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Deadlines: March 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1. Please give appropriate credit when reprinting excerpts.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L

Thank you to Margaret Purdy, MGS #84, who has retired from the United Church Archives Record Transcription project. We appreciate her help. Would someone like to take her place on Tuesday mornings? Call me at 269-1774. MGS has applied for a grant for the actual indexing for Phase I. More later, I hope...

Correction: *Generations*, Vol. 19 #4, Dec. 1994, Genealogical Gleanings, p.9, incorrectly identified *The Banyan Tree* as Cleveland FHS' publication. It should have read E. Yorkshire FHS. My apologies.

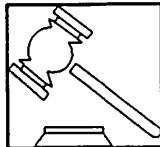
HELP THE LIBRARY ??

Does anyone have a copy of *Canadian Geographic* magazine, May/June 1994? Please call our librarian, Louisa Shermerhorn at MGS, 783-9139.

The library's "Just in Case" file is missing four issues of *Generations*: Vol. 17 #4, [December 1992]; Vol. 18 #,1 [March 1993]; #2 [June 1993]; and #3 [September 1993]. If you care to donate your old copy/copies, call Louisa as above. Thanks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031



So much to do - so few bodies! I hate to open by vying for volunteers, but that's a priority at the moment. People are recognizing us for the valuable source that we have become, and the Resource Centre is being very well used. With this public interest, the requests for our representation at all kinds of events are ongoing. Add to this the new and old special projects, computer possibilities, filing, and assisting members with other committees and you can see how many people it takes to keep things running.

We're thrilled that we do have a few new volunteers - **thank you** - under our wings but we need more. Many members who have been contributing time to our Society for years are looking for the opportunity to volunteer for something different. Take a look at all that the Branches have to offer you and how you can strengthen them. Reciprocate by putting in what you have received.

You'll find vacancy listings in *Generations*, but also keep in mind that many of the Chairmen are "one-man bands" and would welcome the aspect of having a committee to chair.

Please take a moment to see what you might be interested in and keep us growing!



DAUPHIN BRANCH REPORT

Shirley Gray, MGS #2613, Secretary

1995 has been a busy start to the new year. The new Executive started in January:

Past President:	Margaret Scrase
President:	Bonnie Bicklmeier
1st Vice:	Allan Gray
2nd Vice:	John Whitmore
Sec/Treas:	Shirley Gray

Committee Chairs:

Queries:	John Whitmore
Library Holdings:	Jean Tucker
Membership:	Marilyn Strang
Cemetery Trans.:	Evelyn Ayers
Obits:	Eleanor Anderson
Microfiche/film:	Margaret Scrase

The Executive has decided to let the members decide what they would like to have or do at meetings, with a Branch facilitator presenting the material. This has proved to be successful for the first two meetings of the year.

Our January meeting was on Letter Writing. Member Jean Tucker gave a presentation on the Dos and Don'ts of letter writing.

Our February meeting was on the IGI. Member Margaret Scrase gave that presentation. Also our raffle draw was held. The winners were: 1st prize - Lindy Masson, Ste. Rose, 2nd - Francis Fox, Dauphin, 3rd - Lindy Masson, Ste. Rose. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for supporting the Dauphin Branch.

The March meeting will be helping members with problems in their research and a round-table discussion. The Executive is pleased with the turn out we have been getting and the response has been quite good.

Get well wishes are extended to Evelyn Ayers who is a patient in the Dauphin Hospital.



EAST EUROPEAN BRANCH REPORT

Les Recksiedler, MGS #2139, President

Until recently there has been very little information specifically on church records available from Volhynia [presently in the Ukraine, Russia]. This is changing with contacts in the local archives, village tours and church records from the state archives in Warsaw, Poland and St. Petersburg, Russia. Of major consequence is the extent of the St. Petersburg Records. The records of the St. Petersburg Consistory of the Lutheran Church in Russia start in 1833 and end in 1917. This covers the period of time that most

of the German Volhynians who settled in Canada would be interested in. The records also cover the Black Sea Area and other parts of Russia. I personally thank Mr. Howard Krushel of Calgary for all his help with these records and especially with my own family ancestry.

There are two good articles on Volhynia in *Germans from Russia Heritage Society Heritage Review*, Dec. 1994. They are: "How Far Away What Was Once Mine Memories of Wolhynia" by Friedrich Rink, translated by J.M. Richley, and "What the Wolhynian Germans Experienced in Polish Volhynia Between the Two World Wars, 1918-1939" by Kleindienst, translated by J.M. Richley.

There are several tours planned to visit villages in the "Old Country". Some known ones are:

1. Member Mel Bergstresser, 16 Glengarry Drive, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2J6, along with Allegro Travel, has arranged a village tour of Volhynia for July ??, 1995. For details see Mel or Allegro Travel.

2. Member Howard Krushel, 136 Silver Springs Drive, Calgary AB, T3B 3G4, along with MIR Corporation, 85 South Washington St., Suite 210, Seattle WA 98104, has arranged a village tour of Volhynia, May 26 to June 9, 1995 for Western Volhynia. Howard is being joined by George Maser. Don Miller is arranging a tour of Eastern Volhynia September 20, to October 4, 1995.

3. A Fall, 1996 tour of Bukovina is planned by the Bukovina Society of the Americas, P.O. Box 1083, Hays KS 67601.

Computers are fast becoming an alternative method of communicating with fellow genealogists. What has spurred this on is the connection to Local Area Networks or LANs, as they are called, and their connection to the INTERNET. The Internet is where LANs in different areas can be accessed. Anyone with access to the Internet can find and download any data that is available. Recently member John Laporte from Beausejour showed me some passenger lists [Germans From Russia] that he had downloaded from Internet. Also, Michael Miller of the Germans from Russia, has started an Electronic Mail, or E-Mail, at the North Dakota State University. This is the start of something which could have a large impact on the way we do genealogy in the future; however at this point in time very little is available yet.

Much is known about the Latter Day Saints [LDS] or Mormons' microfilming activities in Russia and Poland. However, recently I was pleased to learn that they are also filming in Slovakia and Hungary.

Branch Update:

Members Brian Lenius, Past President, and Lech Galezowski, have given excellent presentations on their trip to Poland and the Ukraine [Galicia] at the December

and January meetings. A lot of information and contacts have been established with the archives there and will be published in future issues of the journal.

For the February meeting we visited the Family History Centre [LDS] at 45 Dalhousie Drive and were given an overview by George Glenn, of the facilities available.

With approval from Revenue Canada for tax-exempt status, the Branch will issue income tax charitable donation receipts for branch fees in this issue of the journal. Please take note and advise us if you did not receive your receipt. If you have just sent in your money in the last two to three weeks it may not arrived in time for this journal so it will be included in the next one.

At the February branch meeting our membership/subscribers [Dave Olinyk, Membership] notes 80+ members - well on our way to our target of 175 members for the calendar year.

Our financial situation [Elaine Chadney, Treasurer] is very good at this time because of all the renewals coming in and we have approximately \$1,000.00 in the bank.

Chris Radons, Vice President & Correspondence, reports a large amount of correspondence, including renewals.

Mavis Menzies, Librarian, is interested in suggestions of books for the Library. Dymetro Demedash and Clarence Spelchek have volunteered to keep up the resource binders.

Upcoming Branch Meetings: NOTE DATES AND TIMES.

March 15, 1994, Wednesday at 7:00 pm
885 Notre Dame Street, Winnipeg

Edward Kowalchuk will discuss his research on records in the Riding Mountain/Dauphin area, including land records and Ukrainian Family links.

April 19, 1995, Wednesday at 7:00 pm
885 Notre Dame Street, Winnipeg

Problem Solving Workshop: Members are urged to bring specifics on their family history 'stumbling blocks'. Suggestions for these 'challenges' will be given by members.

May 17, 1995, Wednesday at 7:00 pm
1175 Main Street, Winnipeg

Field Trip: To the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Manitoba Branch [Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral]. Our guide will be Mrs. Nellie Pawluk and there will be a silver collection taken at the door.

June 21, 1995, Wednesday at 7:00 pm
885 Notre Dame Street, Winnipeg

My Favourite Ancestor: This is a chance for anyone to come and give a brief overview of a favourite ancestor and why that person is his/her favourite.

SOUTH WEST BRANCH REPORT

Lois Forsberg, MGS #2428, Corresponding Secretary



Highlights of the South West Branch over the past three months:

A new slate of officers was elected at our December meeting. In January, in addition to a business meeting, we enjoyed a presentation by one of our members on **Using Church Records**.

Our February meeting took the form of our annual Heritage Dinner, enjoyed by over 50 members. This year we were pleased to have as our recipient of the **Ruth Tester Memorial Award**, one of our long-time dedicated members, **Meta McCulloch**, MGS #132, of Souris, Man. Guest speaker on this occasion was Dr. W. Lee Clark, former History professor and MLA in this area, who gave us his unique perspective on "Why It's Important to Know Who You Are". Also on this occasion we had a very interesting display from Daly House Museum here in Brandon.

Our library collection continues to grow with the addition of several new volumes. We have recently acquired a set of the 1871 Ontario Census Indexes, as well as adding to our newsletter exchange with our Societies. This year marks the sixth year of publication of our newsletter, **Leaf of the Branch**, published quarterly.

SWAN VALLEY BRANCH REPORT

Donna Fox, MGS #1738, Secretary

Branch meetings are held in our office [located in the Town Office building] the second Monday of each month. Please note that our meetings are now held at **7:00pm not 7:30pm**. as in previous years.

Our meetings have been plagued by our winter weather. We were forced to cancel our January meeting due to a blizzard. We have vowed to not schedule a January meeting any longer because it never misses a storm!

However, in February we are charged up and are really going on our own particular research areas. This seems like the perfect time to catch up on our letters, etc. The Swan Valley Society has received quite a few letters of inquiry from all over Canada and we have been kept very busy doing research. We have been surprised by the interest in our area.

We are nearing completion of the computer Index to the **Star & Times** for 1993 and are anticipating the transcribing

of our second half of the Benito Cemetery in spring. We are trying to arrange for a Ukrainian interpreter to accompany us.

We are revising our Library Holdings and rearranging our library shelves to make better use of our space. There will be a general clean-up as we would like to hold another Open House in the near future.

Recently we received a donation of the maps of the LGD of Mountain South [1991] and the LGD of Mountain North [1989]. We hope to pinpoint various cemeteries in this area.

WINNIPEG BRANCH REPORT



Upcoming meetings:

April 30, Sunday, 10:00am, at MGS, unless otherwise notified.

May 18, Thursday, 7:00pm at MGS. Annual General Meeting & elections. Positions are available - please call Joan Whiston, 832-5216 or Jim Bracken, 269-6484.

June: Field trip in planning stage.



OUTREACH REPORT

Submitted by Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031

Volunteers are needed to attend the following:

Display: Garden City Shopping Centre, Seniors Health Fair, Thursday, April 27, 8:30am.-5:00pm.

Organized by: North Winnipeg Cooperative Community Council, for the promotion of Seniors' Independent Living. There is a signup sheet at MGS, or call to volunteer for one of the slots.

Speaker for Transcona United Church Women's Group
Request April 25, 9:30-11:00am.

Call Daryl Dumanski at 668-9366.

Answers to NAME THAT MANITOBA TOWN

See *Generations*, Vol. 19 #4, December 1994, page 31.

1. Austin
2. Gladstone
3. Churchill
4. Portage la Prairie
5. Pine Falls
6. Killarney
7. Carman
8. Stonewall
9. Miami
10. Stony Mountain
11. Holland
12. Onanole
13. Erickson
14. Roblin
15. Carberry
16. Clanwilliam
17. Elkhorn
18. Rapid City
19. Swan Lake
20. Neepawa

5 MOST WANTED LIST

MGS is beginning a **5 Most Wanted List**. This list provides an opportunity for you, as a researcher, or as a friend of the Society, to help in the selection of books, fil, or fiche with a suggestion and donation. You may donate all or part of the cost of any book on the list. As soon as we receive donations to cover the cost of the item of your choice, we will order it. If your cheque arrives after the book of your choice has been ordered, we will apply your donation towards the purchase of the title that appears at the top of the list at the time. You may nominate new titles for the list by simply sending a donation toward the purchase of the book. Please include ordering instructions.

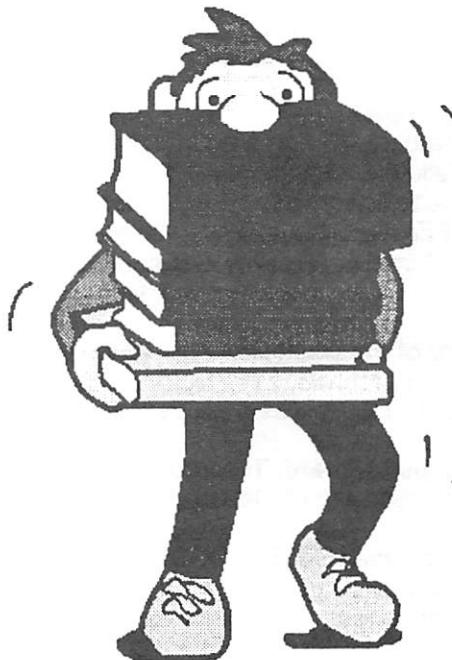
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United Empire Loyalists
by Alexander Fraser. Donated: \$20.00. Cost: \$87.50.

GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS



UPCOMING SEMINARS / TOURS

Ottawa Branch OGS' GENE-O-RAMA, March 24-25, 1995, Nepean City Hall, Nepean, Ontario.

National Genealogical Society conference

May 3-6, 1995. \$110 - \$175. Contact: 1995 NGS Conference, 4527 17th St. N., Arlington VA 22207-239

Ontario Genealogical Society: Seminar '95

May 19-22, 1995, Chatham, Ontario. Many speakers. Contact: Seminar '95, 639 Grand Ave., W., Ste. 101, Chatham, ON N7L 1C5.

Capital Br., New Brunswick Gen. Soc.: Roots '95

Aug. 18-20, 1995. U of NB campus, Fredericton. Researching NB Ancestry. \$45 reg. before Aug. 4; \$50 after. Write: Roots '95, c/o NBGS, Capital Br., PO Box 3702, Station B, Fredericton, NB E3A 5L7.

Genealogical Tour to England

Led by Frank Hawkins, OGS member. Leave Toronto Sept. 22, 1995, 7 nights in London. Call Frank 905/895-8438, or contact: Marlin Travel, Upper Canada Mall, PO Box 32, 17600 Yonge St., Newmarket, ON L3Y 4Z1, 1-800-265-6865.

OTHER HELPS

Winnipeg Cemetery Searches

Winnipeg's large cemeteries, Brookside, St. Vital, and Transcona, are now charging \$7.00 for searches by mail.

Thanks to Lorne Harris, MGS #005.

Colour Photocopies

Winnipeg members will find a coupon in their Manitoba Telephone Yellow Pages, page 49, for a second colour photocopy @.01¢ when the first copy is purchased @ .99¢, from Pronto Printing, 942 Elgin Ave. [Second location on west side of Pembina Highway just south of University Crescent.]

Thanks to Daryl Dumanski, MGS #1031.

Address: City of Vaughan Archives [Ontario]

City of Vaughan Archives, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Maple, ON L6A 1T1. Thanks to Bernice Willerton, MGS #2741.

Kintracers Bulletin Board, Toronto [OGS]

New phone number: 416 / 750-9767. OGS' Newsleaf, Nov. '94.

London & Middlesex Co. Br., OGS

New address: Grosvenor Lodge, 1017 Western Road, London, ON N6G 1G5.

Fegan Homes

Doug Fry, RR#6, Brantford ON N3T 5L8, has the Canadian records of the "Fegan Homes" of England

[1885-1940]. He will look up names in the records for \$2.00 to cover postage etc. OGS' Newsleaf, Nov. '94.

Same-day service on Certificates at Ontario's Office of the Registrar General

Charge is now \$15 per certificate for same-day service, Thunder Bay or Toronto.

Ontario Marriage Registrations 1869-1872

Indexes are being compiled. Volume 1 should be available now with 2-9 forthcoming. Contact: Ontario Indexing, 351 Pommel Gate Crescent, Waterloo, ON N2L 5X7.

OGS' Newsleaf, Nov. '94.

Texas ancestors?

Lloyd Bockstruck, supervisor of the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas, writes a column, "Family Tree", in the *Dallas Morning News*. Send questions to: Family Tree, Today Section, P.O. Box 655237, Dallas, TX 75265.

Association des Morin d'Amérique

Clarence Morin, Penticton, is Western Region Director of the above association - a "one-name society" dedicated to building communication among the descendants of the 16 Morins who came to Canada from France 1640-1761. Yearly fee \$20.00 per individual. For info. in Eng., send SASE to Clarence Morin, Suite 202, 130 Abbott Street, Penticton BC V2A 8P4. For French info, contact: Patrick Morin, L'Association des Morin d'Amérique Inc., C.P. 6700, Sillery PQ G1T 2W2.

The British Isles Family Hist. Soc. of Greater Ottawa New Society

Will assist in research and publishing family histories of people with origins in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, whose ancestors migrated to N.A. and settled in Canada. A newsletter, *Anglo-Celtic Roots* will be published quarterly. Contact: BIFHSGO, PO Box 38026, Ottawa ON K2C 1N0.

Newsflash, FFHS Dec '94.

Colour Photos of Graves of Relatives Lost in WWI, Belgium/N. France

Contact: Brian V. Thomas, 8 Russell Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2BH England. Send SAE plus IRC. Small charge for two 5"x7" colour photos [one close-up, one general view], info. about the cemetery or memorial, and a personal message in the Visitor's Book. Brian may also visit a number of WWII cemeteries in Holland and Germany this summer.

EAGLES Family Books Available

Lambton Co. Br., OGS, P.O. Box 2857, Sarnia, Ontario N7T 7W1, has remaining stock of author Douglas Eagles' books to distribute, preferably to libraries and genealogical societies:

- *A Genealogical History of Long Island [North Grand Pré] Kings Co., N.S. 1977.*
- *Eagles Families of North America, 1982*

- *Lockhart Families of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 1984.*

Each book is \$5.00 + postage of \$3.00 for first item and .75 ea. additional item.

Dauphin [Manitoba] Branch, MGS, Establishing a Surname Index

Please forward name[s] being researched, are being searched and approximate date to: Dauphin Branch, Box 855, Dauphin, Manitoba R7N 3J5. File will be held in the Dauphin Public Library.

Dates of Canadian Censuses

1851: 2 January 1861: 14 August

1871: 2 April 1881: 4 April

1891: 6 April 1901: 31 March

Reflections, Kingston Br. OGS, via Dauphin Br. MGS Newsletter

FFHS News

As of June 16, 1994, the Federation was dissolved as we have known it and reformatted as a company limited by a guarantee, and registered by the Charity Commission as a charity. The takeover of the company became effective Jan. 1, 1995.

It was noted that a huge fire devastated the Norwich Central Library Aug. 1, 1994 - they lost virtually all their book, magazine, map, and tape collections. The archive collection, housed in a fireproof basement vault, was saved although it suffered some water damage. It is not known how long the archives will be withdrawn from the public. Phone for info. [0603 761349]

Shropshire records and Research Unit will be transferring to a new building due to open Apr. 18, 1995. The Record Office will be closed until Apr. 17, and the Local Studies will be closed from Mar. 13 - Apr. 17. After Feb. 28, contact them at 01743 255350. **Westminster City Archives** was due to reopen Jan. 16, 1995 at 10 St. Ann's St., London SW1P 2XR, tel: 0171 798 2180. **John Rylands Library**, Manchester, will be closed for the next few months due to rewiring. Phone for updates: 061 834 5343. The new table of parochial fees has arrived, with prices effective from Jan. 1, 1995. Brenda McConnell, MGS #1344, MGS' FFHS representative, has the copy in the Federation files.

NEW: The Courtenay Society

Registered member of the Guild of One Name Studies. Canadian membership: \$25. Contact the Honorary Corresponding Secretary for Canada: Stuart J. Wright, 498-A Grey Street, Brantford, Ontario N3S 7L4. Phone: 519/758-5338. Internet: stuart.wright@canrem.com Mr. Wright has access to several books of related data to the Courtenay family from its earliest days [pre-Conqueror days in France and the Holy Land, and the associated Crusades, to the current Earl of Devon, etc.].

Association of Professional Genealogists

APG was formed in 1979 by 19 genealogists who wanted to promote genealogy as a profession and professionalism in genealogy. Membership is now over 700 worldwide. Member benefits include the *APG Quarterly*; the *APG Directory of Professional Genealogists*; an arbitration committee which protects both clients and professionals; educational brochures; and participation in lectures, roundtables, luncheons, and receptions at conferences. Membership starts at \$35 per year for individuals. Contact: APG, 3421 M Street N.W., Ste. 236, Washington, DC 20007 or Jodi Cassady, Cassady & Associates, Winnipeg 204/287-2834.

Manitoba Geographical Names Program Honouring War Dead

Volunteers in Manitoba are working on a list of Manitobans who died during WWII. By May 8, the 50th anniversary of the War's end, they hope to have completed the job of naming geographical features after the men & as many of their next of kin will have been notified of the honour. If you can help, contact: Norman Clark at 204/889-4242, Bert Cheffins at 204/837-6179, or Gerry Hom at 204/945-1798 or 945-1032.

FREE Query Service in Stanstead, Québec Newspaper

The Stanstead Journal, Québec's oldest weekly, [1995 is their 150th anniversary] prints genealogical queries which have a connection to the area served by the paper - Southern Québec-Northern Vermont region [the Eastern Townships of Québec & Orleans Co., Vermont]. Write *The Stanstead Journal* at: Box 30, Stanstead, Québec J0B 3E0, or in USA at: Box 491, Derby Line VT 05830-0491. The Archives at the Stanstead Historical Society have copies of almost all past papers & the vital stats., indexed, are available in 5 vols. [1845-1915] from Friends of The Archives Volunteer group. MGS has this information in the Vertical File: Québec.

Irish Tourist Information

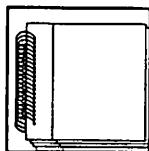
Contact: Irish Tourist Board, Bord Failte, 160 Bloor St. E., Ste. 1150, Toronto Ontario M4W 1B9. Request material for family research. Maps, addresses of libraries, etc. and other info. has been received. For Northern Ireland, write the ITB at 53 Castle St., Belfast, BT1 1GH, N. Ireland.

Nipissing Voyageur, Aug. 1993, via Rooting Around Huron, Huron Co. Br. OGS.

REUNIONS

O'KELLY / KELLY CLAN GATHERING

May 26-28, 1995, Roscommon, Co. Roscommon, Ireland. Lectures, field outings, banquet. Contact: Chris Allen, Tourist Office, Roscommon, Co. Roscommon, Ireland. Telephone: 011-353-903-26342.



PERIODICAL POTPOURRI

Lori Walker MGS #1145, Editor

French periodicals reviewed by Roger André, MGS #1304.

Federation of Family History Society News and Digest reviewed by MGS' FFHS rep. Brenda McConnell, MGS #1344.

FFHS News and Digest, Fall 1994

The BIG R: the British Isles Genealogical Register. [Editor: MGS has a copy - microfiche.] / Consideration of another national project - any ideas? / ?? Offer a camera service for out-of-area members desiring a photo of an ancestor's house, church, etc. / Feature: "Was Your Ancestor a Parliamentarian?" / Threads of Family History needle-work/textile crafts competition: open to members of FFHS [based on OGS' 1994 competition].

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Village of Colerne / Emigration to NZ / Boarded-out children.



CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION NOTICE

ANYONE WHO HAS CEMETERY FIELD WORK OR TYPED TRANSCRIPTIONS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS, PLEASE FORWARD THEM TO THE RESOURCE CENTRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE REVISING CARVED IN STONE AND WANT TO INCLUDE AN INDICATION OF ALL TRANSCRIBED CEMETERIES IN THE REVISION. THANKS!!!

THE VALUE OF PARISH REGISTERS IN RESEARCH

Lori Walker, MGS #1145

I don't know how many people are able to look at Parish Register entries in person or on microfiche, but I recently learned, to my delight, how wonderful they can be to confirm and throw up new family vital stats on family lines.

I have been working on my family history for well over fifteen years, and originally started my information as a child when I discovered my maternal grandmother's record book of her family. In it she had recorded all the names, dates, marriages, etc., of her grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc., including her own children and grandchildren. This book fascinated me as an eleven year old and it was my first clue as to my ancestry and it got me hooked on genealogy. In my grandmother's records, she had listed as her maternal grandparents, a Margaret Burns and a John Stephenson, with death dates, I believe, but little else although she did record where she believed they had been born.

This was my sole start towards my now-extensive research. For years this was the basis for researching my maternal lines, including gathering information from a researcher in England. This researcher had informed me that the Margaret Burns I was interested in was born in Hulleton [near Colton, Lancashire] and that her parents were Robert Burns and Margaret. A cousin who also does research for me in England later sent me Census returns to confirm this information and I also had bits and pieces from other sources over the years.

About three years ago I received a copy of the Colton Register, from another correspondent, which helped me confirm many details and expand my family lines including the Burns and Stephenson families. However, this Register ended in 1812 and both my ancestors had been born after this date. It looked like any confirming information I needed would have to come from Certificates etc. [a more costly way of doing things, when one is on a budget]. Late last year I discovered that the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society had quite an extensive collection of Parish Registers for sale in book form. One of these included the second Colton Register of 1813-1842. I immediately purchased it and it has proven to be a goldmine of information, well worth the cost compared to ordering all of the certificates to match the same information.

On going through this second edition I discovered that John Stephenson had not married Margaret Burns; she had died a spinster at the age of 23 in 1845. John had married a Margaret but she was Margaret Whittam. It was kind of devastating to learn that, after all these years of researching the Burns family, the link was wrong. But there were two bright sides to this discovery - the first



being that the Burns research was not in vain as this same family is also found in another ancestral line, and the fact that I now have a totally new family line - the Whittams - to concentrate on.

I am sure that my grandmother also would have been pleased to know the real names of her grandparents and I feel that she may have assumed the name Margaret Burns, confusing it with her other grandmother - Jane Burns. In conclusion, I just wanted readers to know that if one can get a printed Register, the costs are well worth it, as they are a goldmine of information.

THE VALUE OF DIRECTORIES and CORRESPONDENCE IN RESEARCH

Joyce Elias, MGS #1519L

In 1990 I sent my first entries to the *Genealogical Research Directory [GRD]* and received some queries. However, in 1994 my Ginn entry [Ireland] bore fruit. Another descendant in Ohio sent information on his branch and about two gentlemen he was unable to connect. They were brothers of my great great grandfather Ginn who lived [all his Canadian life] near Blackstock, Ontario! The Ohioan and I have concluded that our ggg grandfathers were brothers and he is now pursuing research in Donegal County, based on our joint collections. So, Directories can be useful, and patience is still a virtue!

During my Hopkins research, [Ireland c1845-Ontario's Grey Co.] I have contacted many relatives. They gave my name to others and I follow any leads with correspondence. Two years ago a letter came from France - another descendant was writing a book. We have exchanged much information [luckily he has a computer database on the families also]. Last year he visited Wicklow County and, with our combined information, was able to determine the Hopkins homeland. This correspondence involved three continents, so readers: keep on writing!

Hazel Runchey, MGS #824, has had good success by writing to libraries: "In 1986 I wrote to the Public Library in Madoc, Hastings Co., Ontario, enquiring if there were any histories or articles in their library about the William Allen family who had settled there in 1828. I received a reply back from a Mrs. Betty Wood who has done research in that area and she did a lot of research for me. One of the most valuable pieces of information she gave me was that a Mrs. Gertrude Louden [since deceased] of Toronto and Mrs. Jean Lye of Sudbury were both researching the same family. I immediately wrote to both of them and Mrs. Loudon sent me the enclosed clipping from the *Toronto Telegram* of Feb. 18, 1933. Mrs. Lye has been a veritable gold mine of information. Every time I receive a letter from her it is a real treasure chest of facts that she has dug up from different newspapers and libraries. . ."

See page 11 for the Allen family story in that newspaper article. In this case, we all get to enjoy the results of Hazel's correspondence.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

George Glenn, MGS #262, FHC Staff Librarian

1881 Census: Great Britain

More microfiche has been received.

England: Buckinghamshire
Westmorland

Scotland: Banffshire
Berwickshire
Bute
Dumfries
Nairn
Roxburghshire
Selkirk



NEYA POWAGANS "MY SPIRIT HELPER"

Métis newsletters written by Geoff Burtonshaw MGS #1895. Excerpted by the Editor and reprinted with the author's permission. A copy of each newsletter is in the MGS Resource Centre.

Newsletter #27

Three and a half pages surname interests.
One page queries.

Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the year.

Article: "What is a 'dit' name?"

Two pages: Good Books from the Readers

Newsletter #28

Two pages each of surname interests and queries.

Article: "The Turtle Mountain Chippewa"

One page of More Good Books.

Some stretch pants have no other choice.

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NOTHING COULD KEEP AN IRISHMAN DOWN !

This article was written by Roy Snider for the *Toronto Telegram*, Feb. 18, 1933, and is shared by Hazel Runchey, MGS #824, who mentions; "The Allens are a large family. They had nine sons and one daughter and they now spread over much of Canada and parts of the U.S. Cliff [Hazel's husband] is descended from their son Samuel." A pedigree chart is on page 13.

CANADA BECKONED AND BOG TROTTERS BECAME THE GREATEST OF WOODSMEN

What Anyone Else Could Do Well, the Madoc Pioneer Could Do Better

Times were bad in Ireland a hundred years ago, and money and food were scarce. It was a chronically recurring condition. Times had been bad and money and food had been scarce at intervals for as long as anyone could remember. But it's hard to keep a good man down, so it is, and what more logical than that Irishmen should migrate to Upper Canada and establish themselves there, where food was plentiful although money was scarcer even than it was in old Erin.

Many a good Irishman came to Montreal in an emigrant ship with nothing more than the stout heart of him, a thick brogue and a bit of bundle of clothes that wasn't enough to dust a fiddle; and worked his way westward to the region that is now Hastings County, Ontario. There to locate himself as best he might, and to chop and grub a farm for himself out of the great woodlands.

Troth, the men didn't come alone. Indeed and indeed, a plenty of them brought their wives and their children with them, and it was no time at all till they had wee settlements started and things were going fine.

Amongst the Irish pioneers of Ontario, and more rightly of Hastings County, was William Allen, who was born in Ireland in the County of Antrim in the year A.D. 1775 on August the twelfth: who came to Canada in 1821 and to the Township of Madoc, Ontario in 1828. And with him came his wife, Easter Allen, who was born an Armstrong, in County Antrim, on Pat's Day, March 17th, 1777.

After them came others of the Allens and by the same token, others of the Armstrongs, and reared their families in the fear of God and with an outstanding ability to take care of themselves creditably in any company, working, fighting or frolicking.

Indomitable Pioneers

The Allen and the Armstrong men were famous in Upper Canada and in Ontario and more especially in Hastings County and on the rivers that debuge to the Bay of Quinte. They were the greatest of the men of the woods and knew

few equals and no superiors at river driving or on the booms and log rafts. When the lumbermen garnered fortunes from the Ontario forests there was never a time when there wasn't a good job ready and waiting for an Allen or an Armstrong. They were the leaders in their rough craft and lumber operators sought them out. And so also did the government when there was need of timber cruisers or cullers and scalers.

The names of the Allens and their kin appear on the payrolls of the Department of Lands and Forests and on the payrolls of the biggest and best of the old time lumber companies: in the books and records of Lingham and the Gilmore Brothers and Rathbun and in the town records of Trenton and Belleville and Deseronto.

It was on March 5th, 1839 that Robert and Nancy Allen at Ballylurgan in County Antrim, wrote a letter to their son, William Allen, at Madoc, Upper Canada, [though knowing no better they addressed the missive to Mayduck instead of Madoc]. The letter took a roundabout route and spent some time on its travels before William received it. The markings and datings on the envelope that held it show that its first acquaintance with Canada seems to have been made at Queenston, and from there it went to Rochester, New York, and was probably sent from there across Lake Ontario to Belleville; for at Belleville it arrived and was sent on from there to Madoc.

The letter was preserved by William Allen and his descendants and is still extant. [Editor: See next page.]

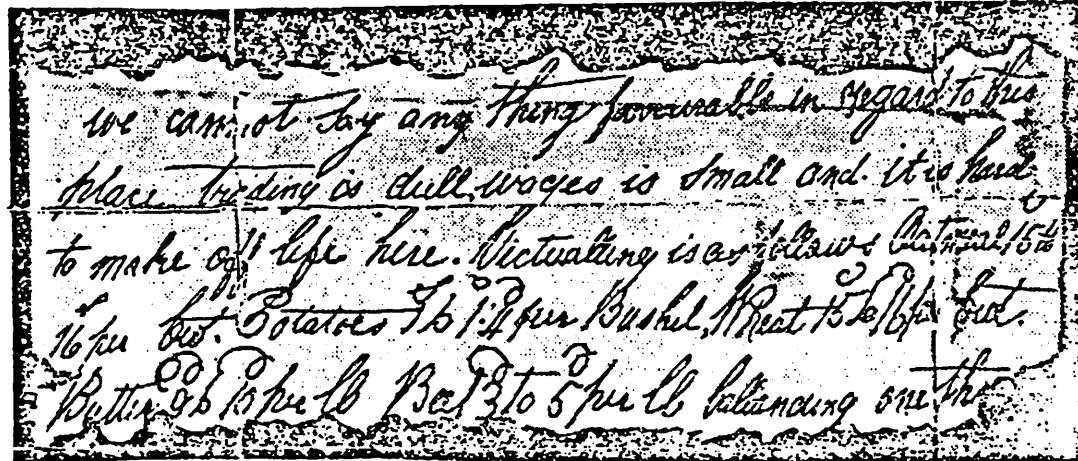
It deals in a commonplace way with the hard times that prevailed in Ireland, 94 years ago, and mentions incidentally that 'trading is dull and wages is small and victualling is as follows: Oatmeal, 15s to 16s per cwt.; potatoes 1s to 1s 4d per bushel; wheat 15s to 16s per cwt.; butter 9d to 10d per pound; beef 5d to 6d per pound.'

Robert and Nancy assert in their letter that they 'cannot say anything favorable in regard to this place' [Ballylurgan] and in an N.B. they remind their son that 'Your father is 87 years old and your mother is 84 years'.

Yes Indeed They Were!

Yes, indeed. Times were hard in Ireland, and the part of sense for any Irishman was to pull up his stakes and go to Canada, if he could.

True for you, a man had to work, and work long and hard, in Canada in those days, for the grubs and duds that he got for himself, but there was abundance of both for the getting. The United Empire Loyalists had entered the country ahead of the Irish and were undismayed by its hardships: and forinst all arguments to the contrary, there was nothing that a Loyalist could do well that an Irishman couldn't do better, and that was that.



Excerpt from the old folks' letter, 1839

There was game in the forests for the catching and skinning and dressing of it and fish in the lakes and streams and maple sugar and berries and wild fruit and nuts for the taking. A man had his own choice of the best timber in the world to use in building a cabin. Title to lands was free for the slight fuss of walking into the registrar's office and recording it and as soon as one got a bit of a patch of ground cleared of trees and their stumps, he could plant it in potatoes and grain with the assurance that it would yield a large and plenteous crop.

The ashes of the countless cords of choicest hardwood that one burned in clearing his land could be reduced to potash which was a most desired item of barter although it could not be disposed of for cash. The potatoes and root crops could be traded for tea and molasses and salt and the like; and millers tolls were paid in grain, so one really had his flour and meal for the growing of wheat and corn, with a bit taken for the work of grinding it.

Clothes in The Wilds

It was small trouble to get all the deerskin that any man might need and it made the best of gloves and mitts and jackets and neeps; and presently the settlers had sheep pasturing in the clearings and parks, and milk cows and oxen and pigs and fowls in the pens and they were well away for prosperity and good times.

They could card and spin their own wool for the clothes that they wore and having all the butter and eggs that they needed, and more, they could trade some of both for tinware and cotton and odds and ends that they couldn't produce themselves.

The skill and great, strapping strength of them that they gained in clearing their lands stood them in good stead when lumbering operations started on a commercial scale, and the men were always sure of steady work and good pay [the same running as high as twelve dollars a

month and board and constantly increasing till a figure of thirty dollars a month was reached in the later generations] in the bush in the winter and on the River Moira or the Trent or Black Creek in the spring; to say nothing of the opportunities that developed later on for those that wanted to work all summer on the booms at Belleville, or Trenton or Deseronto, or in the saw mills.

Times were hard in Ireland a hundred years ago, but it was just as impossible to keep a good man down then as it is now -- and that's why the Irish settled Hastings so it is.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



MGS welcomes nominations of members for Executive positions of the Society [see inside front cover], also suggestions for Committee Chairs. The Nominations Committee will contact each nominee before his/her name is printed on a ballot. **Deadline: May 31, 1995.**

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Pedigree Chart: ALLEN to RUNCHEY

			16-----
	8 William RUNCHEY-1-----		
	B: Abt 1803		
	P:,,,Ireland	17-----	
	M: --1		
	P:,,,Ireland		
	D: 21 Sep 1883		
	P: Kincardine, O,Canada	18-----	
4 William RUNCHEY-4-----			
B: 24 Jun 1842			
P:,,,Ireland			
M: 2 Nov 1870 --2			
P: Tiverton,,Ontario,Canada			
D: 27 Feb 1918			
P: Crandall,,Manitoba,Canada			
2 William Allan RUNCHEY-17-----			
B: 8 Oct 1886			
P: Kincardine,,O,Canada			
M: 23 Jun 1914 --3			
P: Lavinia,,Manitoba,Canada			
D: 14 Jul 1930			
P: Lavinia,,Manitoba,Canada			
5 Elizabeth ALLEN-9-----			
B: 9 Nov 1853			
P: Madoc,,Ontario,Canada			
D: 28 Jul 1927			
P: Crandall,,Manitoba,Canada			
10 Samuel ALLEN-43-----			
B: 20 Dec 1819			
P:,,Co Antrim,Ireland			
M: 24 Dec 1841 --9			
P: Madoc,Hastings Co,,Canada			
D: 7 Jun 1867			
P: Madoc,Hastings Co,,Canada	22-----		
11 Rachel ADAMS-44-----			
B: 1824		23-----	
P:,,Ontario,Canada			
D: 5 Dec 1893			
P: Sutton,,Nebraska,U.S.A.			
12 William LIEF-73-----			
B: 1 May 1824			
P:,,Lincolnshire,England			
M: 4 Mar 1858 --13			
P: York Co,Ontario,Canada			
D: 26 Nov 1906			
P: Hamiota,,Manitoba,Canada			
13 Mary Elizabeth WOODLAND-74-----			
B: 19 Apr 1842			
P: Lyme Regis,,D,England			
D: 30 Mar 1930			
P: Hamiota,,Manitoba,Canada			
14 James GUNNING-83-----			
B: 12 Nov 1831			
P: Shepton Mallet,,S,England			
M: 12 Nov 1855 --15			
P: London twp,MC,Ontario			
D: 5 Apr 1914			
P:,,Ontario,Canada	30-----		
7 Eleanor Ann GUNNING-67-----			
B: 2 Oct 1856			
P: Blanshard,,Ontario,Canada			
D: 13 Jul 1916			
P: Hamiota,,Manitoba,Canada			
15 Maria SEVIOUR-84-----			
B: 17 Jul 1834/1835		31-----	
P:,,,England			
D: 27 Oct 1887			
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PRAIRIE PROVINCE BIBLIOGRAPHY: PEEL

Mary Bole, MGS #884

A *Bibliography of the Prairie Provinces to 1953 with Biographical Index*, compiled by Bruce Braden Peel. Toronto : University of Toronto Press, c1956, c1973. The bibliography, compiled in 1953, is of books and pamphlets relating to the Prairie Provinces.

"The collection includes accounts by early explorers and early transcontinental tourists, pamphlets on the Canadian Pacific Railway, British blue books relating to the Prairie Provinces, early Canadian Sessional Papers, fiction with a prairie locale, poetry by prairie poets on any subject and adult poets writing about the prairies, and ethnic writing."

For anyone researching ancestors in the prairie provinces, Peel's Bib is a most valuable tool. Not only does the Elizabeth Dafoe Library at the University of Manitoba have the bibliography in book form, it has microfiche copies of nearly all of the books contained therein. [10,000+ fiche.]

There are two or three copies of this book at the Dafoe Library. The most useful, on the bookcase in the Microform Room, is marked as to which books are available in the microfiche collection, and which are duplicated somewhere else in the library. Call # is REF Z 1392 .P4.

The first time Peel's Bib is used, it is necessary to take time to study the whole book. The list of books and pamphlets

is arranged chronologically and each is assigned a number. Of more use is the Subject Index starting on page 477. This takes some work to understand, eg., the Red River Settlement is assigned the letter G and number 526. Ignore the G, turn to p. 526 and find the list of all the books which deal with that subject, then go back to the beginning of the book with the numbers used on p. 526. For example:

30 Selkirk, Earl of:

Return to the beginning of the book and look for #30 for the complete reference. If a microform exists it will tell you.

The next step is to locate the actual copy of the book. The microfiche are located in two drawers of cabinet #113, [not in 110 as stated in the bib] and about half way down the cabinet. Go to number 30 and pull out the microfiche.

An example of what may be found: I was looking for a doctor in Edmonton. I checked the Subject headings under Alberta and found:

2878 Blue, J. Alberta Past and Present,
Historical and Biographical, 1924.

I took out the 16 fiche numbered 2878, and after a time found, on page 316, Wilfred Albert Wilson. He was born at Carleton Place, Ontario in 1874...his parents were Joseph and Martha [Patterson] Wilson...Joseph was born there in 1844, married in 1867 and died 1888...Martha died in 1922...W.A. Wilson married 20 Oct 1911 at Ottawa to Miss Edith P. Tait, daughter of Robert Tait from London, Ontario.

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ARE THESE YOUR ANCESTORS?

Kathy Stokes, MGS #125

The Portage la Prairie Home for Incurables, as it has been called in the past, has been a part of Manitoba history for a very long time, serving various roles over the years. In September 1890, the *Winnipeg Tribune* has a word picture of just what the Home was like at that time.

"It is a handsome building on the outskirts of Portage, situated on a slight elevation and has all the modern conveniences for health and comfort. Mr. Young is the obliging superintendent and the matron is Mrs. Cowan, a lady with a fund of sympathy, just the person to minister to the sick.

The most pitiful case at the home is that of little Jimmy Matler whose back was broken by a fall when he was a baby. His limbs are useless and his four years of life have been long and tortuous ones. Jimmy's mother died when he was an infant, but he has brothers and other relatives in Manitoba.

Mrs. Brooks is the victim of hip disease caused by having been thrown from a wagon. She came from England about four years ago and settled in the Moosomin area. Her two year old son is growing up without the tenderness and guiding power of a mother's love. The other patient in the women's ward, Julia Dobson, was injured in Germany before coming to Canada in 1888. She has no relatives in this country.

The men who occupy the men's ward are wracked with pain, and physicians have pronounced them incurable. Alexander MacKay, a Canadian, 40 years old, unmarried, is bound to the Home for the rest of his life because of asthma. He is a blacksmith by trade and worked in Huron Co., Ont. and Manitoulin Island. Richard J. O'Leary, 43 years old, from Cork, Ireland, left there in 1865 and worked in Boston and Dakota before coming to Canada in 1878. Rheumatism caused his health to fail, and after expending all his capital on doctors, he arrived at the Portage home a year ago.

John A. Macdonald, a farmer, says all he needs is a 'Sir' to make him illustrious. He is 27 and hails from St. Mary's, Ont. In 1885 he married Miss Rembar? who died, leaving him with a little girl, now being cared for by grandparents in Minnesota. In 1887, John received spinal injuries in an accident in Galveston, Texas and managed to work for a while, but lately has been in pain and unable to hold a job. He hopes to be free ultimately from his paralysis.

John S. Masters, an Englishman, 39, came to Canada about seven years ago and was injured in a railway construction accident. The waters of Banff failed to heal him and he is now paralysed from mid-back to feet. Sixty one year old Hugh McKay, from Nova Scotia, suffers from rheumatism. A widower with grown children in Ontario, he does not expect to be cured. George Wilson, 50, an Englishman from Stratford-on-Avon is paralysed down the left side.

The remaining two inhabitants of the ward, J.S. Wetherell and Harry Corbett, are both old-timers in Manitoba, Harry having decided to live here because he has no home of his own in Portage, and he knows he will be well-treated at the Home."

The 'insane' wards were not visited by the reporter on this occasion. Nonetheless, this article does give a snapshot of the Home, and what was considered incurable by the doctors of 1890.



A CROMWELLIAN SETTLER MAKES AN IRISH TESTAMENT

From 'My Clonmel Scrapbook', compiled by James White, Dundalgan Press, Dundalk, Ireland. Seen in OGS' Families, Vol. 20, #1, 1981.

"I, John Langley, born at Wincanton, in Somersetshire, and settled in Ireland in the year 1651, now in my right mind and wits, do make my will in my own handwriting. I do leave all my house, goods, and farm at Black Kettle of 253 acres to my son, commonly called 'Stubborn Jack', to him and his heirs forever, provided he marries a Protestant, but not Alice Kenrick, who called me 'Oliver's Whelp'. My new buckskin breeches and my silver tobacco stopper with 'J.L.' on the top I give to Richard Richards, my comrade, who helped me off at the storming of Clonmel when I was shot through the leg. My said son John shall keep my body above ground six days and six nights after I am dead; and Grace Kenrick shall lay me out, who shall have for so doing five shillings. My body shall be put upon the oak table in the brown room, and fifty Irishmen shall be invited to my wake and every one shall have two quarts of the best aqua vitae, and each one oneskein, dish and knife before him, and when the liquor is out nail up the coffin, and commit me to the earth whence I came. This is my last will; witness my hand this 3rd of March, 1674."

John Langley

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A professor is someone who talks in other people's sleep.

Colin Dawes, Seminar '95

McELWAINES, COUNTY CAVAN, IRELAND

Pat Moreau, MGS #2533

Growing up in Winnipeg, I never gave much thought to my family's history. I understood my roots were in Scotland. My father, Archie McElwain, his two brothers and two sisters were born in Glasgow. His mother, my grandmother, was from Sutherlandshire. After World War 1, my father followed his brothers and sister to Canada and settled in Winnipeg.

Among my father's papers was a tie to Ireland; a tiny photograph of a young lady taken in Ireland c1915. Written in a neat hand on the back was the message "With love to cousin Archie". When I started my search nearly three years ago, finding her identity was a challenge.

My grandparents were married in Glasgow. Perhaps the 1891 Census would be a good starting point. On my first search I found them with their first three children. I learned that my grandfather, John James McElwain, was born in Ireland; his age indicated too early for civil registration.

The IGI listed a John McIlwain, b.1857 in County Down; right name and right year. Also, I knew my grandfather had been with The Scots Guards and I reasoned his military records might hold the information needed.

I sent an enquiry to the Ministry of Defence, Middlesex, England. They passed my request to The Record Office in York and from there to the Headquarters of The Scots Guards in London. Within a month's time, they mailed a photocopy of his records, along with a form letter that stated... "these records are very old and some details may have faded over the years, however I am sure you will find the records very interesting."

Whatever the reason, the date of birth is not a question asked of the recruit. The enlistee's age is shown in years and months. I was now able to determine that my grandfather was born in June 1857. Finding his physical description at time of enlistment was a bonus, but most important was the family information contained in these records. John James McElwain was born in the Parish of Killinkere, near the Town of Bailieboro, in County Cavan. This eliminated the John McIlwain b. Co. Down. Next of kin was his father, George, of Gradusson, Ireland. Eventually, I was to learn that Gradusson was the name of the Townland, or Greaghadossan [Greagh a dosain -- Moor of the little bush] area 557 acres. My great-grandfather, George, had a small holding, just over ten acres.

County Cavan is served weekly by *The Anglo-Celt*, billed as Ireland's Leading Provincial Newspaper. The editor will print letters of enquiry from those searching for their roots. Several months after writing, my letter appeared, with no results. Research sources also recommended a look at

The Heart of Breifne, an annual journal about traditions, legends and folklore of mid-Cavan. A letter to the editor, Mrs. Anna Sexton, again went unanswered. Luck was with me. Mrs. Sexton passed my letter to a local oral historian, Mr. John Lynch of the Townland of Beagh in Cavan.

Mr. Lynch is well known in the area for his knowledge of the inhabitants, past as well as present. Without his help, I may never have found my roots. After several months of correspondence John wrote, "I think I have got to the bottom of your problem" and put me in touch with several cousins in the Ballieborough area.

It wasn't long before my sister and I were planning a trip to Ireland. We were heading into the Republic, to Co. Cavan which forms the heart of Ireland's central lakelands. I had been told that August was not the best time to do ancestor hunting in Ireland. Most people are away on vacation, including ministers, making church records unavailable. Eventually we settled on two weeks in September, with one week in Dublin and one in Cavan.

Dublin city, with a population of over one million, is twice the size of Winnipeg. With the absence of high-rise buildings, the downtown area retains its old-world charm. We had accommodation near Stephen's Green, part of Georgian Dublin, a real oasis in the heart of the city. We were within walking distance of most record/archive buildings, as well as Trinity College, the Bank of Ireland and Dublin's most fashionable Grafton Street. Dublin pubs are crowded and full of activity but have one drawback. Non-smoking areas are not set aside in Dublin's public places, making the pubs off-limits for non-smokers. We found the Irish very friendly and before we knew it we were in conversation with them, usually starting with the weather. They are interested in visitors and will do what they can to help.

During the planning stage of this visit to Ireland, I wrote to the *Genealogical Office* on Kildare St. to take advantage of their consultancy service. They made an appointment for the day after our arrival. The genealogist was very helpful, providing us with the Ancestry Tracing Research Pack, advising what records were available for Cavan, as well as directing us to the main research centres in Dublin.

We spent one day at *The National Archives* on Bishop St. It is open Monday to Friday, 10 am to 5 pm. Archives are available for readers between 10 am to 12:45 noon and 2 pm to 4:30 pm. The most-frequently used archives formerly held in the Public Record Office at The Four Courts have been moved to Bishop Street, as well as archives formerly held in the State Paper Office in Dublin Castle. For the time being, some archives remain at The Four Courts, one being Wills 1900-73. A copy of these wills is produced the following day by 1pm. I arranged to have my copies mailed to Winnipeg.

The General Register Office on Lombard Street is open Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 noon and 2:15 pm to 4:30 p.m. I obtained photocopies of birth, marriage and death registrations for £1.50 each, with the appropriate volume and page numbers. This service is available by post for the same price, plus postage. Without the reference numbers the cost is £3 each.

At the Valuation Office on Ely Place I obtained several copies of the 1836 Ordnance Survey Maps that outline the Townland boundaries as well as the individual farm holdings. Also shown on these maps is the corresponding survey number concerning Griffith's Primary Valuation of Ireland. From these maps I was able to locate the ten-acre farm of my ancestors and later to visit it.

We set aside a day for a visit to the National Library on Kildare Street. The hours of operation are Monday 10 am to 9 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 2 pm to 9 pm, Thursday and Friday 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday 10 am to 1 pm. However, our planned visit on a Thursday was cut short. At 10 am we found a note taped to the door that stated the library would not open that day until 2:30 pm, allowing us just over two hours for research.

A first-time visit to these national archive holdings can be rather overwhelming and intimidating and the long lunch-hour closings make for a shortened search. Having a knowledgeable researcher along as a guide would be a great help. Nevertheless, on my own, I was able to find a fair amount of information.

In conversation with a friendly taxi driver in Dublin, I commented about the colour of the leaves in the Fall season. In his most diplomatic way, the driver suggested it may be better to refer to the season as Autumn, rather than Fall. After all, I wouldn't want to refer to the Fall of my Life, would I?

Over 100 years ago, The McElwains were well established in Cavan. In Griffith's there were over two dozen in the Bailieborough area. The lack of a surviving census makes it almost impossible to sort out their relationship to one another; father and son, uncle and nephew, or any relation at all. The cousins we met weren't able to shed much light on this subject nor did they seem the least bit interested. I'm sure some of them thought we were daft.

Nevertheless, this was more than a visit. It was a homecoming. After getting acquainted with new-found relatives, they treated us to their wonderful Irish hospitality. They took us, complete strangers, into their homes, drove us around the uncrowded, lake-dotted countryside, and to burial grounds where they waited patiently while we recorded with pen and camera. The most helpful genealogical information came from these grave markers. Again, luck was with us. Sunny skies and

moderate temperatures combined to make the outings pleasant and enjoyable.

Shortly before our visit to Ireland, we learned our grandparents had left Glasgow in 1917 and retired to Cavan. They bought *Cream Cottage*, a small two-storied house on the busy Dublin-to-Cavan road at Billis, not far from Bailieborough. This location is now a quiet side road, bypassed in the intervening years by a much larger roadway. A tentative knock on the door brought the present occupant Bobby Jameson. With a characteristic Irish welcome, Bobby invited us in for a chat. We spent over an hour visiting and he showed us the Deed to the property, which revealed some history of the cottage. Though this was our first time in Ireland, they referred to us as having '*come home*'. Someone suggested that I come home and buy *Cream Cottage*. Dream on.

Eventually we got to meet my correspondent John Lynch, and his wife Rose. I took a small voice recorder with me. We spent a day with them, listening to and recording John's stories of the people who lived in the area so many years ago. John took us to the location of our ancestor's farm in Greaghadossan, a moving experience indeed, even though there were no buildings left.

Rev. Florence Taylor, who ministers to three Presbyterian congregations in the area, allowed us the privilege of searching the records of four churches in her possession. One of these records contained baptisms back to 1750. This record I have not seen mentioned in any publication.

Ina McElwaine invited us to her home for an evening's visit and shared with us her collection of photos, wedding announcements, memorials, etc. Over the years, they were saved by her father-in-law, Henry McElwain, my grandfather's brother. Among these treasures was a photograph of four young children with their parents, taken in Glasgow [Editor: cover photo]. The age of the youngest child, plus style of clothing, placed the date c 1895 [before the birth of my father]. We soon recognized this as a photo of my grandparents and their family.

Another photograph of a family group, taken c1915 in Glasgow, showed parents with nine adult children. In this photo I recognized the unnamed young lady who had written a message on the back of her photo to my father so many years ago. Since my return, I have learned this is the family of another brother, Samuel. I may never learn the young lady's first name but I will keep searching.

Ireland has a magic all its own, as do the Irish people. Being able to explore that part of Ireland where my ancestors lived has answered many questions for me. It has been one of the best history lessons a person could have. You could not find a better place to visit, with or without Irish roots.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Mary Bole, MGS #884

Bibliographies are lists of books. The following article discusses some bibliographies found at Elizabeth Dafoe Library at the University of Manitoba. They are of unlimited value to genealogists. Once you know that a book exists on your ancestor, town, occupation, topic, all you need to do is locate it. Perhaps it will even be at that library, or you may have to order it on Interlibrary Loan [ILL].

In the following article the call number of the books is placed in square brackets.

National Library Bibliographies

Perhaps the best and most often neglected bibliographies are those of the National Libraries. Most countries, by law, demand that one or two copies of every book published in that country be deposited in the National Library.

Next time you are at the Dafoe library walk straight past the Reference Desk to the back and turn right. Along the walls are 746 volumes entitled *National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints*, published by Mansell in 1969. [Z 1215 N37] These volumes are often just referred to as Mansell.

The *National Union Catalog* is a listing, by author, of all the books housed at the Library of Congress [LC] in the United States, their national library. Not only does it give a listing of the LC holdings but also lists other libraries in which the books may be found.

For example:

Beckwith, Paul Edmond, 1848-1907.
"The Beckwiths." By Paul Beckwith ... Albany,
N. Y., J. Munsell's sons, 1891.
384 p. col. pl. 23^{mo}.
The author promises a continuation of the "History of the American
Beckwiths".

1. Beckwith family (George Beckwith, 16067-1676)
Library of Congress CS71.B438 1891 8-26121

NB 0243104 DLC WaS CoD PHI MWA MH MB

The author is Paul Beckwith [1848-1907], the book entitled *The Beckwiths* was published in 1891. It has 384 pages with colour plates and tells about the American line of the family.

The list of codes at the bottom tells where the book can be found.

DLC US Library of Congress
WaS Seattle Public Library

CoD Denver Public Library
PHI Historical Society of Pennsylvania
MWA American Antiquarian Society in Worcester
MH Harvard University
MB Boston Public Library

Unfortunately CaMWU [University of Manitoba] was not listed as a source but BRIDGE [the online catalog] was consulted and a copy was found at the Dafoe Library. [Microfiche FC 16 C105 #8694]

Don't stop your search with the Pre-1956 Imprints, because the *National Union Catalog* continues with updates. 1956-1967, 125 volumes [Z1215 N372]; 1968-1972 104 volumes [Z 1215 .N38]; 1973-1977, 135 volumes [Z 1215 .N38] etc.; finally in 1983-1994 on Microfiche in the same area.

Please keep in mind that the lists are by author only, so a book written about your family by an author of another name may not be located. However, when an author doesn't exist, a place may be used as an author. For example a cemetery recording or parish record may be listed under the name of the town.

An example [using an ancestor of mine] of what has been found: Charles Dibdin was born in 1745 in England and died there in 1814. He was an actor, wrote music and books. Not expecting to find much in the U.S. catalog, I tried nevertheless.

I found eight pages of reference to the family, with approximately twenty cards per page by or about him housed in the Library of Congress. Just going through that list I discovered:

- 1) *The English Pythagoras [1808]*
Inscribed [inside front cover]: This first [?] book is presented to Mrs. Dibdin by her truly affectionate husband C. Dibdin.
- 2) *The professional life of Mr. Dibdin*
Embellished with an elegant engraving by Mr. Smith, from a portrait of Mr. Dibdin, a striking likeness...

A letter [and money] sent to the Photoduplication Department of the Library of Congress will get his signature and photograph.

Other National Bibliographies found in the same area *Accessions List South Asia*. New Delhi, India and Karachi, Pakistan. 1981-1993. Includes cumulative author, title and subject indexes. [Z 3185 L52a]

Biblio, 1935+. Appears to be a collection of all French books published anywhere in the world in a given year. [Z 2165]



Bibliographie du Québec, 1821-1967. Arranged by author and subject. [Z 1392 Q3]

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British National Bibliography, 1950+. A subject list of the new British books published in 1950+, based upon the books deposited at the Copyright Office of the British Museum and classified according to the Dewey Decimal Classification with full author, title and subject indexes. 1950-1980, book format, 1980-1993 microfiche. [Z 2001 B75]

Canadiana, 1867-1994. Canada's National Bibliography.

Catalogue Général des livres imprimés de la Bibliothèque Nationale. Paris, France. Arranged by author, 231 volumes. [Z 2165 A43]

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Gesamtverzeichnis des Deutschsprachigen Schrifttums, 1700-1910. Microfiche [Z 2221 G469].

Indian National Bibliography. Central Reference Library, India, 1958+. Also lists a number of serials or periodicals. [A 3201 I5]

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Examples of bibliographies which can be found in Reference Room

Harvard University [Z 5119]

India Office Library [Z 3185]

American bibliography - lists of books 1639-1820 [Z 1215]

and many, many more.



**CONGRATULATIONS
to**

Hazel, MGS #824, and Cliff Runchey, on their 50th wedding anniversary, June 23, 1994.

Florence Cox, MGS #217L, on the arrival of granddaughter, Maya Kirstein, daughter of Margaret and Kurt, on November 28, 1994, in Winnipeg.

Kathy and Bob Stokes, MGS #125/432, on the arrival of their first granddaughter, Hayley Emma, sister of Tyler and daughter of Duncan and Cindy [Grieg] Stokes, January 28, 1995, Dryden, Ontario.

BOOK REVIEWS

Louisa Shermerhorn, MGS #567L, Brenda McConnell, MGS #1344L

BRONDEEST. John Thomas & Emmeline Brondgeest of Montreal and Yorkville...
by Rae Marie Campbell U.E., 270 Brier Hill Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M4R 1J2. ISBN 0-9698402-2, 2nd Rev. ed. April 1994.

The subtitle of this family history reads "along with their descendants from 1800 to today". John Thomas was born in 1806 and came to Canada about 1812. Emmeline [Emilie] Wait was born in 1815 in Montreal, the daughter of Oliver Wait c1786-1842 and Marie Laporte c1788-c1820. She first married William Patrick Hamilton. Other names mentioned in the Contents of surnames are: Ferguson, Graddon, Berryman, Menzies, Livingstone and Browne. John Albertus Brondgeest, 1845-1887, lived in Whitewater, Manitoba. Thomas William Brondgeest, 1850-1896, moved to Neepawa, Manitoba and may have served in the Boer War.

MGS #929.2 Bro. FAMILY HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY LJS

GLUCH/WENDLAND Descendants of Martin & Julian Gluch and Georg & Elizabeth Wendland...
by Charles A. Collins, 2204 Pomegranate Lane, Fallbrook, CA, 92029, USA.

Associated families are of August Schultz, John Spletzer and Gustav Schattschneider. The Gluch family began immigrating to North America from the Ukraine in 1893. They had originally lived in the Posen area of Prussia. Herman Gluch immigrated to Morris, Manitoba. There are many maps which show the areas of Europe mentioned in this family history. Other names: Dreger, Kaptchinski, Patzer, Fuerst, Freigang, Zellmer, Lefke, Rosin, Cielke, Krage.

MGS #929.2 Glu FH & BIO LJS

McCUTCHEON/HARNESS Family History and Charts on McCutcheon and Harness Families
by Mary Rosalind McCutcheon.

Mary is the daughter of Walter Harness and Doreen Mary Jacques, born in Carman, Manitoba. Walter was born in Neepawa in 1912. Doreen was the daughter of Edward Jacques and Carrie Margaret Wilde, born 1923. Edward Jacques was born in Cumberland Co., England in 1879, son of Thomas Jacques and Mary Ann Butterfield Waugh. Carrie Wilde was first married to Archibald Porteous.

MGS #929.2 McCU FH & BIO LJS

MacLEOD. Memoir of Norman MacLeod, D.D.
by Rev. Donald MacLeod. Vol. 2 only. Dalziel, Isbister & Co., London, 1876.

Norman MacLeod was a Missionary and spent many years in India. He died in Glasgow, Scotland in 1873, age 60.

MGS #921 MacL FH & BIO LJS

RUDD. An Irish Rudd Family book.

Rudd Family Research Association, 461 Emerson Street, Chula Vista, CA, 91911, USA. \$30.00 US\$, plus \$5.00 postage to Canada.

Of interest to all Rudd connections plus descendants of 9 children of Gordon Arthur Rudd and Alicia Wellwood, originally from Rathsarn Parish, Queens County [Laois], Ireland.

MGS #929.2 Rud FH & BIO

LJS

Their Hopes. Our Heritage.

Edam Historical Society, Edam, Saskatchewan, 1992. \$85.00.

A local history book for the RM of Turtle River in Saskatchewan. Len Perron, who donated this book, tells us this is a companion to *Tales and Trails* which is already in MGS' Library. Sometimes we are advised to check neighboring parishes, counties etc. to find out more about settlement patterns and perhaps related families. While Len and I do not have any mutual family we did find out that we grew up within 50 miles of each other. So remember, when you have lost someone, check those neighboring communities.

MGS #971.24 Tur WEST CAN

LJS

Highland Settler

by Charles W. Dunn. University of Toronto Press, 1953. ISBN 0-8020-6094-3.

"A portrait of the Scottish Gael in Nova Scotia". The two maps shown, Scotland p.5, and Cape Breton Is., NS, p.15, help to put into context where the immigrants came from and where they settled. Family names such as Chisholm, Gilles, MacDonald, MacKinnon, MacLean, MacLeod, are scattered through this book which records the experiences of the settlers. Cape Breton, [Census 1941] was the most Gaelic part of Nova Scotia and the author has focused his history there. If you want to read about the culture of the Gaels of Cape Breton, this is the book for you.

MGS #971.6 DUN EAST CAN

LJS

Trails Along the Pipestone

RM of Pipestone History Project, Box 99, Reston, Manitoba, R0M 1X0. ISBN 0-888925-147-9. No price given.

Pipestone Municipality is in the south-west corner of Manitoba. Their local history book has been set up by School districts and family stories are given with each district. There is a detailed list of taxpayers for each quarter section of land for the years from 1885 to 1980. An alphabetical list of Charter Members and an Index are an added help to finding names. A well-illustrated book with easy to read print. We thank Pipestone Municipality for this addition to our library.

MGS #971.27Pip Tra MAN

LJS

Biographies of Alaska-Yukon pioneers 1850-1950

comp. & ed. by Ed Ferrell. 1994. ISBN 0-7884-0087-8. Heritage Books, Inc. 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 300, Bowie, MD, 20716. \$24.00 US from publisher.

This work of over 400 biographies has been compiled from a variety of unindexed materials such as local Alaskan newspapers. A bibliography is included. Most of the accounts tell of the men and women who went to Dawson, Nome and Fairbanks during the gold rush. Most were from the United States but a few from Canada are listed. For instance, Dr. John M. Sloan, a native of Huron County, Ontario born in 1868. A William Sloan, whose birthplace is not given, died in Victoria, BC in 1928. One of his sons, Gordon McGregor Sloan, was a barrister in Vancouver. Thus, any such collection of biographies merits our perusal.

MGS #920 Fer GENERAL

LJS

an introduction to... Poor Law Documents Before 1834
by Anne Cole, Federation of Family History Societies, 1993, 35pp.

Poor Law Records give the researcher the relationships between members of a family, families and places, and provide information about the family, and the various pitfalls that may have occurred during members' lifetimes. A description of the poor law, records, and where to locate the records, appears at the beginning of the book. Many researchers will find these records valuable resources - and indeed may find the explanations of the various types of records given, most informative. While some parishes/counties may have very few surviving materials, one would of course need to check to see what kind of records remain before going out to the office. A short list of related publications is presented at the end of the book.

MGS #305.5 Col GB & IRE

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OUR SYMPATHY

to

Gertrude Gross, MGS #122, and family, on the death of husband and father, John, MGS #259, December 15, 1994, in Steinbach, Manitoba.

The family of Albert Scott, MGS #2885; among them, sister-in-law Margaret Carter, MGS #588, on his death December 19, 1995, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Katie Spencer, former director of Winnipeg's Family History Centre, and her family, on the death of husband and father, Mark, January 26, 1995, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Jean Cunningham and family, on the death of husband and father, Doug, MGS #2808, February 1995, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



GENERATION GAPS

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All addresses given are Canadian unless otherwise noted.

BIGGAR

Seek'g info. on Robert Naussa Biggar, b.8 Dec. 1865, Summerside, PEI, & bros. John Holms Biggar, b.15 May 1860, Albane, PEI, & William Thomas Biggar, b.1863. Believed to be desc's. of Selkirk Settlers on PEI. All 3 eventually mvd. to Man. Any info about parents & any other siblings appreac'd.

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BRAZIER

Henry Stuart Brazier, b.1856?, Yorkshire, Eng., m. Emily Taylor. Fam. b. Middlesborough, Co. of York 1880s. Mvd. to London, Ont. 1900s. Chn: Arnold Arnott b.1884; Beatrice May b.1885; Constance b.1887; Stuart b.1889; b. Middlesborough. Mabel b.1895; Norman b.1906, London, Ont. Fam. poss. lvd. near New Castle, Eng. after winning a Derby.

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CASSELS

Janet & William, Holytown, Scot. 1800-1900. Coal miners.

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FERGUSON

John, wheelwright, b.c1787 Scot. Came with Selkirk settlers. M. Christina. 3 chn. b. PoplarHouse: Ellen 1818, John 1824, & ? Left Settlement for West Gwillimbury, Ont., then Port Credit, Ont. 2 more chn: Isabella 1825, Elizabeth 1828. Conn'd to Gunns & Bannermans in W. Gwillimbury.

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FERGUSON

John, m. Monique Hamelin. Chn: Antoine b. March 1842; Leon b.1858?; Josephe b.1859? Other poss. chn: Clara, Marguerite, Elise, Joachim. Need marr. for John & Monique [prior to 1842?] John's mother may have been Airable Racette.

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FULFORD

Henry Wagg Fulford, b. Battersea, Eng.? when? d.1951? in Winnipeg, Man., m. Daisy Hainge, b.c1876 London,

Eng., when? d. March 5, 1956, Wpg. Emig. to Wpg area c1908. 6 chn, all b. Wpg.: Frank, 1909-1969; Sid; Harold; George; Daisy; Alice. Any info appreac.

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GRAHAM / MUNDELL

James Graham, b. Mar. 21, 1826, d. May 19, 1895, m. Ann Mundell, b.Oct. 10, 1826, d. Nov. 23, 1903. Both from around Ballymena. Sett'd at Lake Scugog, Ont. c1846/7. Chn: Orr, William, Thomas, James, Stewart, Annie, Robert. Any info.

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GUNN / FIDLER

Amelia Mary 'Minnie', b.12 Dec. 1885, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask, d/oDonald Gunn & Sarah [Fidler] Bird. Lived Good Spirit Lake, Sask. area until 1920s. Worked Middlechurch Old Folks' Home 1920s. No contact with fam. after 1930s. Any info. on death, burial site or poss. marr. appreac.

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HAIGHT

Wilfred Laurier Haight, b.1898, Oak River, Man., m. Mamie McGlone, 1925, Egremont, Alta., joined Edmonton P.O. 1926, raised 2 sons, d.1994, Edmonton. Contact/come to MGS: a copy of an *Edmonton Journal* article entitled "North American Roots Traced to 1828" awaits you in our People File. Thanks to Jean Madill, MGS #2222, for the copy.

HBC EMPLOYEES & FAMILIES

Sinclair, Wm. & Nahowway; McKay, John & Mary Favell; McKay, John Richards & Harriet Ballenden; Cook, Wm. Hemmings & Mary Cocking; Cook, Joseph & Catherine Sinclair; Favell, John & Titameg; Ballenden, John & Jane.

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HILARZ / HILASZ / HELASH / HILASH

Iwan/Ivan/John, b.1869, Cyhany, Borschiv Dist., Galicia, d.7 Apr.1925, Oak Brae, Man., bur. Janowski Cem., Oak Brae, m. Anna Pidwosotsky, b.1871-75, prob. Cyhany, d. 8 Mar. 1950, Dauphin, Man., also bur. Janowski Cem. Chn: [on Halifax arr'l 6 May 1901 from Hamburg] Danylo b.1893; Nikolaj b.1895; Marga b.1897; Nastasia b.1900. Confirmation of birth place & dates req'd to establish Ukrainian origin, under Austrian rule.

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HUTTON

Catherine Asson Mumford **Hutton** m. Harry/Henry Mumford in Eng., lvd. Toronto. As a widow mvd. to McCreary, Man. c1890s/early 1900s with chn. [I believe 3 girls: Nellie, Hattie, Alice, & 2 boys: poss. Will & Harry.] In McCreary, she m. a Mr. **Hutton** who had fam. of his own. Date? Any info. Apprec. hearing from descns..

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KIRKLAND

Thomas S., b.c1828, Armagh Co., Ire. Arr'd Canada c1830 with parents. Marr. c1847 Jane [?] **Moore** [d.Apr. 1852], 4 chn. Marr. 14 Sep 1854 Mary **Wilson** [b.10 Jul 1836, d.2 Jun 1888], 12 chn. Farmed Wolford Twp., Grenville Co., Ont. c1847-1869; Humphrey Twp. Parry Sound Dist., Ont. 1869-1881; Tupper Dist., Plumas, Man. 1881 until d. 3 Apr. 1916. Seek info on siblings/ parents of Thomas & spouses.

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LATIMER

John Thomas **Latimer** b.1840s, New York State, m. Isabel Maude **Rutledge** Mar. 12, 1872, Harriston, Ont. D. July 23 1890, Portage la Prairie, Man. Chn: Mary Jane; John Thomas; William George; poss. 4 older chn. - one poss. named Georgie. Four died young.

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LUMGAIR / LONGAIR / CHRYSTIE

William, m. Helen **Chrystie**, 25 Jan. 1794, Carmyllie, Forfarshire, Scot. Son James b. 31 May 1801. Is this the James **Lumgair** who m. Clementina **Whannel** 16 Dec. 1837, Panbride, Forfarshire?

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LYTLE

James, b. 1816, Ire., s/o Robert & Anne **Lytle**, m. Rhoda -- 1859, Victoria Co., Ont. Known bros.: Edward [Eliza Knight], Robert [Isabella]. Poss. Thomas? Any info. on parents/siblings apprec.

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MATTHEWS

Search'g for **Cathy Matthews**. Emigr. from Elgin, Moray, Scot. via Liverpool, to Wpg. early 1880s. What happened to Cathy?

Contact: Mrs. Phyllis Lindsay
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Sidney, British Columbia V8L 5A6

McADAM

Seek'g info & descns. of Isaac **McAdam**, b.1855 Ont., s/o Thomas & Agnes [Stewart] **McAdam**. Mvd. to Pope dist. of Hamiota, Man. Wife was Mary Ann. Chn: Minnie; Elizabeth; Martha; Thomas; William [1901 Census].

Contact: Laurie Evans Stewart
9 Clarendon Place
East Concord, New York 14055-9771 USA

McCHORISTER / MACCORISTER

Henry, c1817-c1878 [d. Selkirk], s/o Alexander **McChorister** & Catherine Johnstone, m. 1843 Maria Tate, [1820-1905], d/o William Tate & Mary Bear. Chn: Jane Mary, 1844-?, m. James **Norquay**, 1841-?; William, 1846-1919; Frances, 1847-?, m. Charles **Swain**, 1842-?; Henry, 1849-?, m. Margaret **Campbell**, 1852-?; James, 1850-1912, m. Elizabeth **Corrigal**, 1852-?; Catherine, 1852-?, m. Donald **McLeod**; Marie, 1853-?; Harriet, 1853-?; Sarah, 1857-?, m. William **Corrigal**; Alexander, 1858-?; Charles, 1862-1898. Would like to contact anyone research'g these fam.'s. Will share info.

Contact: Vera J. Hobbs
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Spruce Home, Saskatchewan S0J 2N0

MONTGOMERY / RULER / WADDELL

Mary **Montgomery**, née **Ruler**, b.1846, Can., m.25 Aug 1885, Wpg., d. 24 Nov. 1885. Parents? Grace **Waddell**, b.1811, Montreal, d/o Catherine **Thomson** & William **Waddell**, Claremont, Can. 1852. Bro. Thomas **Waddell**. Int'd in bros. Kolb, Patterson.

Contact: Beverly Montgomery Lockhart
701 E. Lassen, #154
Chico, California 95926 USA

NELSON

Wm. Henry [Harry], b.c1855, Grattan Twp., Renfrew Co., Ont., s/o Jacob **Nelson** & Mary **Jane Wesley**, d. c1899-1902. M. ? Was a marr. non-res. on Eganville, Ont. tax rolls 1897-1899. One birth rec'd 1897. Search'g for wife's name & any descns.

Contact: H. Marie Nelson
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O'HARA

Margaret, b. Limerick, Ire., d/o Jeremiah **O'Hara** & Margaret **Anglin**, m. Jeremiah **McCarthy**. Son Thomas Henry, b.1864, Peterborough, Ont., d.1938, Wpg., m. Jane Estelle **Morgan**, b.1864, d/o William **Morgan** & Estelle **Shields**, Peterborough, Ont., d.1947, Winnipeg. Any info. appreciated.

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RAY / RAE

Search'g for descs. of Annie [10] and/or David [8] shown on 1891 Westbourne/Marquette Census as being b. in Quebec & adopted & living with Wm. & Sarah Ross of Tenby [near Plumas, Man.]

Contact: Bernice Willerton
3 Wordsworth Way
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3K 0J2

Town of REMBRANDT, Manitoba

Seek info. on heritage of hamlet of Rembrandt, Man. where my GF/GM sett'd 1905. [Nykola, blacksmith, & Sophie Kuzniak, 2 chn./3rd arr'd 1906. Sophie's bro. Harry Woroch lvd. with them for awhile.] Does anyone have pictures of the hamlet or buildings? Doing family history book.

Contact: Gloria Kuntz
Box 1413
Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan S0E 0Y0

SMITH

William Henry, emig. from Manchester, Eng. c1903; stationary engineer for Grand Trunk RR in Montreal; lvd. at various addresses in Point St. Charles; d.2 Apr. 1916; bur. Mount Royal Cem.; f/o Robert Cross Smith m. Jane Cross Smith. Seek'g info. on origins & previous marr. [s]/issue.

Contact: Gloria Hersak
4 Fairway Place
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3R 2P3

SNYDER / ARMSTRONG

Margaret Snyder & descs: b. Margaret Armstrong, Legnagun, Co. Leitrim, Ire. c1880. Emigr. to US 1908 & to Plumas, Man. 1910. M. Ed Snyder 1914, lvd. in the Tupper Dist. N. of Plumas. Subseq'lly mvd. to Wpg. 3 chn: Margaret, Elmer & Gordon. 1 stepchld: Archie.

Contact: Richard W. Armstrong
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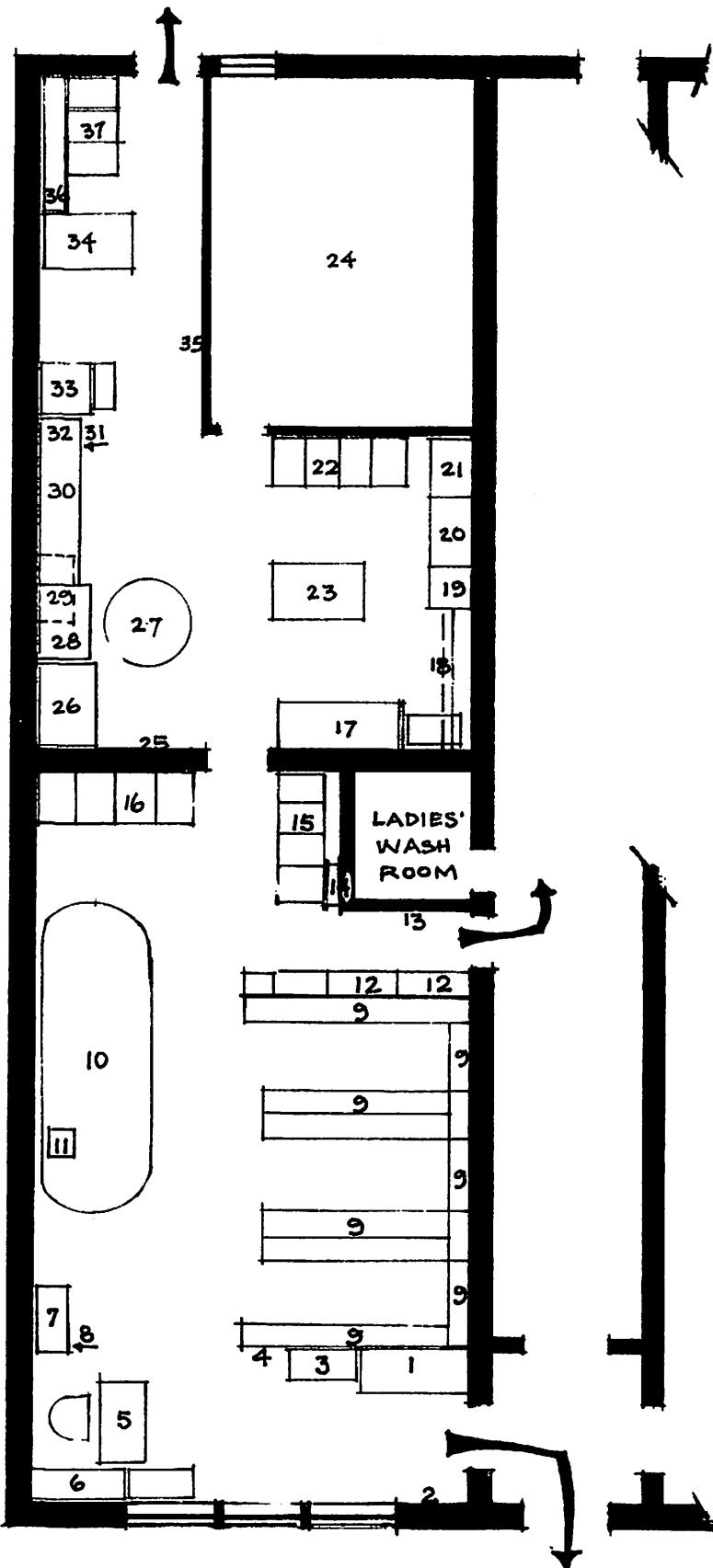
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