

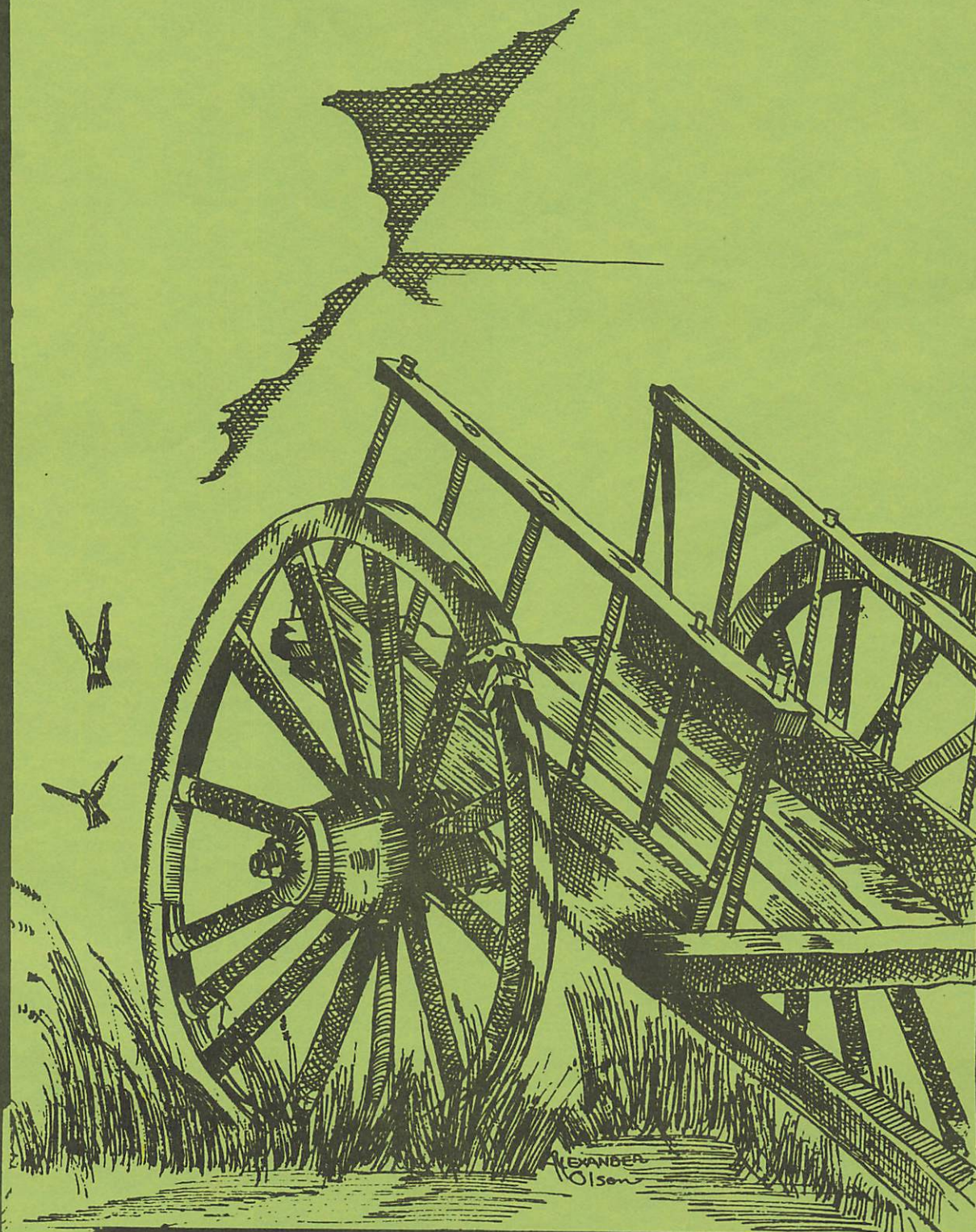
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

ELIZABETH BRIGGS

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April and May have been active months for members of the Executive and Council. Volunteers have been involved with the general business of the Society, the library, members' research, cemetery transcribing and preparing this edition of our publication.

Ruth Breckman and I attended the Tenth Anniversary Seminar of the Alberta Genealogical Society in Red Deer, Alberta, during April 1985. We learned a great deal from this visit and made many new friends. Jimmy Parker, the keynote speaker, discussed migration in the U.S. and also gave an impromptu talk on Computers in Genealogy when the intended speaker was unable to travel to the seminar because of a blizzard. The LDS Church plans to produce a "user friendly" program suitable for genealogists with the IBM computer by August 1985. Hopefully, this will be adapted for other computers by 1986. Currently, busloads of volunteers in Salt Lake City are feeding the main computer with genealogical data. In a few years' time it is predicted that branch libraries will be able to link into the main computer in order to extract the appropriate data.

M.G.S. is negotiating with Jim Allan, the Chairman for Seminar '86 in Alberta, to invite Margaret Russell, their keynote speaker, to a special presentation in Winnipeg during April 1986. Margaret Russell is from Cumbria, England, and her visit will be sponsored by the Winnipeg Branch.

The main purpose of our visit to Alberta was to participate in the second organizational meeting for the formation of the Canadian Federation of Genealogical and Family History Societies. A brief report on this meeting may be found elsewhere in this issue. M.G.S. plans to offer an invitation to the Federation to hold its next meeting at our Tenth Anniversary Seminar in Brandon from August 15 - 17, 1986. Speakers from every Canadian Genealogical and Family History Society are invited to participate in this event.

Later in May, I attended the ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Seminar in Toronto. I was able to meet many Ontario members and I invited them to plan their 1986 vacation around our Tenth Anniversary Seminar in Brandon. My original idea was to bring back messages from Ontario people with Manitoba roots. Unfortunately, this was not feasible. On leaving Winnipeg, I carried greetings from Ed Somers to his Utah and Ontario cousins. With approximately five hundred people attending the OGS Seminar by Saturday evening, I had relinquished all hope of completing this challenge. I must have a little unproven Irish ancestry, for with "Irish luck" I found myself seated at the banquet next to Ed Somer's relatives!

Candy Kelner and Jim Beyette are co-chairing Seminar '85. They invited Elizabeth Hancocks from Ontario as our keynote speaker. Both Elizabeth and her husband George are looking forward to their Winnipeg visit at Gordon Bell High School, October 4 - 6, 1985. When I spoke to them in Toronto, they promised to bring a number of their excellent publications for display and sale.

We hope to see you at our October Seminar.

Elizabeth Briggs



# \* BITS & PIECES \*



BY TOM STACEY

## PEOPLE PLACES AND EVENTS

### More Early Manitobans

CHAPMAN Charles Carter b) 5 June 1899, Beresford, Man.  
DALGLEISH Wilfred b) 16 Mar 1897, Ninette, Man.  
DAVISON Thomas b) 16 Dec 1899, Skelton, Yorkshire, England.  
FLEMING Walter Edward b) 16 Aug 1897, Brandon, Man.  
HAMILTON James b) 20 Feb 1890, Laughconnolly, Ireland.  
McLEAN Alfred Heslox b) 26 Oct 1899, Barrie, Ont.  
STEPHENS Smith b) 27 Feb 1892, Killarney, Man.  
WALKER George b) 1887, Fordown, Scotland.  
WICKLUND Victor Waldemar b) 27 Feb 1893, Sweden.  
Source: Own files

Are you looking for a William Brown in Manitoba? This might help.

Section	Township	Range	Location
24	4	26	Melita
26	19	27	Lidford
12	8	19	Hayfield
30	12	23	Logoche
32	6	21	Souris
24	14	28	Declaire

Source: Henderson's Directory 1897.

### An old iron grave-plate from Norway:

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*****
*   Ships Captain                               *
*   Jonas Christoffersen                       *
*   born at Neskilen Tromoe Parish             *
*   1 March 1790                               *
*   died at the farmstead Birkenlund          *
*   same place                                 *
*   30 September 1855                          *
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Source: Dahle Erik "Masonic symbols on Tombs in Norway"  
Transactions of Quator Coronati Lodge, 1984 Vol 96 (for the year  
1983) p. 219.

## SOURCES

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US/Canada newspaper addresses.....Ayers Directory of Publications, IMS Press  
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What libraries hold what Canadian Newspapers.....Union List of Canadian  
Newspapers held by Canadian Libraries, Ministry of Supply and Services (some may  
offer inter-library loan on microfilm). MGS library has a copy REF016.071C  
(library use only)

#### BOOKS

Cornwallis Centennial Committee "Municipal Memories, Brandon, Leech Printing,  
1984, \$15. Family Histories, photographs and section map. Lacks alphabetized  
surname index.

The Genealogical Research Library, London, Ontario, has reprinted the following  
directories:

Ontario 1851 (18,000 names), Quebec 1851 (15,000 names), Nova Scotia 1871  
(55,000 names), New Brunswick 1871 (48,000 names), Newfoundland 1871 (25,000  
names), each at \$65; and Prince Edward Island 1871 (10,000 names) at \$50.

Toronto Branch UEL Association of Canada "Loyalist Lineages of Canada 1783-  
1983", Agincourt, Generation Press, 1984

Vandermeij, Albert "To All Our Children", Jordan Station, Ont., Paideia Press,  
1983

The story of the post-war Dutch immigrants to Canada.

Humphrey-Smith, Cecil R. "The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers",  
Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., 1984, \$50US.

Cuppy, Henry B., "Homes of Family Names", Edinburgh, 1968. Another oldie but  
good if you are looking for surname distribution in England.

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College Western Writers Series No. 10 (1973).

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Canada. Now available in paperback at \$10.95.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Annually, the Journal "the Economic History Review", publishes a list of books and pamphlets, many of which are relevant to UK genealogy.

Pearson, Michael and Gwen Manning "European Materials of Interest to Genealogists in the History Department of the Metropolitan Toronto Library". Canadian Genealogist, 1983, vol. 5, No. 4, pp 221-230.

Larose, Andre "A Current Bibliography of the History of Canadian Population and Historical Demography", Social History, vol. XVI No. 32, Nov. 1983, pp 443-49.

On an open-line radio program from KOA Denver Tom Daniels (see sources) intimated that negotiations were underway with Roumanian officials to microfilm documents.

I have a list of private record agents who will research, for a fee, in the Nottinghamshire Records Office and elsewhere in England. SASE for copy.

"Peoples of Ontario", the three volume set reported in an earlier column, is available in the reference section of the Brandon Public Library.

Interested in Scottish Immigrants to the counties of Stormont and Glengarry Ontario? Darby Macdonald, 268 Bartholomew St., Brockville, Ont. K6V 2S6, claims to have 25,000 family charts. Source: Legion Magazine vol. 59, No. 11, April 1985, page 38.

A number of persons have asked me to comment on a "Surname Directory" being offered out of Toronto plus "Coat of Arms" and explanation. What you get is a listing of a given surname compiled from street and telephone directories. Being fairly recent, the list is of little genealogical value, in a hundred years possibly yes, if a coat of arms was ever issued to your surname, this does not suggest that this is really yours, such will be recorded in "Burke's Armorial guide". The explanation can be found in any book on Heraldry. You take it from there.

PAC has added photo-copy material of emigration/immigration from UK to Canada 19th and 20th centuries as well as immigration files to Canada from PRO Northern Ireland in Belfast.

Source: The Archivist Mar/Apr 1985, vol. 12 #2, 1985, p. 13.

If you are searching the surnames "Beausoleil" or "Sylvestre" then Mr. Elzear Beausoleil at P.O. Box 841 Azilda, Ont. POM 1B0 would like to swap information.

A typo gremlin got into the column for Vol. 9 #4 Winter 1984. The entry under SERRY in "People Places and Events" should read 1894.

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# BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



NAME: THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL  
AND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 APRIL 1985  
PLACE OF BIRTH: RED DEER, ALBERTA

After more than a year of planning, the first formal meeting of the Canadian Federation of Genealogical and Family History Societies was held in Red Deer, Alberta on 20 April 1985. Initially, thirteen invitations were sent to the appropriate societies across Canada. Eight societies returned a donation to help establish the Federation.

The following representatives were present at the founding meeting:

Alberta Genealogical Society	- Laura Turnbull W. Jim Allan
Alberta Family History Society	- A. Sheldon Gibson
Saskatchewan Genealogical Society	- Dirk Hoogeveen Bob Pittendrigh
Manitoba Genealogical Society	- Ruth Breckman Elizabeth Briggs
Quebec Family History Society	- Joan Benoit

Some of the objectives of the Federation are:

1. To coordinate and assist the work of member societies who have a common interest in the pursuit of genealogy and family history.
2. To establish accreditation for Canadian genealogical researchers and record searchers.
3. To foster accurate documentation and promote scholarly writing and publication of genealogical materials.

The interim officers of the Federation are:

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# PLANNING A FAMILY REUNION



BY THELMA FINDLAY

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Family reunions: I personally find them exciting! They provide the opportunity not only to meet people, but also to gather family information. True words of a genealogist!

Just before Christmas in 1983, I decided that, yes indeed, everyone wants a family reunion, so why not make one? And off I set about making arrangements and more arrangements and MORE arrangements right up until the big event!

I started by sending out a Reunion Survey to about 10 families. The survey was to acquire recommendations on a date, place, day's events, supper and so on. On it, I included an old picture of two of my aunts and a cousin playing musical instruments which was reflected as an idea on my survey sheet. I had a reply deadline to allow time for further planning. With the survey sheet, I included a short letter to the individual people I was surveying requesting unknown addresses and leads to relatives also unknown to me.

Then I made a guest list of all those to be invited so I could get an idea of how many could show up. As the list grew, it was evident that much work was involved. So, off I went to the Centennial Library looking for resource books on planning reunions and was unable to locate one. My next choice was the Manitoba Genealogical Society's library and they had one little book called "Family Reunion ABC's" by Sharon Hamner. It is written in alphabetical order and very brief, but certainly gets the message across!

Once you have drawn up a guest list which lets you know the size of the crowd expected, you will then have a general idea as to the amount of work ahead and may wish to involve other members of the family or friends to help in the planning process. Someone could be responsible for invitations, someone for catering, someone for entertainment, and so on.

Your next step would be publicity, which is an invitation that will get the message across. It could be handwritten or photocopied or professionally designed. I chose to type up an invitation and photocopied it.

On one side I drew up a family tree of the oldest generation I knew of and on the other side was the official invitation. It folded in half. Along with the invitation, I forwarded a reply sheet. I wanted people to reply whether they were coming or not and have designed the reply to capture this. With some invitations I included a short letter requesting family information that I did not have on that particular family.

Now that was easy, wasn't it? We drew up a guest list and have decided on an invitation. But before that invitation gets sent, there are many things to consider in addition to time and place:

Atmosphere. Will the event be formal or casual, indoors or outdoors? Perhaps you may want everyone to dress up in a 40's or 50's dress code or whatever!

Alcoholic Beverages. Will the event have alcoholic beverages? If so, are the guests supposed to bring their own or will a bar be set up? Remember, you will have to check with the facility where the event is being held to ensure that liquor is allowed and then, no doubt you all know, you will have to check with the liquor commission to ensure that all by-laws are obeyed respecting the Liquor Control Act.

Other beverages. Will the guests have to bring along their own beverage or will there be some available?

Food. Of course, everyone enjoys a big sitdown family dinner and a family reunion is no exception to this tradition. Will the event be catered, will everyone bring their own lunch or will the effort be shared? I chose the latter and had a pot-luck supper, leaving it up to my guests to bring along what they chose and I noted this in the invitation with a couple of suggestions. You may want to ask specific people to bring along specific items, as I did with my one aunt who makes a Ukrainian dish that others in my family don't make. It pleased her all to pie that I had a special request for her part in the reunion supper. Of course, should you choose this route, you will also have to consider the kitchen facility available for your event. Another point you may wish to consider is a theme for your supper. As all my relatives were of Ukrainian descent, I was well aware that the dinner table would be laden in the traditional Ukrainian style and the theme went without mention in the invitation.

Pets. Many people will no doubt be travelling a distance and many tend to take along their pets. Are pets allowed at your family reunion? Of course, the facility of the event would be a major factor. If the family reunion was being held at the old family homestead, then pets probably wouldn't be a bother. However, should the reunion be at a public hall or such, pets would likely not be welcome there.

Accommodations. Are there nearby motels for guests to book into for their stay during the reunion? Will you make arrangements for them, perhaps booking a particular motel for the occasion, or will the guests look after their own accommodation?

Program. Do you have an agenda of different things you want the guests to participate in during the day? Pictures: no doubt a picture taking session will be done at the reunion. Are you going to have a photographer to do this specifically or is everyone going to take candid shots? Games: the third generation at the reunion might be willing to participate in some long-forgotten game you once played. Mementos, family book, etc.: Will there be any keepsake at the reunion? Presentation: being a genealogist and knowing full well that a family reunion is a perfect place for this type of thing, I chose to give a slide presentation about the families involved in the reunion and I welcomed other presentations.

Entertainment: will there be a band, music man, records/tapes or, as I chose for my family reunion, will the guests entertain one another? Knowing full well that several of my aunts and uncles played different musical instruments, they were encouraged to bring them along as well

as their music sheets and share their talents. You may even want to have a talent show!

You may want to include any of the previously mentioned ideas in the reunion survey. People will let you know if the ideas are good or not and it also prompts them to share other ideas!

When you send your invitation out, again include a note within for any suggestions or ideas for the reunion. People like to share and you will find many interesting ideas. It gets the people involved in the reunion even though it is still so far away! Set a deadline on the date for reply. Do it with tact so people will be encouraged to come anyway, even though they did not reply by such and such a date. Let them know you need a general idea of how many are coming.

Now that you have made a guest list, found a place, date and time, and have sent the invitation off in the mail, set up a registration sheet for yourself to keep a tab on the shaping of the reunion. When the reunion replies start coming back you will want to know how many yes's and no's there are. Record the names of all attending. If a cost is involved (as was the case for my reunion to cover the hall, postage and miscellaneous) you will want to keep a record of the monies coming in and where they are going. If your invitation asked people to let you know if they needed accommodations and if you could book some, this should be recorded. If your invitation requested acknowledgment if anyone was going to present a family history, etc., it could also be recorded.

For my replies, I had two record sheets. One covered the monies coming in and also showed where they were being spent. The second sheet kept track of all the yes and no people, whether they sent money, their names and their addresses. This is a great way to acquire an up-to-date listing of your addresses.

After the reply deadline has passed, dig up your registration sheets and continue the planning process. You will now have an idea of approximately how many people are coming, how many people want to participate in the family sharing session, a list of all their names, where they will be staying, and monies to offset your costs.

Taking the list of names, you can then make name tags for the people coming. At my reunion, I was unsure of exactly how many would show, so I let them tag themselves as they appeared at the door. Have a registration book at the door also, which can be passed along from reunion to reunion.

Consider how many little tikes there will be. Maybe you could round up a playpen or a crib or two. If your event is on a farm or involves a swimming area, have plenty of towels, etc., around. Depending on the facility, the evening may include a wiener/marshmallow roast. A bonfire is wonderful - just like long ago! And a great time for storytelling! Make sure you have pencil and paper handy and/or a taperecorder to capture them all!

A memento may be made up especially for the event, as was for my family reunion - a ribbon which has the family name, place of the reunion and the date. Some people may want to do up a pedigree chart and include small pictures on it and photocopy it for distribution. Some people like to have T-shirts - something that everyone could wear and certainly ponder on the memories of the day! And of course, there



To The Family of:  
**NAHNYBIDA and LEWANDOSKI**



LEWANDOSKI - NAHNYBIDA  
 FAMILY REUNION

Lewandoski & Anna Yakan

Anton

You are invited to a **Fami**  
 on: the weekend of **Augue**  
 time: **12:00 noon, Saturday**  
 place: **The Hadashville Community H**  
 [1 1/2 hours travelling t  
 on Highway No. 1 East - si

I am planning a Lewandoski - Nahnybida (their descendants) reunion for August 1984. Could you fill out the form below and return by January 14, 1984 in order for the invitations to be prepared and forwarded out by mid-February. If you have any daytime activity suggestions I would be pleased to hear them. A partial agenda will be sent with the invitation at a later date. Thank you ever so much.

Is being planned for August 1984 and your thoughts are welcome at this time!

DATE please check off one of the following  
 August 7 - 8 \_\_\_\_\_ August 14 - 15 \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION

Either Winnipeg or my parents' is plenty of space for rooms could be rented to play with no contests (the river in the river (the 1 1/2 hours travel.

Bring along your family album  
 Bring along your lawn darts,  
 Bring along your guitar or

The evening will feature  
 Everyone is to bring som  
 (Ideas: any hot dishes, if  
 You are required to bring y

Another reason I would farm - those who descend came to Canada first.

SOME PLANS

As previously mentioned, the other little races and ball perhaps a ball game or two, bring horseshoes, lawndarts or set up. The Saturday evening be invited to bring a musical we will all share our talents.

A Family Hi  
 Also, a Fami  
 You are welcome to wr

Hope

A pot luck supper is being planned for those who suggestions.

Please

A bonfire could be lit once the sun has set  
 I await your reply soon and hope you will  
 Thelma Findlay (nee: Weslak) daughter of S. Nahnybida

## Lewandol

By Thelma Findlay  
 In the early 1900's, ancestors of the Nahnybida and Lewandoski families came to Canada from Vyniatyntsi of Galacia in the West Ukraine (Austria) and settled in the Arran, Saskatchewan/Benito, Manitoba area. August 11 and 12, 1984 descendants of these immigrants reunited in Prawda. Guests were Helen Nahnybida, Mike and Helen Nahnybida (Winnipeg), Emilia Gimple and daughter Pat Gimple (Burnaby, B.C.), Joseph Nahnybida (Coquitlam, B.C.), Paul and Ethel Deminick

(Medicine Hat, Robertson with son Sam - wife Bev Robertson (Enderline, N.D.), Wesley and Cindy Nahnybida (Calgary), Julian and Rosemarie and family Nahnybida (Beaverlodge, Ab.), Anne Mikolayenko (Ethelbert, Mb.) with daughters Marian and Linda (Winnipeg), Steve and Marge Statkewich (Winnipeg), Bill and Alicia Hucul and family (Winnipeg), Cathy Demchuk and Craig Paskin (Thunder Bay, On.), Jack and Marlene Berry and family (Reston), Corrine Stewart and

daughter of S. Nahnybida) Sophie Na Walter an and grandse also, daugh Carol (Gilber Ray and Laurie family (Dauphin), Pat Statkewich and fam Wayne and Joan Statke (Winnipeg), Dennis and Welygan and family (St Minn.), Henri and Glor Broeck and family Stanley and Marion Wr

MARINA & JOHN STATKEWICH



AUG. 11 & 12, 1984

PRAWDA, MANITOBA



Return To: Mrs. Thelma Findlay, 10 Swan Lake  
 Comments: Do you have any suggestions for the  
 Name:  
 Address:  
 Name all Attending:

REPLIES

NAME/ADDRESS

NAHNYBIDA - LEWANDOSKI FAMILY REUNION

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

is the family history book. If you have been considering writing up a family book, your relatives would be the best critics. Being relatively new to genealogy, I thought I would simply record what information I had on the family and welcomed anyone to send additions, changes, etc. I found that relatives were quite pleased with having a documentation of their families.

After supper, I presented Reunion awards, affixed with a seal to make them look official! The awards were presented for: the tallest person; the eldest female and male; the youngest male and female; the couple with the most years of wedded bliss; the newlywed couple; the eldest individual of the separate family groups; the heads of the families whose entire family attended (I had two great-grandmothers there, surely worth noting); the people who travelled the furthest; the person who was quick to reply; the first person to appear at the door, and so on! One of my elderly uncles was tickled pink with the idea. Of course, he got more than one award and my aunt said he was going to frame them and put them up at home.

You could also have surprise door prizes or maybe give prizes out to winners of a family reunion trivial pursuit game! Someone was at a reunion the weekend before where everyone received a souvenir family reunion plate. You could also put together a collection of maybe five or ten old pictures and have them printed up as a keepsake. There are so many ways to commemorate the day!

Hopefully, you will all be well organized, but like all good organizers, no one is ever prepared for the day. On the Tuesday prior to my reunion, I had a great brainwave: why not make a slide presentation. I could just take some slides of old photos I have and write a story to go with them. That would be great! Wrong! Always give yourself enough time. Anyway, Tuesday evening I went out and purchased some Ektachrome slide film (as I knew of a place that would develop this film the same day). The next morning, bright and early, I sweet-talked my better half to snap some pictures for me before both of us went to work. On the way, I dropped the film off and after work I picked it up. On Thursday, I was off to my parents' farm, close to where the reunion was being held. I knew I had Thursday and Friday to write up a short story to go with the slides. Here is where preparation is a must. How was I to know my children would fall ill and that my mother would be so encompassed in preparing for the reunion that she couldn't help care for them while I wrote a little story! And my husband wouldn't be there until Saturday morning.

Well, low'n behold, Saturday morning, bright and early, I woke up and with pen in hand, wrote my little heart off and when it was time to show the slides that evening, I prayed that all would just simply fall into place. Being the only genealogist in my family, everyone thought I did a fantastic job. Little did they know!

After the reunion was over, I had a writeup printed in the local newspaper and I sent a copy to those who attended. The paper printed my story and even enlarged the picture, at a cost of \$5.00 which I sent with my story.

Enjoy planning your reunion and enjoy the reunion itself. If you need some advice or a sounding board, I would welcome hearing from you.

## THE GENEALOGIST'S CODE

The profession of genealogy calls for accurate research, personal and scholarly integrity, and creative analysis. A genealogist must realize that he has moral obligations to society as well as to his client, beyond the requirements of law and business practice. His honesty of purpose must be above suspicion, his findings from the best available evidence, and his analysis sound.

Realizing my moral obligations as a genealogist, I make the following commitments:

I have obligations to the public. Whether engaged in independent research or acting as consultant, adviser, or assistant on a mutually acceptable basis of fee, I will strictly maintain my professional integrity. I will not indulge in exaggerated, misleading, or false advertisement or publicity. I will not publish or publicize as fact anything I know to be false or unproven; nor will I be a party, either directly or indirectly, to such action by others.

I have obligations to my client. To avoid unnecessary duplication of effort I will, before undertaking research, request from the client such information as he has assembled, with its documentation; and on the basis of that information I will give a candid opinion of the possible or probable results of the projected research. I will make my communications to the client definite and clear. If unable to resolve his problem, I will explain why and, if possible, suggest other avenues of research.

I will inform my client that my conclusions must be based on the preponderance of evidence, and that absolute proof of ancestral relations is usually impossible.

I will not knowingly misquote any document nor cite as authoritative any questionable source. I will not assert as a fact that which I have not substantiated by adequate documentation, not conceal or withhold data which would break down the chain of evidence necessary for the client's purpose.

I will consider work done for a client as confidential, and will not divulge any information concerning the client or his interests without prior consent. Nor will I publish under my own name and in his lifetime, without authorization, the results of research for which the client has paid.

I will have no personal or financial interests which might tend to compromise my obligations to the client.

I have obligations to the profession. I will not act in a manner detrimental to the best interests of the profession.

I will not knowingly injure or attempt to injure, without demonstratable justification, the professional reputation, prospects, or practice of another genealogist. I will, however, participate in exposing genealogical charlatans.

I will not attempt to supplant another genealogist already employed by a client; nor will I substitute for another unless and until a written form of substitution has been signed by all concerned.



## A RED RIVER PIONEER

DEATH'S CALL TO A RED RIVER PIONEER  
CAPT. COLIN SINCLAIR DIES AT ST. JOHN AT A RIPE OLD AGE -  
WAS BORN AT OXFORD HOUSE IN 1816 - HIS INTERESTING CAREER.  
(Winnipeg Free Press, 23 July 1901, p. 6)

Capt. Colin Robertson Sinclair, aged 85 years, youngest son of the late Chief Factor Sinclair of the Hudson Bay Co., died at the residence of Miss Inkster, St. John, at 6 p.m. yesterday. The immediate cause of death was old age.

Deceased was born at Oxford House, now the district of Keewatin, in the year 1816. On his father's demise, and when he was six years of age, he was sent to Scotland to receive his education, on completion of which, having a desire for sea-faring life, he adopted that profession and followed it continuously for nineteen years. On the gold excitement breaking out in '49 he went to California to meet his brother James Sinclair, who was the first to take settlers from the River settlement to the Pacific slope, in order to do which James Sinclair found his own pass through the mountains, since called the Sinclair Pass.

In the late forties a ship came up the St. Lawrence River and was there wrecked and a Captain Sinclair drowned. Capt. Colin Sinclair had meantime been lost track of by his brothers and his sisters who through various circumstances were led to believe that the drowned captain was their brother and they accordingly erected a monument to him in Montreal. Shortly after the erection of this monument Captain Sinclair arrived in San Francisco after an arduous trip. In the '70s he met a man named Charles Mackay, from the Red River settlement, and he then learned that his brothers and sisters were in Manitoba and had mourned him for nearly thirty years. In the '80s he wrote to his relatives there when they first learned that he was still living.

Deceased was extremely well read on religious subjects and occasionally astonished his friends by his remarks which showed a deep knowledge of these matters. He was also somewhat of a poet and among other verse he wrote the following lines inscribed on his mother's tombstone in St. John's cemetery, and these have been copied by numbers of visitors as being very appropriate.

*Eyes of my childhood days shall meet me  
Lips of mother's love shall greet me  
In the day I follow.  
Oh!! what hosts of memories rise  
Saddening dims an old man's eyes.*

These words were inscribed and written in the year 1897.

The deceased is a great grandson of William Sinclair, the last Earl of Orkney. Capt. Sinclair is the last to survive of his brothers and sisters, and may be said to be the link which binds the past to the present, having witnessed the growth of the old Red River settlement into what is now a flourishing province.

Three brothers and six sisters preceded the deceased to the grave (1). The eldest was the late Mrs. Phoebe Bunn, who died on the 28th June, 1848, and was buried in St. John's Cemetery, Winnipeg. William Sinclair, the eldest son, died at Brockville, Ont. in 1866. The late Mrs. Miles, wife of late Chief Factor Miles, was also a sister of deceased. The third daughter was Mrs. Catharine Cooke, who died some 40 years since. The next eldest was Mrs. Kirkness, who returned to the Orkney Islands with her husband immediately after her marriage, and died in 1861. Mrs. Annie Spencer, the fifth daughter, died in Goderich, Ont. in '66.

James Sinclair had an eventful life put an end to at Walla Walla where he was shot by a band of Indians. James Sinclair is referred to in General William Tecumseth Sherman's memoirs of his own life, in which he mentions his coming in contact with James Sinclair at a July 4 banquet at which James Sinclair presided, and he refers to him as being one of the most remarkable men with whom he had ever met.

Thomas Sinclair, the third son, lived and died at St. Andrews, and is the father of Mrs. Capt. Allan and Mrs. Andrew Strang, both of Winnipeg. His death occurred in '70 during the Riel Rebellion, he being taken sick at that period and never recovering.

Mrs. Inkster was the youngest daughter and is the mother of Sheriff Inkster of Winnipeg, the late John Inkster of New Orleans, George Inkster of North Dakota, Mrs. Sutherland of St. Andrew's, Miss Mary Inkster of Seven Oaks, Mrs. McMurray of Kildonan, Mrs. Robt. Tait of St. James and Mrs. Archibald McDonald of Fort Qu'Appelle. The father of this family was John Inkster, one of the old merchants, a free trader, of the country.

The funeral of the deceased will take place on Wednesday to St. John's Cemetery at 3 o'clock.

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1. According to "The Sinclairs of St. Andrews", contributed by Thomas H. Sinclair, River Road, Lockport in "Beyond the Gates of Lower Fort Garry", p. 447:

*The first Sinclair known as William I, arrived in Canada in 1792, employed as a writer or clerk, for the Hudson's Bay Company at York Factory for a period of two years. He rose rapidly and eventually became a chief factor and then governor of a sub-territory stretching from the Hudson Bay to the Pembina Plains. He married Margaret Nahonway Norton (or Holden) and they had eleven children, five sons and six daughters. He died in 1818, at the early age of 52, and is buried at Oxford House which he built for the company in 1798. Of his five sons, William II and Thomas became chief factors in the company while the other three, John, James and Colin, were sent back to Scotland to be educated. John, who was always sickly, died soon after his arrival.*



# OGS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

## COLLECTION OF FAMILY HISTORIES

**ATTENTION:**

Genealogists and Family Historians with Ontario Connections

The Ontario Genealogical Society will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 1986. As part of this celebration we are asking people with Ontario roots to set 1985-86 as the year to write a family history from the material they have gathered over the years.

These Histories will be stamped with the anniversary logo:

Ontario Genealogical Society

1961 - 1986

Past and Present United

and be known as the SILVER ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION OF FAMILY HISTORIES.

Please follow these Guidelines in preparing your history:

1. History to be typed on 8-1/2" X 11" paper
2. Index must be included in the history
3. Some type of cover should be placed on the history
4. Submit all histories to:  
Ontario Genealogical Society  
Attn: Silver Anniversary Collection of Family Histories  
Box 66, Station Q  
Toronto, Ontario.  
M4T 2L7

Histories will be accepted from May 1, 1985 until Nov. 30, 1986. The aim of the Society is 2500 histories. Will yours be included? We hope so.

P.S. If you are fortunate and have had your history published, we will accept a copy for the Anniversary Collection.

We will also accept cash donations for the Silver Anniversary Fund and such donations will be eligible for the charitable donation receipt for income tax purposes.



Mrs. Jacqueline McDonald Norris #673L  
Chairman, Silver Anniversary Committee.



## THE RESCUE OF EMMA

FROM THE INTERLAKE SPECTATOR, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1985.

The late Emma Dicks of Teulon earned the endearment of her fellow citizens over the years, but as a young girl, celebrity status came to her quite by accident.

In the spring of 1874, the 3 1/2 year old girl, then known as Emma White, became the centre of a fascinating Red River story.

After her father, Capt. George White of Port Perry, Ontario secured a quarter section of land near Teulon, he sent for his family to board a train to Moorehead, Minnesota and then take a steamboat down the Red River.

Mrs. White and her six children were among 140 passengers on the SS Dakota. Among them were 15 prisoners shackled and handcuffed and lying about the upper deck.

One of these prisoners was George Billhymer who lost his job with the railroad, and in desperation stole some food from the commissary building to feed his family.

Meanwhile, Emma, Mrs. White's youngest child, was a curious little girl. She was everywhere watching eagerly for Indians in the bushes on the shore and finding fascination in the swirling water below the cabin deck.

Then as she leaned over the rail, the girl tried to take hold of a passing tree branch. It pulled her off, and she fell into the deep water.

When Billhymer heard the cries of "Child overboard" he didn't waste a second. He rolled to the low railing and threw himself over, landing in the water about 25 feet below as a guard's bullets splintered the wood of the railing.

Billhymer saw the child struggling and used his handcuffed hands in a sidestroke and his shackled limbs as best he could.

The prisoner dived and brought her up, holding her clothing in his teeth. Throwing her across his right shoulder, he tried to swim to the steamboat and after considerable effort, found his way to a boat that had been dropped down.

After Emma was covered in blankets, a U.S. marshall ordered the prisoner's irons removed and a change of clothing given him. Passengers immediately collected a purse of \$60 and presented him with a testimonial.

As a result, Billhymer was given only a nominal sentence and eventually found his way to Winnipeg where Emma's father started him in a business.

Eventually the little girl married D. E. Dicks who lived next door to her parents. The Teulon couple eventually had ten children.

She remained in Teulon until her death in the late sixties.

# MGS LIBRARY NOTES



BY LOUISA SHERMERHORN

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## PERIODICALS RECEIVED

**Alberta FHS Quarterly**, v. 5 #3, Spring/85. A study in confusion (importance of proving everything) \* List of restored pioneer cemeteries in P.E.I. \* Myths - Canada \* Parent finders \* Woodcock family pedigree (Minto R.M. & Minnedosa noted) \* Marsh family pedigree \* some genealogy computer programs and publications.

**The Archivist**. PAC, J-F/85. M-A/85: Some new Manuscript acquisitions from London and PRO of N. Ireland have some scattered immigration lists for 19th & early 20th century.

**Birmingham & Midland SGH Midland Ancestor**, v. 7 #s 5, 6, 7, plus Member's Interests Jul-Dec/84: the regular columns, Mailbag miscellany, Bookworm, and Notes & News are worth perusing even if you have no connections to the Midlands. #5: some notes on searching Registration Indexes at the GRO, London. #6: Methodist registers and records \* The search for our German Ancestors (one family's research) \* Surnames in the 1701 'Census' of Stoke-on-Trent Parish. #7: Wakefield family of Derbyshire & America \* Each issue also has extensive notes on misc. publications, indexes, etc., available for the area.

**Bismarck-Mandan HGS Dakota Homestead Hist. Newsletter**, v. 14 #1 Mar/85: Continuing Cemetery Index of N.D. (a list of cemeteries only and locations) \* Grace Hill Cemetery, Tripp, ND - Hi to Ro \* Misc. items from "Mandan Daily Pioneer" 1920 \* continuing directory lists.

**Brant County OGS Newsletter**, v. 5 #2 Feb/85: Checking the history of a 'homestead' or other family property \* Plewes family of Brantford. v. 5 #3 Mar/85: Medical care in Brant Co. prior to 1885 \* Early mills in Brant Co. with list of location and owners \* Oath of Allegiance 1800-1835 Burford area, Oxford Co. - list of names \* Surveyor Augustus Jones, Brant Co. \* Post Offices Brant Co. 1870s. v. 5 #4 Apr/85: Membership directory \* Thomas Lemon family of Brantford \* Bishopgate area cemetery inscriptions.

**Bristol & Avon FHS Journal**, #38 Winter/84: additions to recorded Monumental Inscriptions Index (will be searched for a donation to Society) \* Note on land tax assessments for Somerset & Avon \* Articles on CRATES surname, RICKETTS/BURCHALL and Starveall Pit tragedy \* Weston-Super-Mare. #39 Spring/85: B&A FHS research services outlined \* Thomas Cribb \* White Slavery, Anglo-Saxon times to the 1600s \* numerous lists of books, members' profiles, etc.

**British Columbia Genealogist**, v. 14 #1 Mar/85: B.C.'s Black community, a history \* Blount family Bible \* Thomas Awmack of Sandhutton, family history reconstructed from wills \* B.C. Cemetery transcripts for sale \* some immigrants to B.C. in 1873 \* B.C. Genealogist Index Vol. 12 - Vol. 13.

**Bruce & Grey Branch OGS**, v. 15 #2 Mar/85: War Graves in Britain. The Commission will send map of cemetery and picture of grave for a fee. Indicate your relationship. Write to Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 2 Marlow Rd., Maidenhead, Berkshire Eng. SL5 7DX. For data write to Ministry of Defence, Bourne Ave., Hayes, Middlesex Eng. UB3 1RF.

**Canadian Heritage**, Oct-Nov/84, Feb-Mar/85: Interesting articles on preserving our heritage. Donor, Mrs. Clara Wildman.

**East Surrey FHS Journal**, v. 7 #2 Aug/84: 1851 Census Tatsfield, Titsey, Woldingham \* List of census indexes completed, with fees \* Connections with Cheam School \* Caterham Who-Was-Who in 1851. V. 7 #3 Dec/84: 'The Epistle Dedicatory' from the Study of John Prince, Aug 6, 1697 \* When visiting ancestral villages (not towns) question the locals \* Huguenot Exhibition "the Quiet Conquest" at Museum of London, Historical Conference on "Britain and the Huguenots" at Royal Society 24-25 Sept/85 \* new name registered with Guild of One Name Studies - Briginshaw \* Surname list of the 185 census for Coulsdon, Surrey \* Caterham in 1851, cont'd \* Preservation of old papers at home \* Mitcham Orders of Removal 1734-1830 cont'd.

**Genealogists' Magazine**, v. 21 #9 Mar/85: 60 Golden Years (of this journal) \* Reconstituting the Family \* Collection for Distressed Protestants in Ireland, 1642 \* Nurse Children - an unexpected source of family history \* John Fressh, Lord Mayor of London 1395 \* Commentary on the choice of a Christian name.

**Genealogical Helper**, v. 39 #2 Mar-Apr/85: Regular features, plus German genealogical periodicals, Naturalization records (U.S.), beginning a series on how the HELPER can aid you in your research.

**Halton Peel Branch OGS**, v. 8 #4/83: Halton in 1805 \* Notes on a recent trip to the U.K. (addresses may be out of date but some good suggestions) \* A Petition from the inhabitants of Twp. of Caledon 7 Feb 1833 listing names. V. 8 #5/83: The Hustons of Caledon and Mono Twps. \* MDB's in the "Orangeville Sun" 1 Jan 1863 to Dec 1865. V. 10 #1 Feb/85: School records region of Peel Archives \* Milton's beginnings \* The Arnotts \* Halton Co. towns and villages \* The Alex Witherspoon family taken from "Beneath the Long Grass", Glenboro Hist. Soc., Man. \* death of Mr. James Hamilton 29 July 1900 \* Misc. marriage records.

**Huron County OGS Rooting Around Huron**, v. 6 #1 Mar/85: Brucefield, with businesses listed for 1857 & 1863 \* Huron Co. Cemeteries, complete list, noting those already recorded and ready for surname searches \* A Goderich Twp. History for sale.

**The International Newspaper for Genealogists**, Portland, Oregon, Jan-Feb/85 #1 (complimentary copy): "Starting a family newsletter", Robin Hilborn \* A column of societies, incl. in this issue: Pennsylvania German Research, Dupage Co. GS, Illinois; Hawkins Co. GS, Tennessee; Gallia Co. GS, Ohio; Livermore, Amador, Calif.; Johnson Journal; How to Publish your Genealogy; Bowerman/Bowman Family Newsletter; Quaker Records \* An Ancestral List.

**International Soc. for BG&FH Newsletter**, v. 7 #1 Jan-Mar/85: Outline notes on General Register Office \* The British Library.

**Kingston Branch OGS Newsletter**, v. 12 #2 Mar-Apr/85: Genealogy for beginners \* Notes on the LDS sources \* Irish group settlement in Ont. \* new publication on Lennox & Addington \* Street numbering in Kingston \* List of 50 year residents of Kingston, Whig Standard 3 Aug/46. V. 12 #3 May-Jun/85: Anyone whose ancestors were slave-owning UEL's or free blacks or slaves who came with the Loyalists, please write Sherry Edmunds, RR#4, Odessa, Ont. KOH 2H0 \* One hundred years ago.

**Leeds & Grenville Branch OGS News & Views**, V. 11 #3 (complimentary copy): Excerpts from the Townships, 19th Century \* Elizabethtown marriages, 1861 \* Lamb's Pond, later New Dublin.

**London Leaf**, V. 12 #1 Sep/85: A personal 'publishing' experience \* John Darch \* Membership list.

**Lost in Canada**, V. 11 #2 May/85: Regular query section, 30 pages \* Registers of Notre Dame des Anges de Stanbridge 1846-53 \* Road petition, Ottawa 1847 \* On writing a family history \* Sale of lands of the Toronto General Hospital, 1830-47 (3 pages of names).

**Manitoba Culture and Heritage**, V. 3 #1/85: Updated info on the Dept. of cultural Affairs, Manitoba.

**Manitoba HS Newsletter**, V. 17 #7 Mar/85: The records of the HBC Land Dept. 1871-1969 are available to the public at the PAM with finding aid RG1 \* The HBC Archives have also produced a finding aid describing the records which document the Company's role in the Red River Rebellion 1869-70 and the North West Rebellion 1885.

**Minnesota Genealogist**, v. 16 #1 Mar/85: Preserving photographs \* David Fanning War of 1812 veteran \* Local Gov't records \* More ship passengers to Minnesota \* Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Stillwater transcription \* Northfield, 1883 \* Balsam Cemetery, Itasca Co.

**New Brunswick GS Generations**, #23 Mar/85: The Constitution of the NBGS and an historical sketch \* Recap of Generations NB Indexes \* Loyalist resources at U. of NB Library, Fredericton \* John Haney/Heine and his Desc. \* Mix Todd, 1752-1837 \* The Perkins of Perkins Corner, now Centreville \* Translation of the Baie des Chaleurs Parish Registers available from Acadian Genealogy Exchange \* John Hughson \* If you a desc. of a member of the first Common Council of Saint John please contact Mr. Eric L. Teed, Box 6446 Stn. A, Saint John, NB, E2L 4R8. Surnames are: Ludlow, Leonard, Menzies, Payne, Pagan, Hoyt, Holland, Colvill, Jarvis, Seaman, Rogers, Ness, Paddock \* Brundage burial ground \* Houlton, Maine marriages for 1871/72/73 \* Magaguadavic Cemetery, Pine Grove, Sunny Bank - list.

**Nova Scotia Genealogist**, V. III #1: Family Bibles: Finley (Wallace River); Thom (Aberdeen & Pictou) \* Textile conservation \* Huguenot heritage \* Good book reviews \* Guysborough Petitions of the 1820s \* Old Cemetery at Musquodoboit \* Index of Vol. 2.

**Ontario GS Families**, V. 24 #1 Feb/85: Loyalist stragglers in Montreal 1774, indexed listing \* Insights and Info on ancestor hunting in Ireland \* Can. connections from Eng. school registers, Malvern college : Gen. sources in the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto.

**OGS Newsletter**, V. XV #1 Feb/85: New branch, Lambton Co., c/o Edith Seeley, 11 Derby Lane, Apt. 1106, Sarnia, Ont. N7T 7V2 \* OGS Publications Comm. is collecting info on Ont. Church Records existing before 1858. Send to Mrs. Brenda Merriman, RR#1, Puslinch, Ont. NOB 2J0 (see article for specifics) \* member writes that Hamburg Passenger lists have been microfilmed by LDS Church and available through LDS branch libraries \* Crowder Reunion 29 June 1985 at Goodwood, Ont. \* Norwegian Roots, Lillehammer, Norway, 28 June to 7 July 1985. Contact Norwegian Tourist Board, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY, 10019.

**Oregon GS Quarterly**, V. 23 #3 Sep/85: Personals from Daily Eugene Guard 19 Dec, 1894 & 21 Jan 1895 \* pedigree George C. Mason, eugene \* 1886 Military list Lane Co., H-Z \* Index of "At Rest in Lincoln County" by E. Parry and Lincoln Co. HS.

**Oxford Tracer**, Oxford Co. Branch OGS, V. 5 #4/83: Marriages & deaths from the Ingersoll Chronicle 1854-57 \* V. 6 #4 Dec/84: Mudge family history \* useful info on Oxford Co. records.

**Perth County Profiles**, v. 2 #1 Mar/84: Blanshard Twp. \* Perth Co. Wills 1854-73. V. 3 #1 Feb/85: "Hamilton Evening Times" Index 1859-1968 for sale \* history of S.D. #1, Logan \* Deaths recorded in 1871 Perth Census, Mornington Twp. Donor, Ruth Breckman.



PEI GS Newsletter, V. 9 #1 Feb/85: list of genealogical software for microcomputers being compiled by Don Jardine, Box 63 Winslow, PEI, COA 2H0 \* St. Paul's Anglican Church records of baptisms, 1796-1799 (also in #2). #2 Apr/85: Some Irish research notes.

Prince George Tree Tracer, Apr/85: Newspaper extracts, 1916-17 from Prince George Star \* Archives, Record Offices, Libraries in Wales \* surname Index A-Hi.

Quebec FHS Connections, V. 7 #3 Mar/85: Eastern twps. research centre \* Genealogical sources in the Salle Gagnon at the Bibliotheque de la Ville de Montreal, Part 1.

Red River Valley GS Newsletter, V. 15 #2 Jan/85: Snapshots found of Clitheral, album of Mrs. J. O'Neil, 1934 \* Bible of a Hoffman family.

Sask. GS Bulletin, V. 16 #1 Jan-Mar/85: Germans from Russia Pt. 2 \* Interested in Gwennap, Cornwall Eng.? Contact Mr. Bawden, 14 Highland Park, Redruth, Cornwall TR15 2EX (encl. 2 IRC's) \* The Gypsies \* Genealogical research in depositories in France (1550-1880) \* Cemetery listings from Montmartre R.M. #126 \* Piapot R.M. #110 \* Pittville R.M. #169.

Scottish Genealogist, V. XXXI #4: Info Technology in Genealogy \* Capt. James Scott of the "Ballindalloch" \* James Stewart, a Dunaverty mystery \* Good book reviews.

Seattle GS Bulletin, V. 34 #3 Sep/85: Interesting 'memoir' articles \* computer program suggestions \* Keeff family bible \* Bible found with surnames Drake, White, Smith from Donaghadee and Newto(w)nards, Ireland.

Thunder Bay Branch OGS Past Tents, V. 5 #1 Sep/84 (complimentary copy): Extracts of BMD from Sentinel 1875 \* Members' interests \* Silver Islet inhabitants, 1868-1944.

Toronto Tree, Toronto Branch OGS, V. 16 #3 Mar-Apr/85: French genealogy in Ontario \* Index of Toronto Branch pedigrees for sale \* Dennison family, Algonquin Park.

Twin Ports GS Branching Out, V. 4 #4 Apr/85: Capsule family history by Catherine Cheadle, whose ancestors included Am. Indians & soldiers who fought for Montcalm and Wolfe at Quebec \* some Finnish phrases to use \* Graves of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots.

Waterloo Wellington OGS Branch Notes, V. XIII #1 JAN/85: Tracing ancestors in Puslinch Twp. \* cont'd index to Guelph Advertiser 1849 \* Luther Twp. and Mount Forest deaths reported in 1871 census. #2 Apr/85: Writing and publishing a family history \* Everton Disciples of Christ from Eramosa Twp. 1838-76 \* Index to Guelph Advertiser cont'd, 1847-49 \* early Methodist baptisms in Maryborough Twp.

Whatcom GS Bulletin, V. 15 #3 SEP/85: Viereck Private Cemetery, Orcas \* Matthew Sheffer, Civil War veteran \* Pleasant Ridge Cemetery cont'd \* excerpts from "San Juan Islander" newspaper 1899-1905 \* Brief histories of Thomas Henry Bice, Eliza Miller Whitcomb Richards, the Whitcomb family \* Bible records, Sarah Pugh, Montfore \* Ancestor charts - Merriel Linderman Ebe, Donald Wilfred Carpenter, Elsie LaVerne Nolan.

Whitby Oshawa Branch OGS Kindred Spirits, V. 4 #1 Feb/85: Beaverton Story, book for sale \* notes on choosing genealogy computer software \* Archival holdings, Clarke Twp. \* William Dow of Glen Shu, correspondence. Donor, Mrs. Robertson.

## NEW BOOKS RECEIVED

**GENEALOGY IN ONTARIO: SEARCHING THE RECORDS.** By Brenda Dougall Merriman. (Toronto: the Ontario Genealogical Society, 1984, \$13.50/\$10.00).

**SURROGATE COURT RECORDS AT THE ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO.** By Catherine Shepard. (Toronto: the Ontario Genealogical Society, 1984, \$4.50/\$3.50).

**LOYALIST LISTS.** By E. Keith Fitzgerald. (Toronto: the Ontario Genealogical Society, 1984, \$10.75/\$8.00).

**O.G.S. LIBRARY HOLDINGS, 1984 EDITION.** Edited by Barbara B. Aitken. (Toronto: the Ontario Genealogical Society, 1984, \$12.75/\$9.50).

All books available from OGS, Publications Department, Box 66, Station Q, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2L7. Prices listed are Regular/Members. There is a 25% discount for bulk purchases of 10 or more.

A copy of each of these books has been donated to our MGS Library by the Ontario Genealogical Society.

**GENEALOGY IN ONTARIO: SEARCHING THE RECORDS.** Anyone considering searching records in Ontario will thank Mrs. Merriman for this book. There are chapters covering the records for: Vital Statistics, Census, Land, Court, Immigration, Municipal, Education, Military, and Loyalist. The author tells one where to find these records as well as what to look for in the records and what to expect from them. There are also lists of resource Centers in Ontario, with maps for Ottawa and Toronto, lists of Publishers and Books, as well as hints for beginning genealogists and tips on problems and organization. The book is small enough to carry with you and is a must if you are planning a trip to Ontario. Does NOT replace "Some Ontario References and Sources for the Family Historian (1976)". - L.S.

**SURROGATE COURT RECORDS AT THE ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO.** Ms. Shepard puts it best in her Introduction when she says, "While not all that follows below could be described as fascinating reading, like nasty medicine, it will have its uses." As we search for that illusive ancestor most of us will have to turn to estate records (commonly called Wills). This booklet is quite detailed and will give a searcher some knowledge of what to expect and what to look for before trying to actually find the Surrogate Court records at the Ontario Archives. - L.S.

**LOYALIST LISTS.** This book is primarily a list of names found in Folios 143 to 170 in the HALDIMAND PAPERS and does not claim to be a complete list of Loyalist names found in the PAPERS. In his Introduction Dr. Fitzgerald outlines where we may search the original papers or microfilmed copies. To those who do not have ready access to PAC, publications such as this are a welcome start to their research. - L.S.

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## BOOK REVIEW



GHOST TOWNS OF MANITOBA: by Helen Mulligan and Wanda Ryder, 218 pp., Surrey, B.C., Heritage House. Reviewed by Vince Leah, Winnipeg Free Press, Saturday, May 11, 1985.

Do not look for West Lynne on the Manitoba map. You will not find it. All that remains of a once-thriving community is one man's house. Politics, inter-community jealousies and the railroad building through Emerson finished West Lynne, a town that once had its own newspaper, four general stores, six hotels, a brewery, a school, two churches, a soda pop factory and five implement agencies. George Pocok built a house for his English bride, who would not come to Manitoba unless she had a house like her own back home. It is all that remains.

West Lynne is only one of the localities in Manitoba that are now ghost towns.

Helen Mulligan and Wanda Ryder have produced a remarkable account of the history and decline of 36 communities that flourished and if they died long ago, it was because of the lack of railroad transportation or because of political intrigue.

The Canadian Pacific Railway's monopoly on railroad building in southern Manitoba provided the death knell on an assortment of burgeoning communities. Some of them were founded by men who believed they had inside knowledge of where the tracks were going. Often they were wrong. The railroad went elsewhere, and newer communities were settled which flourish to this day. Nelson was a growing, busy place, but the CPR's Pembina branch passed 12.5 kilometres to the south, where somebody else founded a new community. The people of Nelson moved everything that could be moved to the new settlement. You know it as the apple and corn capital of Manitoba, Morden.

Often economic reasons killed a community. The authors do not include Sherridan, once a busy mining community. But the mine ran dry in the 1950s and, in the dead of winter, the amazing exodus of people and homes and shops headed north to become Lynn Lake. With always the chance of a new ore find, perhaps it does not qualify as a ghost town.

I have been through what is left of the odd place listed in this book. All that remains is two or three empty buildings, perhaps an unused railroad station.

North of the city of Brandon, on the bank of the Assiniboine River, you will find a sign that reads Grand Valley. General Tom Rosser, Confederate cavalry commander and surveyor working for the CPR, declined to meet the homesteaders' price for their land. He moved his tracks to the south. Brandon became Manitoba's second city and Grand Valley, a lonely deserted townsite, eventually was sold for \$1,500.

Ghost Towns of Manitoba is an exciting and valuable addition to Manitoba's written history.

## A NEW LAND

*The following account illustrates clearly the kind of life endured by many of our immigrant ancestors in Manitoba around the turn of the century. Adapted from "Beyond the Gates of Lower Fort Garry", published in 1982 by the Municipality of St. Andrews, Clandeboye, Manitoba ROC OPO. Printed with permission.*

JOSEPH TURKEWICH FAMILY  
by great granddaughter Mrs. Gloria Dick.

Joseph Turkewich was born in 1860 and Katherine Turkewich was born in 1862 in the village of Mariampole, near Stanislaw, Poland. They had three children, also born in Mariampole.

Joseph decided to come to Canada when friends wrote of the opportunity to get land and be one's own boss.

*I only had two morgens of land and I was able to provide an adequate living for my family. As my sons would grow up and get married, I would have to divide my land and give them a parcel of land. As I give them a parcel of land, my living standards would decrease and also my son would not have enough land to support his family or else he would have to leave and look for work elsewhere. One could not buy more land or improve oneself. (Note: a morgen is a little over two acres of land).*

He got 700 zlotys, about \$475.00 for the land.

Joseph and his wife and their three children left for Canada in the spring of 1897. They left behind them all their family, for they were the first of the family to leave for Canada. Joseph left behind his twin brother and his younger sister.

The fare to Winnipeg was about \$110 for an adult and half fare for children. Children the age of two and under received free milk.

They went from Galacia, Austria to Hamburg, Germany. They had a stopover in Liverpool, England. After three weeks of sailing, they arrived at Montreal. They were afraid of the ocean trip and most of the time they feared they were lost. From Montreal they travelled to Winnipeg on the immigration train.

Along the way all they saw was rocky land which was a disappointment to the people, for they had expected better land. His wife would say to him, "Now you see what Canada looks like!" On the third day they saw a small garden and little else and a little farther on they saw a few head of cattle. The countryside changed and they saw more cattle and some plowed fields and houses. Then his wife remarked, "If I knew that we would ever be able to raise a tiny calf like that, I would be very delighted."

After spending a week in Winnipeg, they were taken out to select their farms. There was a tall one-armed German fellow who was assigning farms to settlers and said to them, "These are your farms. There are iron stakes that indicate the corners of your land." Joseph was assigned to NE 1/4 Section 35, Township 17, Range 3E. It was the northern boundary line of Manitoba and north of Pleasant Home where his friends had settled the year before. He had to pay \$10.00 for his section of land.

They left Winnipeg by train for Stonewall which was the end of the line. From Stonewall they had to travel by wagon down a narrow path which was known as the Gravel Ridge Trail. In places where the trail was swampy and mosquito-infested, they had to carry the children or else the wagon would get stuck.

The first job upon arrival was to build a house with his neighbour, Daniel Cherniak, who came from the same village. They struggled together carrying the logs to the site they had chosen for the house. They had no horses or oxen to help them with the logs.

They erected a house out of trees. This took nearly a month to complete. They cut grass with a sickle and were able to thatch the roof. The sickles and scythes they brought from the old country were all they had to remind them of the land of their origin. At each end of the house there was an opening and bedsheets served as doors. The stove was set outside. The mosquitoes were very bad. They came in clouds and flew into their mouths. The poor children were tormented by them and cried. It was necessary to build a smudge to get relief.

The only open space was around the hut and the rest consisted of trees and brush. The brush was so thick that if one ventured too far he would get lost and would have to call "hop, hop" to get someone to answer in order to get a bearing by which to return.

To clear the land, they had to cut down the bush. Joseph would chop down some trees to make an opening, so the wind would be able to get in and blow the rest of the trees down. In the fall time all he had to do was to drag the logs out and cut them up for firewood or sell some cordwood. Joseph sold the cordwood for \$1.00 a cord and with that money he bought an ox, and a cow which produced a steer.

*The house was home for us and Daniel Cherniak's family. Cherniak had two sons and two daughters and we had three children. The house was too small for all.*

Joseph built a house like Cherniak's. The house measured 16 feet by 17 feet and they lived in that house for sixteen years. Joseph Turkewich bought shingles which cost \$30.00 and boards cost \$18.00. He got some spruce from another farm. They patched the cracks between the logs with clay and the rain kept washing the clay off. They had to buy siding to keep the rain off the clay.

As Joseph was building the house, the women would pick mushrooms and clear the land for a garden. They used to plant the potatoes among the stumps. They would also cry for their homeland because they were lonesome.



Once the house was finished, Joseph went out to work to earn extra money to get a better start on the farm. The first job he got was around Selkirk. He used to cut peat moss and drag it out with hooks. They made ditches and drained the water off the land so that the farmers could cut hay. Now these places are grain fields and farmers have their homes on the land. He was paid \$1.00 a day and board.

The next year he worked building a road-bed. Gravel was brought by horse-drawn scrapers and the men levelled out each dump and placed wooden ties on the grade and then the rails were laid on them. After this was done, they tamped the gravel under the ties to make a firm base. He was employed at this type of work building one track from Stonewall to Teulon. As the road went farther north, it was always possible to find work on the extra gang or section. He got \$1.50 for ten hours of work and he had to pay for his board.

In the eighth year, he went to Gretna to help harvest for an Englishman and a Mennonite farmer. He worked from early morning to late at night for \$1.00 a day plus room and board.

In the fall time Joseph placed near the house the dry cordwood that he had chopped and that the wind had blown down during the summer.

On Sunday he would sit under the tree and read the Bible and Catechism book. These books Joseph had bought from a professor in the homeland. The professor had asked why he was buying the books. Joseph replied, "I am leaving for Canada and I want to take something from my homeland as a memory. When I read the Bible and Catechism book, I will have the church and God with me."

A year or two later the neighbours got together and erected a big oak cross on the hill on the Gravel Ridge Trail, one mile west of Turkewich's homestead. On Sundays all the neighbours gathered around the cross and read the Bible. Daniel Cherniak was the one who did the singing and Joseph helped out a little.

Later the neighbours got together and helped build the first Ukrainian Catholic Church in this area, the Holy Rosary Church, and cemetery. This is where Joseph and Katherine Turkewich are buried.

One summer Joseph walked to Winnipeg with thirty cents in his pocket. He didn't find work so he walked home. Joseph had bought two big loaves of bread for five cents and came home with twenty cents. He didn't find a job so he did not want to eat.

In 1902 the C.P.R. extended the line to Winnipeg Beach making it a summer resort for people from Winnipeg. Joseph and Katherine used to carry their vegetables, eggs, cream, butter and other produce for sale among the campers. They had great difficulty in doing this because the trail was very muddy, wet, swampy and mosquito-infested. With the money earned from selling their goods, they would buy necessary supplies at the tiny hamlet. They had to carry a half a bag of flour on their backs, otherwise they got stuck. In order to make the trail more suitable they had to place branches and logs in the low spots for them and their oxen to walk on. The road that goes past the house was built in 1913.

Around 1914 there was a big fire. It came from 4 miles south and was three miles to the east. The flames were about twenty feet high. The road stopped the fire from spreading further. It had burnt 120 acres of brush on the Turkewich homestead. Joseph was happy that the fire had come because it would be easier to clean the brush. The fire had damaged the land, for it had burned off all the good top soil and peat moss, leaving only the heavy clay. He cleared off the cordwood and sold it for forty cents a cord. With that money, he bought a plow and mower for his oxen.

He had to hire a man with a breaker to break the soil for the first time. The land was very hard. He had to pay the man fifteen cents an acre. After it was broken Joseph was able to plow the land with his two oxen and plow. When the land was wet he needed three or four oxen.

The first crop planted was potatoes, followed by wheat, barley, oats and then summerfallow. He would put manure on the land before he would put in potatoes. In the summer he would use a wagon and oxen, in the winter sleigh and oxen to haul the manure to the fields.

They hired people to thresh for them. It cost eight cents a bushel for wheat, six cents a bushel for barley and oats. They had sixty acres in crop and seventy acres in hay.

In 1916 the neighbours realized the need for a school, and organized themselves to build one. The school was named Prout School No. 1821, named after the Prout River in the homeland. In the 1920's the school burned down and was rebuilt. Joseph's two grandsons and three great granddaughters attended the school.

In 1919 land was selling for \$10.00 an acre. They belonged to the municipality of St. Andrews and the municipality said that they would have to start paying taxes. The first taxes were \$3.00, then \$4.00, then \$5.00. In 1926 the taxes were \$85.00 to \$90.00. If you want to stay on your land, you have to pay the taxes and the taxes kept going up year after year. Many farmers in the area were leaving the farms now because they were unable to pay the taxes.

Joseph Turkewich at the age of 66: *"I have worked so hard that I am unable to work and walk anymore. I have left my twin brother and sister in the old country. I don't think that I would ever want to go back. In the old country you worked hard but never got to improve your standards. In Canada you have to work hard and have to know your arithmetic in order to farm and hold on to your money. It cost a lot of money to break the land and a lot of money to hire the men during threshing. All this hard work was worth it for I own my land and now I can hand down the land to my son and his children. In Canada, they will always have something."*

The quotations were taken from an interview Joseph Turkewich gave to the Ukrainian paper, New Lands, in 1926.

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POWER** Allan McIvor m. Elizabeth, res. 1887 Binscarth or Russell, Man. Ch: Christina b. 1870 Portage la Prairie m. 1887 Binscarth, Man. Eustace Manley Power. Also searching for any desc. of Herbert, Walter or Reginald Power, all b. Herefordshire, Eng. Arr. Man. c1882.

Mrs. Norma Byrnes, 4724 Briarwood Dr., Lorain, Ohio USA 44053

**SCOULAR/  
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SHAW** Walter Scoular b. 1853 (s/o John and Margaret Scouller) m. 1877 Fenwick, Ayre Co. Scotland to Allison Shaw. Ch: Bessie, John, Margaret, James, Joseph, Alice, Jessie, Robert, Pauline, Benjamin, Evangeline and Sylvia. Mvd to Man. 1885-87 Hazelridge area. Any info.

Mrs. Kathleen Wiese, Box 124, Alix, Alberta TOC OBO

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HARRIS  
TRIMBLE** Richard Berridge Chamberlain b. 1866 Eng. m. 1889 Toronto, Ont. Letitia Harris. Ch: Rose Alberta b. 1889 m. 1915 Dr. N. G. Trimble. Res. Wawanesa & res. Winnipeg, Man. 1904-15. Seek desc.

Mrs. D. J. Chamberlain, 11 Isaacs St., Bathurst NSW 2795 Australia

**HUMPHREY** Scott Humphrey b. c1828 Burra Isle, Shetlands, followed his son James (b. 1855 Norfolk Co.) from their Thunder Bay, Ont. home to new homesteads in Man. in 1892. Scott res. Foxwarren, Man. in 1916. Any info.

Marge S. Walker, 6155 Kokanee Lane, Pollock Pines, CA USA 95726

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JAMES  
JONES**

Harry B. Newt b. Nov 1891 Minnedosa, Man. s/o William Newt and Mary Jones (orphaned at early age, may have changed his name to adoptive family name), d. Apr 1961 Longview, Wash., m. Nov 1915 Violet James. Any info.

Pearl Irene Newt Burr, 1307 Stella Rd., Longview, Wash. 98632 USA

**HARRIS**

Norman Harris, b. 1868 Manotick, Ont. m. Dec 1897 Boissevain, Man. to Nina Melissa Harris b. 1878 Gloucester, Ont. Ch: 2 sons, 2 dtrs. Youngest Edna Isabella b. Apr 1913. Any info.

Doreen Drader, Box 1024, Killarney, Man. ROK 1G0

**MacKINNON  
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McLEAN**

Hugh MacKinnon, b. Aug 1823 Bruce Co. Ont. (2nd of 9 ch. of Archibald MacKinnon and Annie McLean, Tiree, Scot.) m. Ann Rose ?, mvd to Shoal Lake, Man. area c1890 with wife and ch. (10?) Any info on desc.

Mrs. Betty MacKinnon, R.R. #3, Tiverton, Ont. NOG 2T0

**MIKOLASH  
WESELAK**

George Mikolash, b. 1860 d. 1949 m. Barbara Weselak. Her pts came to Ladywood, Man. with them from Lesnow, Poland c1899. Pts died after 1917. Names? Dates? Buried?

**GORNICKI**

Frank Gornicki b. 1864 d. 1946 m. Marian Chopick, d. between 1908-1946 at either Selkirk or Brandon Mental Hosp. Came to Cromwell, Man. from Bienava, Poland c1902. Any info.

Rhonda Glofcheski, Box 1561, Sioux Lookout, Ont. POV 2T0

**MENNELL  
ALLITT**

William Mennell b. 1829-30 Yorkshire, Eng. d. 1893 Birtle, Man. m. Eliza Allitt, b. 1863 Lincolnshire, Eng. Ch: Eliza (Lizzie). Res. Birtle late 1880-1895. Any info.

George Mitten, P.O. Box 495, Redvers, Sask. SOC 2H0

**FLEMING**

Walter Fleming b. 1817-18, m. 1835-42 Elizabeth Reed d/o George Reed and Mary Darbey. Ch: Isabelle b. 1843; William M. b. 1850; George; Fred; Frank. Family emig. to U.S. in 1853. Any info.

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