look in the card catalogue under the county and then Church Records.

### Examples found at MGS:

Table of Church of Ireland Parochial Records and Copies

Parish Register Copies in the Library of the Society of Genealogists

A source which should always be included with your search are periodicals, not only those of Genealogical Societies but also Historical Societies. MGS also has some binders with miscellaneous articles which includes copies of church records when found. Look under name of county, province, etc., e.g. Ontario—Miscellaneous Records.

Free Press 17 December 1897

"Officials of the Dead Letter Branch of the Post Office in Toronto have for years been the recipients of a number of samples of wedding cake, posted by loving couples in various parts of the Dominion to distant friends who never receive the cake because of insufficient postage paid. Civil servants are commonly credited with having an easy, luxurious time, but the Dead Letter clerks take the cake."

## MUSLIMS AND MICKS: A CANADIAN CONTEXT

By Dan Spurrill

The current controversy over the seventeen accused terrorists in Toronto, and the resulting anguish among Canadian Muslims in general has conjured up family ghosts that are part of my heritage. The present Muslim crisis is reminiscent of the Sikh crisis of the eighties, the Mennonite crisis of the twenties and the Irish crisis of the mid-nineteenth century. Those modern immigrants who expect Canadians to be tolerant and "nice" should examine Canadian history - we have our skeletons!

In the eighties I was teaching history in Thompson. One of my colleagues bragged about being an Irish Catholic, and called me "Orange" because I was Protestant. I said, "Sure, I'm a Baptist, but my ancestors were Green." One St. Patrick's I made her a poster of "Irish Contributions To Canada": The great cholera epidemic of 1832; The Lachine Canal strike of the 1840's; 50,000 starving immigrants in 1847; The Grand Orange Lodge - annual parade and riots; The Fenian Raids of 1866-71; the Assassination of Darcy McGee in 1868. I told my History classes at the time, among whom were some Indo-Canadian students, "Today there is a lot of controversy around the Sikhs in Canada, but remember, the Sikhs have never assassinated a Canadian cabinet minister, and they never made an invasion into Canada. The Irish did both." I had forgotten one of my students was from Ireland, and when he protested, I told him, "I'm not talking about your ancestors, I'm talking about *mine*."

In mid-nineteenth century Canada, to be a "Mick", an Irish Catholic, was to be at the bottom of the heap. There were apparently actually signs that said, "no Irish or dogs"! In the Ottawa Valley they fought the French Canadians for lumbering jobs; otherwise they were "navvies", doing the pick-and-shovel work on the Lachine Canal and the early railways. The British government sent thousands of impoverished Irish Catholics to Canada after the cholera epidemic of 1832 and the Famine of 1845+, with no assistance and no means of support.

My great-great-grandfather, John Spurrill, of Somerset, was stationed with the British Army in Ireland in the 1820's. He must have found much sympathy for the Irish plight, as he married an Irish Catholic girl, Sarah O'Neill. The only Irish story that has been preserved in our family was this: A group of young English soldiers standing in the street of an Irish town noticed an old man mending slates on his roof, smoking a pipe. One said to another, "I bet you can't shoot the pipe out of that old man's mouth." The other raised his musket and fired. He missed, but the old man was startled, lost his footing, fell, and was killed. My dad's comment on the story was, "and the English wonder why the Irish are so angry with them."

John Spurrill was stationed in Lower Canada as early as 1832, at the Quebec Citadel during the

1837 Rebellion, then to Toronto where William John Spurrill, my great-grandfather was born in 1839, then retired in 1846 and settled in Whitby where he ran a store, a farm and two hotel-taverns before his death in 1888. Whitby, according to census records, was largely Irish Protestant, with a small group of Irish Catholics at St. John the Apostle parish.

A story told to me was that the Orangemen of Whitby staged their annual anti-Catholic parade [July 12] and several came into Spurrill's tavern for a beer afterwards. Sarah [O'Neill] Spurrill was bringing two mugs of beer to their table when one of the Orangemen, not realizing that she was a Catholic, shouted, "God bless King Billy, and to Hell with the Pope!". Sarah immediately threw the two full mugs of beer in the Orangeman's face, and said, "There'll be no cursin' the Pope in this tavern."

Irish Protestants were about the largest ethnic community in Upper Canada [Ontario] by the mid-1800's. Officially Irish, the Ulster Protestants were, and are, unintegrated Scottish settlers in Northern Ireland. After "King Billy" [William III]'s victory over the Irish Catholic's at the Boyne in 1690, Irish Protestants formed the Grand Orange Lodge, to protect the rights of the British Protestants among the Irish Catholic majority. In the early 1800's the Lodge was established in Canada, and became a major source of strife between Protestants and Catholics in Canada, especially during their July 12 parades though Catholic neighbourhoods.

An even more serious threat to peace were the Fenians [*sinn fein* = "we ourselves"] an Irish Catholic independence movement responsible for the assassination of Thomas Darcy McGee, an Irish Catholic member of John A. Macdonald's government, in 1868, and for the series of Fenian Raids by Irish American veterans of the US Civil War, across the Canadian border in 1866-1871 [this last was into Manitoba!]. My great-grandfather, William John Spurrill, was one of ten thousand young Canadians who enlisted in the Militia to stop the Fenians. An Irish Catholic like his mother, he refused to be neutral, but regarded these fellow Irish Catholics as foreign invaders, which they were. The militiamen were inexperienced soldiers, as witness this story:

William John Spurrill and a fellow militiaman were chasing retreating Fenians, who ran into the woods.

thinking the Fenians had left, the two Canadians sat down on a stone fence and lit up their pipes. A shot came from the woods, and the other man fell dead. My greatgrandfather was the last of the Spurrills to enlist in the military down to my generation, to my knowledge.

I have not been able to authenticate the facts of any of these three family stories, but what is important about them is their longstanding effect on a Canadian Irish-Catholic family, and how they illustrate the tensions in the Canadian Irish community of the time. It is said that after the 1860's Irish Catholics became a quiet, integrated group in Canada, although Orangemen continued to cause trouble for generations.

It seems to me that in this context the current Muslim controversy is also a passing phenomenon.

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## THE COST OF SEPARATION- 1897 STYLE

by Kathy Stokes

The Winnipeg Tribune of December 6, 1897 gives us a rare glimpse of marital discord in the late 1890s in Winnipeg.

The case against Sam Levin by his wife for "refusal to support" was settled out of court and the parties agreed to separate.

Both parties to the marriage were young. The plaintiff was Mr. Levin's second wife and the trouble in the marriage centered around Levin's child from his first marriage. Levin claimed that the plaintiff had never treated the child well and gave as an example the removal of the child from Argyle School due to the child's filthy condition. The teacher had requested that the child be sent home in order to protect the other children from disease.

The Levins had only been married six months and Mr. Levin appeared anxious to leave the marriage. He allowed his wife everything - the house, the horse and rig, the furniture and everything else he had. He even borrowed \$200.00 to provide her with cash.

Mrs. Levin initially refused to sign a declaration that she was more than 21 years old unless she was given more money. This Mr. Levin refused to do. Mrs. Levin then reluctantly signed the deal. Mr. Levin stated that in total she received the goods and chattels listed above, plus about \$400.00 in cash. The parties agreed to separate for 15 years. One wonders what happened after the 15 years had elapsed.

## A Book Review

by Joyce Elias

### *Publish Your Family History*

by S. Yates & G. Ioannou

Published by, and available from, the Ontario Genealogical Society, 102 - 40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto ON M4R 1B9. 2005. 152pp. ISBN 0-7779-2152-9. \$25.00

An eleven chapter book, *Publish Your Family History* opens with comments on why you are writing a book and for whom, then moves on to "how to do it". There is information on basic publishing, e.g., types of, copyright, ISBN #s, budget, and timeline/order of procedure. Chapter IV gets to the "nitty-gritty" - preparing the manuscript, editing, proofreading, even quitting! (There are entertaining asides throughout this book.) Chapter V - VII cover the design of your book, computer talk, photos, and discussion/details such as fonts, artwork, and cover design. Various ways of printing books complete this volume.

Lightly, but seriously, written, this is a neat little book which is easy to read and understand. Borrow it from MGS' Library today.

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## MGS' Booklending Service

("Bookie Service")

Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L, Library Volunteer

MGS' Canadian members may borrow books from the MGS library by paying the postage at a reduced Library Rate.

Members contact the MGS Library Book Coordinator, c/o MGS, with a list (or suggestions) of books desired, along with a cheque to be applied to the postage. The Coordinator gathers the books (note: sometimes requested volumes are already out) and mails them along with a label for no-cost return plus a letter listing the books sent, the postage + GST, and the balance remaining in the borrower's account. Return date is usually 4 weeks.

More members could/should be taking advantage of this service. It is very inexpensive compared to regular postal rates; e.g., a 2 kg package sent from MGS to Brandon costs less than \$1.00 instead of regular parcel post at \$4.00+ with no additional amount to return when the special label is used.

MGS' Book Coordinator is in the Resource Centre once a month, often the second Tuesday of the month.

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### AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND

#### CANADA

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- Blackadar family; Guthrie Home of London, cont;  
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**Cariboo Notes**, Quesnel Branch, BCGS, Vol. 22, #2  
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**Chinook**, Alta FHS, Vol. 26, #3  
- Cyril Grubb; Canadian census.

**Connections**, QFHS, Vol. 28, #4  
- 'recusant' ancestors; Mary Lalonde suicide;  
Frampton Irish strays.

**Cousins & Cousins**, Vol. 26, #3  
- development of surnames; Benjamin Gervais.

**Generations**, NBGS, Vol. 28, #2  
- Kent Co.; McCully family; Monckton settlers;  
DeWitt family.

**Leaf of the Branch**, MGS, Vol. 18, #2  
- Ontario websites.

**Loyalist Gazette**, Vol. 44, #1  
- several UEL stories.

**Manitoba History**, #52  
- immigrants in Winnipeg during WWI; Manitoba  
Police; Robert Logan; raid of 1876.

**Mennonite Historian**, Vol. 32, #2  
- the Mennonite faith in Canada.

**Perth Co. Profiles**, Vol. 24, #2  
- Roman Catholic records; marriages on the 1861  
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**Relatively Speaking**, Alta GS, Vol. 34, #2  
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from Austria.

**Saskatchewan GS Bulletin**, Vol. 37, #2  
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**Simcoe Co. Branch OGS**, Vol. 24, #2  
- history of Guthrie United Church.

**Toronto Tree**, Vol. 37, #3  
- divorce in England & Ontario, part 3.

**Victoria GS Journal**, Vol. 29, #2  
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updates.

**York Region Ancestors**, OGS, Vol. 12, #2  
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**East European Genealogist**, Vol. 14, #1 & 2  
- list of 'fonds' in the archives of L'Viv.

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**Ancestors**, October 2004  
- lost children of the Industrial Revolution; Family  
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class of London; part-time Police; study of the Black  
Death; saint names.  
**December 2004**  
- freemasons; finding a mason ancestor; national  
1798 listing of landowners & their tenants; campaign  
medals; historical maps; marriage bonds; Robert  
Layton.  
**#48**  
- Irish research; evictions in Ireland; Chancery  
records.

**Banyan Tree**, January 2006  
- Northend family.

**Cornwall FHS**, #120  
- Morcom family to Montana; women employed in  
male jobs in the 1800's; Cornish miners in Mexico;  
Rashleigh/Kinsman families.

**Derbyshire FHS**, #117  
- Alfreton St. Martin church; Swedish research;  
Herbert Archer; hereditary Huntington's disease;  
Lydia Holmes.

**Devon Family Historian**, #118  
- Hampden House Academy; Mary Jarvis; Illustrated  
London News abstracts for 1849; Emma Lavers.

**Family Tree Magazine**, Vol. 22, #7  
- beginner genealogy; National Army Museum;  
postman occupation; York City Archives; Internet  
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Software reviews; William Knibb & his descendants.  
**Vol. 22, #8**

- beginning genealogy; Indian army soldiers; tax defaulters; warrener occupation; Behagg & Belacell families from Kent to the Fens, part 2; Italian roots; Craven family.

Vol. 22, #9

- 1841 census on-line; poachers; Cornish miners; "Family Historian" version 3; Internet sources for Scottish research; National Maritime Museum; using Griffiths valuations; Samuel Austin – artist; soldier recoprds; Babies Welcome Associations; bookplates.

Vol. 22, #10

- Royal Navy records; spiritualist ancestors; female emigrants to S. Africa; WWI medals; bus workers; insurance.

Glamorgan FHS, #82

- William Jenkins.

Hampshire Family Historian, Vol. 33, #1

- Maypee & Ruffey families.

Norfolk Ancestor, Vol. 4, #6

- Watlington village; several family stories.

Northumberland & Durham FHS Journal, Vol. 31, 2

- British Celts; Smith ancestors; Mason Watson.

Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol. 20, #1

- workhouses; Painting & Bliss families; Bampton Poor Law records; the London Gazette.

Suffolk Roots, Vol. 32, #1

- Chiles family.

Sussex Family Historian, Vol. 17, #2

- Pankhurst, Creswell & Hollingdale families; Emma Wingate; Elizeus Ambrose; Charlotte Keoviel.

W. Mdsx FHS Journal, Vol. 24, #2

- the Romanies; Flora Beckett; Wooster family.

## IRELAND

Irish Roots, #58

- Castletown mansion; John Dargan; Irish-Mexican births; Stephen Cryan.

North Irish Roots, Vol. 17, #1

- Edgar families.

The Septs, Vol. 27, #2

- family migration; Irish canal builders; Irish in Minnesota.

## ONE-NAME

Geer Family Assn. Newsletter, Vol. 23, #2

- origin of the surname Geer.

Journal of One-Name Studies, Vol. 9, #3

- unusual forenames and High mortality; "Curious Fox" website; more DNA projects..

## SCOTLAND

Aberdeen & NE Scotland FHS, #99

- Robert Patterson family; Alexander Gordon.

Journal of the Glasgow and West of Scotland FHD, #76

- Govan Parish Church; Mitchell Library; Blair family; plantation of Ulster.

Scottish Genealogist, Vol. 53, #2

- Andrew Gaudie to Prussia; John Weighton; Harry Lauder ancestry.

SIB Folk News, issue 37 (**Orkney Islands – New**)

- understanding heraldry; oldest tombstone in Orkney; Gray family; Corsie family; Robert Garrioch. Issue 38

- Scottish emigration; Orkneymen in HBC archives; Loutit family.

## UNITED STATES

Family Chronicle, Vol. 10, #6

- dating & preserving old photos; photos & family history; photos on the Net; a brickwall solution.

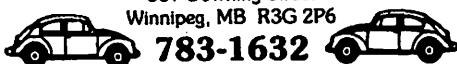
New England Ancestors, Vol. 7, #3

- Boston records & research.

New England Historical & Genealogical register,

April 2006

- Comfort Coggeshall; Mary Black; Manuel Spindle.

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MGS expresses its sympathy to **Thelma Findlay** (#820) and family on the death of her mother (Marion Weslak) in June, and to **Denise Neufeld** (#1661) on the death of her mother in August.

## South East and Winnipeg Branch, Manitoba Genealogical Society

### Programs and meetings for 2006 2007

Submitted by Gordon McBean

Generally all meetings 7:30 – 10:00:

Executive meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays

General Membership Meetings - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, business 7:30 – 8:00, presentation 8:00 – 10:00

Branch opens resource centre on Wednesday nights 7:00 – 10:00

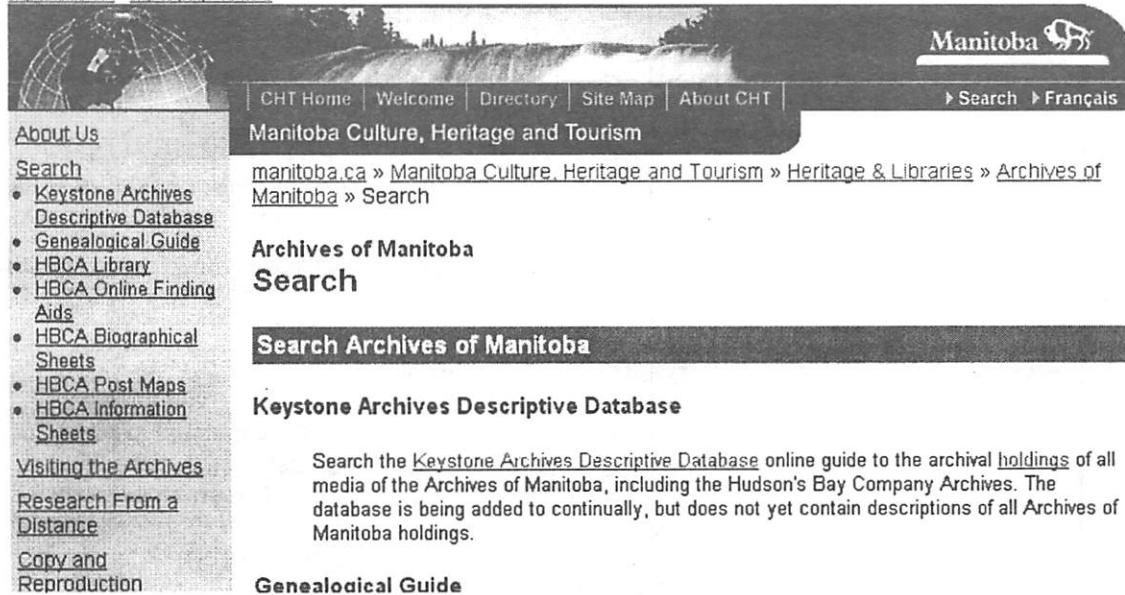
Date	Event	Topic
Aug. 28	Executive meeting	
Sept. 11, 2006	Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m. Naval Museum of Manitoba The HMCS CHIPPWA building is located at 1 Navy Way which is on the corner of Assiniboine Avenue and Navy Way in downtown Winnipeg.	Naval Museum of Manitoba exhibits and archives, <a href="http://www.naval-museum.mb.ca/">http://www.naval-museum.mb.ca/</a> The Museum interprets the contribution of Manitobans to Canada's Navy as well as general life while serving. A well stocked research library is also available. The public is able to gain access to the museum, which is located in the HMCS CHIPPWA building, by entering through the south door. There is a doorbell/buzzer that must be used to gain entry to the museum.
Oct. 2, 2006	Executive meeting	
Oct. 16, 2006 Changed due to Thanksgiving	Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m., MGS Resource Centre, St. James St.	<b>ADVANCED Familytreemaker</b> - covers some of the more advanced features of Family Tree Maker . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• File and Program Management</li><li>• Advanced People Management</li><li>• Creating Custom Reports</li><li>• Navigation Aids</li><li>• Advanced Scrapbook topics</li><li>• Tools and Utilities</li></ul>
October 27 - 29, 2006 (Change in Date)	Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Conference	<u>Seminar 2006</u> , Moosomin, Saskatchewan A Field Trip ?? Several SE & Winnipeg Branch members have expressed interest in gas pooling out to attend the conference. Are you interested? <b><i>Our Roots, Our Branches, Our Trees</i></b> <b><i>Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Annual Seminar</i></b> <b><i>Hosted by the Pipestone Branch</i></b> <a href="http://www.saskgenealogy.com/seminar/Seminar%20Brochure.doc">http://www.saskgenealogy.com/seminar/Seminar%20Brochure.doc</a>
Nov. 6, 2006	Executive meeting	
Nov. 13, 2006	Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m., MGS Resource Centre, St. James St.	<b>Howard Mathieson Mapping for Genealogists</b> Maps can be used in a variety of ways in Genealogical Research to gather information. They can also be used to help you understand, interpret or display for others information that you have collected. The presentation will cover: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Solving problems with maps in genealogy</li><li>2. Sources of maps gazetteers etc</li><li>3. A demonstration of Genmap.</li></ol>

Dec. 4, 2006	Executive meeting	
Dec 11, 2006	Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m., MGS Resource Centre, St. James St.	Christmas Cheer, Tales and treasured Items by those attending  Dust off that treasured gift you received as a child, your favourite Christmas story or a treasured genealogical possession and come and share the experience with your fellow SE& Winnipeg Branch members. Pot luck snacks and refreshments.
Jan. 8, 2007	Membership Meeting 7:30 p.m. MGS Resource Centre, St. James St.  	Western Land.  The western survey system <i>Legal Land Description</i> <u>Western Land Grants (1870-1930)</u> Web resources  Land grants issued in <b>Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta</b> and the <b>railway belt of British Columbia</b> , c. 1870-1930. Land patents contain only the name of the grantee, the description of the land and the date granted. They do not contain other personal information. Homestead applications and files, which are more detailed, are held at the provincial archives. Find out how to access these resources.

## Searching Biographies at HBC Archives

Genealogists interested in searching ancestors who worked for the Hudson's Bay Company may find assistance using a new index on the website <http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/search/index.html> Once you find this website click on "Searching for Archival Holdings"

[skip to side bar](#) • [skip to page content](#)



The screenshot shows the Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism website. At the top right is the Manitoba logo. Below it, a navigation bar includes links to CHT Home, Welcome, Directory, Site Map, About CHT, Search, and Français. A sidebar on the left contains links for About Us, Search, Visiting the Archives, Research From a Distance, Copy and Reproduction, and Genealogical Guide. The main content area features a search bar titled "Search Archives of Manitoba". Below it is a section titled "Keystone Archives Descriptive Database" with a descriptive paragraph about the online guide to archival holdings. There is also a link to "HBCA Biographical Sheets".

On the left hand side, select "HBCA Biographical Sheets" Continue reading the description until the phrase 'The Biographical Sheet Revealed' is reached. This page will explain the layout of each sheet and the information the reader might find.

## 1891 Census Transcription Project

A Report by Elizabeth Briggs

Readers may be interested in background to the census. In 1891 Manitoba was divided into five districts: Lisgar #6; Marquette #7; Provencher #8; Selkirk #9 and Winnipeg #10. Each district was divided into sub-districts which varied in size from 12 pages to 204 pages. A single page carried twenty-five entries and a few sub-districts carry two blended regions, for example the sub-district Ellice is located in the sub-district of Archie. These sub-districts may or may not resemble current divisions of the province.

District	Number of Sub-Districts	Number of Pages	Number of Entries
6 - Lisgar	23	786	19,650
7 - Marquette	38	1611	40,275
8 - Provencher	16	610	15,250
9 - Selkirk	37	2137	53,425
10 - Winnipeg	11 Wards	1032	28,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>6176</b>	<b>157,400</b>

The number of entries is approximate as the number of individuals listed on the last page of the sub-district varies. The minimum number could be one and the maximum twenty-five. By the first week in August all Lisgar has been downloaded onto discs; thirty-three sub-districts of Marquette; fifteen sub-districts of Provencher and two wards of the city of Winnipeg are on discs. Some sub-districts are being transcribed others are ready for transcription.

When the first group of sub-districts was downloaded onto discs there were problems. The most significant was the blackness of the reproduction which led to an unreadable print. Some sub-districts were downloaded up to four times in an attempt to obtain a readable hard copy. This problem has been partly resolved and the computer at the Archives is giving a clearer copy of the image. I have used four toners costing approximately \$125 each to print out all the images since the spring. A toner normally lasts me a year or fifteen months. Hopefully printing will be more straightforward in future. Volunteers with computers who can read files with a .tif extension have been able to magnify the image from the disc to transcribe the details. At the present time we are working on converting a disc with images from the census from a .tif file to a .jpg file and we hope this will solve the imaging problem for those who cannot read the census images.

Most transcriptions are made from the hard copy or computer image onto a sheet of paper and then typed into an Excel file. We are trying to accommodate volunteers with MS Word and Macintosh computers so we can convert these spreadsheets into Excel when they are checked.

### Our Transcribers

Work is in progress transcribing the 1891 census. We have had a good response to our appeal for help and a number of people are set up with a sub-district ready to transcribe. Jody Jones has transcribed Kildonan and this was the first transcribed file which has formed a template for our needs. Kathy Stokes is checking the completed transcription of Kildonan against the census images. The sub-districts of Gimli, Belcourt, Derby and Assiniboia have been transcribed and are waiting for volunteers to check the typed sheets.

Bill Burland has taken the Kildonan census and transformed it into an Access file and we are experimenting with the best headings for the columns and the best search topics. *We are not at the searching for individuals stage at the present time.*

We are delighted at the response we received to our appeal for volunteers. Four of our branches are contributing to this project.

#### Dauphin Branch:

Jean Tucker was my contact person in Dauphin and branch members have offered to undertake the transcription of Riding Mountain which covers the Dauphin area.

#### South West Branch:

Eleanor Burch has done a fine job of contacting members who have volunteered to assist with the census. In addition to herself our volunteers include: Denise Bromley; Dennis Descoteau; Jack Dodds; Bruce & Kay Lyng; Sheila Shearer; Penny Shaw; Marg Goodman.

**Swan River:**

Eric Neufeld came into Winnipeg in July and we met at MGS early one Tuesday morning. He returned to Swan River with a number of sub-districts which volunteers will work on during the next few months.

**Neepawa:**

I mailed Don McGillivray some information for our Neepawa volunteers and he has kindly arranged a group to tackle some sub-districts on the 1891 census.

By sharing the load we have an opportunity to work on a team project and we can benefit from the expertise of volunteers who live in the area and are familiar with local names.

Not only are branches on board but I have been fortunate to communicate with individuals who have contacted me offering their help with the project. Brian Laxdal is from Toronto and he has Icelandic heritage. As he is familiar with Icelandic names and naming patterns he volunteered to transcribe Gimli. This is complete and he is now working on two other sub-districts with Icelandic families. John Steele has volunteered to work on St. Andrew's and we can take advantage of his knowledge of Scottish family names.

Beth Clark has transcribed two sub-districts and is working on her third. She is enjoying the process and, like many other people, is pleased to help with the project. Bev. Smith, a teacher from Winnipeg, transcribed a sub-district in the first few weeks of July, just to relax after a busy year in the classroom. Assiniboia is now ready for checking. Enid Dorwood a volunteer on Tuesdays at MGS Resource Centre is working on Rockwood and has analyzed some of the information in her sub-district which is printed in this copy of *Generations*. Shirley Snider and Ina Bramadat have taken Dufferin North and Dufferin South and are working on these files. Annette Verniest is working on her home district as she is also familiar with local names. Edna Duff and Eleanor Stardom are contributing to the project and awaiting files which I hope to have ready within the next few days.

We have quite a few volunteers who do not have Manitoba heritage in their family but they are kindly helping us as they have told me how people have been kind to them when searching in other regions, or how they have benefited from indexes which other societies had produced.

**What Do We Need?**

We are doing well, but we would be grateful if there are volunteers who would be prepared to:

- transcribe information, or
- check transcriptions.

Some sub-districts contain German and French names in addition to other ethnic groups, assistance from individuals who can read these names easily would also be appreciated.

Thank you so much to everyone who has expressed interest in this project and has offered us help. We are very grateful and we are pleased to accept. Please do not leave an ongoing project to transcribe the census. Yes we need you, but we do not wish to cause problems for those who are leading established projects for MGS.

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**From The South West Branch**

by Beth Wall

We are really very sad to report the death of our past Treasurer LLoyd Duncalfe, MGS 2253, who passed away suddenly in February while vacationing in Victoria, B.C. Sympathy is extended to his widow Sheena MGS4279A and family. Sheena and Lloyd celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last August at Minndosa Beach and several of us were happy to be there with them.

On a happier note, we are extremely pleased to report that Meta McCulloch, MGS 132, a charter member of the South West Branch, will celebrate her 100th birthday at Souris, MB on August 20th, 2006. For many years, Meta's home in Souris was the scene for the windup potluck supper in June for the South West Branch. Several of us will join Meta at her special afternoon on the 20th and we will be carrying the good wishes of all MGS members as this special lady celebrates a very special birthday.

## **News from the Family Records Centre, London England**

The July newsletter of the Family Records Centre London England has arrived and carries some disappointing information for family historians planning to visit London. The National Archives has offered family history services at Myddelton House for some years. These services include: census indexes, 1841-1901; nonconformist records; estate records; index to wills from 1858 to the mid twentieth century; on-line indexes; maps; directories; displays; presentations and friendly advice. The staff and the records will be transferred to the National Archives site at Kew by the end of 2008.

On the ground floor of Myddelton House is the Office of National Statistics which contains Birth, Marriage and Death indices from July 1, 1837 to the present time. There are no plans to relocate this resource although it is expected the records will be available in digitized form in due course.

Genealogists may wish to plan future vacations to England which include a visit to the National Archives at Kew. Other local points of interest include Kew Gardens and the refurbished Royal Palace

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**Correction:** In the last issue, June 2006, an error occurred on page 18. In the report on the book *Report of Public Archives*, the MacKenzie Rebellion of 1837 was called the "Riel" Rebellion. Our apologies to our readers & Mr. Riel!!

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## **Transcribing the 1891 Manitoba Census**

by Enid Dorward #4502

When Elizabeth Briggs came into the MGS library one day with folders of pages from the 1891 Manitoba census to be transcribed, I was intrigued, and decided to give it a try. I took Lisgar District 6, Subdistrict Rockwood "J". The enumerator for this district was Thos. Holloway. He began his task on April 6 and completed it on May 14, 1891. He had one day off per week. He enumerated 5 to 10 households per day; a total of 224 households altogether.

Almost all the families were of British origin, and almost all were farmers. There were two masons, a few teachers, one minister, two engine drivers, and a number of farm labourers. One farm had three farm labourers; the youngest farm labourer in the district was only 14 years of age. A significant number of families, although of British origin, came to Manitoba from Ontario. A few came from India, the U.S., Iceland and the Maritimes. Almost none of the adults were born in Manitoba.

It is interesting to speculate about the circumstances of the lives of some of those early Manitoba residents. The most dramatic in this district was a family of eleven, headed by a 21 year old man, Angus McQuarrie, who obviously was responsible for his 10 siblings. The next eldest were Robert (19), Jane (17), Mary (15), then 7 other younger siblings, the youngest being only 5 years of age. No doubt Angus and the 3 eldest siblings raised the younger ones. Angus and Robert were born in Scotland, a few were born in Ontario, and the youngest ones were born in Manitoba. One wonders what became of the parents of this large family. (P.S. I peeked at the 1901 census, and found that Angus and five of his siblings were still living together at that time.)

Three young men, surname Link, were farm labourers on neighbouring farms. Perhaps they were brothers or cousins who came to Manitoba from Ontario together to seek their fortunes. Three other young men with different surnames, all single and in their 20s, also worked on neighbouring farms. Were they friends who had come to Manitoba at the same time?

It was quite common for families to have 5 to 8 children. Names that parents bestowed on their children are interesting to think about. Many followed the custom of naming children after the parents (and probably grandparents). There were many Williams, Johns, Elizabeths and Marys. There were also some very unusual names, such as Diademia, Annwick, Sapronia (female) and Eppineates, Faithful, Royal and Lataty (male). One

couple had a daughter Frances (16) and another daughter Fannie (5); they also had daughters Ellen and Elenora. Some names were oddly spelled, e.g. Ethel, Arther, Harret, Ratchel, Jennet. Did the parents use these spellings, or did Enumerator Holloway misspell them?

Working on the transcription of the census gave me a greater understanding of the reasons so many errors appear on census reports! Transcribing a census can be frustrating (and hard on the eyes) when images and/or handwriting are difficult to read, and when names are misspelled, but it is also fascinating to try to imagine what the lives of these early Manitobans were like.

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### **MGS Garden Party II Fundraiser and Garage Sale**

Co-Chairs: Mary Bole, MGS #884 and Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L, for the Library Committee. Garage Sale Chair: Jim Rutherford, MGS #2632

The Garage Sale, masterminded by Jim Rutherford, was held June 17, 2006 at Winnipeg Beach. Jim also reran it the following weekend before delivering the remaining items to a local fundraising effort. He reported income close to last year's total, about \$620.00. Well done Jim!!

July 15, 2006 found almost 40 members and friends enjoying garden viewing, entertainment and refreshments at MGS' second Garden Party. And BRAVO to the three members who arrived with walkers; they included Edith Bjornson, MGS #392, who will be 90 on her next birthday!

Before we listened to another fine "encore performance" from the three "Matchstalk Men" (yes, Peter, David, and Byron were willing to return) we were treated to violin, guitar, and song from two "new" performers: Sheila Burland and Trish Gould. The ladies even rewrote "Five Foot Two" with a genealogical twist just for us. Thank you, all five of you - everyone enjoyed your music.

Fewer tickets were sold this year so the revenue was less than last year's, about \$380.00.

Once again, a big MGS THANK YOU to all who shared in the work, whether donating items for the events or working at them.

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