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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



ELIZABETH BRIGGS

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Welcome back from the summer vacation to a season of MGS activities.

Thanks to Candy Kelner and Jim Beyette, the co-chairpersons of Seminar '85, Researching the Canadian Mosaic, which was held at Gordon Bell High School October 4-6 with Elizabeth Hancocks speaking on the United Empire Loyalists and western migration of Ontario pioneers.

Thanks to the work of Ruth Breckman and her committee, MGS has moved into new premises. Our new address is Suite 420, 167 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg. This is the Grain Exchange Building. We share office space with three other organizations and this has enabled us to improve our office facilities without prohibitive costs. MGS has an open reception area, a separate room which is shared by the library and Special Projects and a small room to store publications, charts and pamphlets which are for sale.

Bill Pooley has been a very active chairperson for the Ways and Means Committee. Through their endeavours MGS has received \$15,000.00 from the provincial government. This grant will help to support a much needed part-time secretarial assistance for the Society and pay one year's rent for the new office.

Two students, Ursula Boehm and Kirsten Stokes, were hired through a student employment grant this summer. They have rendered MGS invaluable service. In addition to their secretarial duties, assisting with the reorganization of the office and taking inventory, Kirsten has been working on indexing records of students who attended local secretarial colleges. Ursula typed a book "Marriage and Death Notices from Manitoba Newspapers 1859-1881". Kathy Stokes, the chairperson of the Special Projects committee, has directed this work. The book will be published early in 1986 as part of the Tenth Anniversary celebrations.

During the summer, while vacationing in eastern Canada, I took the opportunity of meeting with Elsa Hochwald, the president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Genealogical Society. Elsa plans to visit Brandon for our Tenth Anniversary Seminar August 15-17, 1986. We shall then have an opportunity to learn more about Newfoundland family history.

Early in August I attended the workshop of the St. John Branch of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society. Their workshop chairperson kindly introduced me to the registrants, giving me the opportunity of delivering greetings from MGS and extending an invitation for people to plan their '86 vacation and visit Brandon for our seminar. A brief report on some of the presentations at the workshop is included in this issue of Generations.

The Tenth Anniversary will offer all members an opportunity to contribute to MGS archives. Do consider:

1. Writing up a family history and donating a copy to the library; or
2. Completing a multi-generation chart for the library, or
3. Completing a photographic history of your family for the library.

Your efforts are important. You may make new contacts with people searching your family lines. Together, we can preserve our heritage for future generations.



# THE FAMILY TREE GAME



REVIEWED BY GERALD BROWN

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"THE FAMILY TREE", published 1974 by Three Family Enterprises Ltd., 1172 Dochester Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3M 0S4, \$24.95.

Components: One (1) folding game board; 125 printed game cards with four (4) questions per card; six (6) interlocking moving pieces each bearing an animal symbol on one side and a letter on the other side; one (1) spotted die; one (1) numeral die.

The Game: The Family Tree is more than a game; it is an activity that brings families and friends together to listen, laugh and learn while sharing the stories that link the present with the past. It is designed for families and friends who want to have fun getting to know more about each other.

The Family Tree is a cooperative activity: each person must finish in order for the game to be completed. There are generally no right or wrong answers. Most questions ask for your opinion. It is important to allow each person to express his or her own ideas without judging their answer as right or wrong and without trying to correct them (this can be a real challenge!).

The game is designed for six (6) players. The age limitation relates to their ability to understand the questions and it works best from about age 12 upward to adults. It is great for conversation starters and provides opportunities to share personal anecdotes and family history. It encourages people to elaborate tales, usually provides lots of laughs, and is designed with a positive focus to bring out the best in each player.

"Family Tree" is a pleasant change from the highly competitive games on the market. It has no "winner" - all players learn more about themselves and about each other. It can help children develop a positive attitude towards themselves and their family in a non-threatening situation.

Some limitations should be noted in the game:

- (1) For some participants the gold grid squares were hard to see. This is a minor factor which can be managed by proper lighting in most cases.
- (2) A time limit could be imposed on some long-winded storytellers in order to keep the game moving.

- (3) With children and young adults some supervision is advised to keep the game flowing, to interpret questions, and to facilitate discussion rather than debate on factual accuracy matters.
- (4) While the game has elements of Trivial Pursuit, there appears to be little commonality of questions within each category. This could have been a valuable dimension to the structure of the game, and to provide some subtle tension at times.

Recommendation:

Highly recommended to Schools and Family History searchers because:

1. It's useful for communication and social development in small group settings.
2. It helps develop a positive self-concept in both kids and adults.
3. It opens up facets of family history information sharing, especially across generations, that is invaluable.
4. It's very economical at this price.

Try it, you'll enjoy it with family or friends.

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# M.G.S. LIBRARY REPORT

BY LOUISA SHERMERHORN

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## PERIODICALS RECEIVED

Alberta FHS Quarterly, v. 5 #4, Summer/85. New exec. and other member profiles \* library list \* general notes on buying a microcomputer for genealogy \* Alberta Historical books \* 1985 membership list \* straight line pedigree chart: Anne Crawley & A. Jesse Green (with Portage la Prairie connection).

Alberta GS Relatively Speaking, v. 13 #2, Summer/85. What's in a name (Routledge) \* A Confederate Marine Officer \* 1921 Lamond Telephone directory \* Old Patricia Cemetery \* Cassils Cemetery \* cont. features and lists plus a new one: extracts from the book "Homestead Country", Wrentham.

The Archivist. PAC, M-J/85 v. 12 #3: Railway school cars and educ. in N. Ont. 1920s to 1960s \* Manuscript coll. on Youth \* Records of 16th Century Fishing trade from LeHavre to Newfoundland and Cape Breton.

Australia Griffith G&HS Ibis Links, #10 Jun/85, complimentary copy: Ancestor hunting in Ireland \* Never give up \* Queries, etc.

Bismarck-Mandan HGS, v. 14 #2 Jun/85: Continuing lists Grand Forks 1891-2, Jamestown & Stutsman Co. 1909, Cemeteries Grace Hill (Ri-Z), Zebon, Hoffnungsberg \* excerpts of family histories from Jubilee ed. of "Braddock News" 13 Jun 1959.

Brant County OGS Newsletter, v. 5 #5 May/85: Alexander Graham Bell \* Some Brant Co. place names.

British Columbia Genealogist, v. 14 #2 Jun/85: Index Land Pre-emption records, New Westminster 1872-75 \* Potts family (Worcestershire & Victoria B.C.) \* Aids in determining correct dates.

California GS Newsletter vol. XVI Nos. 2, 3, Apr, Jun/85, Donor Beryl Robbins MGS #728: Library holdings \* Misc. vital stats from Cal. newspapers \* Swedish sources.

Essex County Branch OGS Trails, v. 7 #2, Apr/85: Belanger family grows \* more indexed Wills 19th Century \* misc. names from a postcard coll. \* V. 7 #3 Jul/85: Hunt up your home's history, some hints \* indexed Wills, H, I, J at Essex Co. Courthouse \* J. H. Madill \* Senesacque family notes.

FFHS Family History News Digest, v. 5 #1 Spring/85: Index to Digest section for Vols. 1, 2, 3 (1977-82). 1985 Accomm. Register is in Vertical File under FFHS. Read Colin Chapman's report on his trip to Can. and the US autumn 1984 \* Check the Digest section and Federation News for your area of interest \* Consideration of Copyright \* Maps of counties of Eng. and Wales before and after Apr/74 \* Good book reviews.

Federation of Genealogical Societies Newsletter (U.S.) v. 9 #2 M-A/85: Similar in format to FFHS News Digest but US oriented \* Projects in progress by member societies \* Stock (yes, Livestock) Mark and Estray books described \* News from the Societies \* Importance of mortuary records.

Genealogical Helper, May/Jun/85: Regular features plus Developing a family archives  
\* Starting a family newsletter \* Family associations and family periodical publications.

Glamorgan FHS Journal, #6/85: An overview of research in Washington, U.S. \* cont. letters of Mary Jenkins of Llanfalon parish incl. some events of the parish \* cont. Phillips family of Dyfed \* Evans family of Llantresant pt. 1 \* Glamorgan parishes and hamlets 1841-51. #5: Roger Land, yeoman of St. John's parish, Swansea \* Inquisitions (deaths) at Cardiff County 1767-83 \* Local history and related societies \* some Oystermouth families: Webborn, Gammon, Bidder/Bydder, Ace \* Reselven (hamlet) mid 19th Cent. \* Boarders in 1881 at Sailor's Home, Cardiff \* Army records at PRO Kew \* a new one-name study: Cogan, Coggin, Gagan, Goggin \* List of family names in new pedigrees rec'd by the Soc.

Huron County OGS Rooting Around Huron, v. 6 #2 Jul/85: Goderich Twp resources \* some records from Huronview (House of Refuge) \* abbreviations and definitions.

International Soc. for BG&FH Newsletter, v. 7 #2 Apr-Jun/85: IRC's are no longer valid in South Africa which has been expelled from the International Postal Union \* many other items of interest incl. some info on Australian sources and a list of Saloon passengers per the Royal Mail Steamer "City of Berlin" 1875 to America.

Lost in Canada, #43 Aug/85: Regular queries - 24 pages \* Upper Canada registers of Rev. John Bethune 1779-1810 \* Election Halton Co. Gore District 1884 \* extracts Henryville, Que. register 1833-52 \* Hotel-Dieu de Quebec patients.

Manitoba Culture and Heritage, V. 3 #2/85: New resources avail. in Man. Archives: Land Dept. records of HBC \* scrapbooks at Legislative Lib. covering current affairs, biography & history and indexed - are being put on film.

Manitoba HS Manitoba History, Spring/85: Paulet Paul \* Blumenort, Man. 1874-1910 \* Mitch Sago interview \* Clanwilliam 1918 \* Brandon Gaol \* Morden \* Wpg. Roller rink \* Cornish Library \* Frank Cornish \* Book reviews.

Minnesota GS Genealogist, v. 16 #2 Jun/85: Yellowstone Co. Montana marriage records \* writing a family history \* a research trip to Germany \* more ship passengers 1855-61 \* Newsletter v. 17 #2 May/85: Interest group info, coming events.

New Brunswick GS Generations, #24 Jun/85: New documents of St. John Valley Pre-Loyalists \* Some Albert Co. history \* Robert Yule Tait, master ship builder \* alphabetical summary of queries \* Haney/Heine family \* more on Loyalist bio review and documentation sources \* alpha. list of family histories at PANB.

New England H&G Register and Newsletter. Some back issues. Donation. Vol. CXXXIX Jul/85 contains articles "The Irish in New Eng." and "Sources of Irish-American Genealogy in New Eng."

Ontario GS Families, V. 24 #2 May/85: Dr. John Duff Macdonald \* Archives, finding your way around \* Loyalist victualing lists, Niagara 1786 \* John Walter of Walters Falls \* John Graham's Bible \* Keeping Personal Records. Newsletter v. XV #2 May/85: Request for back copies of Families (particularly from before 1980 to fill requests from libraries \* request for info on emigrants from Maryland to Ont. pre-1825 \* numerous queries.

Oregon GS Quarterly, V. 23 #4: Excerpts from "Bohemia Nugget" of Cottage Grove, OR, 1899 \* dates from a misc. paper found in a 2ndhand store, Pennington, Harper, Hawthorne (1782-1877) \* regular features.



Oxford Tracer, Oxford Co. Branch OGS, V. 7 #2/85: Donor, Ruth Breckman. New book on Tillsonburg available \* queries, archives and library reports.

Quebec FHS Connections, V. 7 #4 Jun/85: Microforms in QFHS library \* cont. genealogical sources in Sale Gagnon, Bibliotheque de la Ville de Montreal.

Quinte Branch OGS Searchlight, v. 4 #4, V. 5 #2, Spring/85 (Donation): Vol. 5 has a list of Hastings Co. cemetery books for sale \* many queries \* vol. 4 has the Assessment of the Twp. of Hallowell 1809 \* Desc. of Daniel B. Way 1762-1840.

Red River Valley GS Newsletter, V. 15 #2 Jul/85: Addresses \* State Archives \* Research form for census searches \* abbreviations.

Scottish Genealogist, V. XXXII #1 Mar/85 (Donation): Ancestry Sir Thomas Livingstone Mitchell \* N. Carolina settlement 1739 \* Stewarts and the New World \* Society News.

Society of Genealogists Genealogists Magazine, v. 21 #10 Jun/85: Worcestershire records... \* John Fressh, Lord Mayor of London \* Am. ancestors, cousins of the Princess of Wales \* Any member contemplating a trip to the British Isles should peruse a few copies of the Genealogists Magazine, along with the FFHS Digest.  
Toronto Tree, Toronto Branch OGS, V. 16 #4 May/85: Markham Museum \* Computer advice. V. 16 #5 Summer/85: Branch news.

Whatcom GS Bulletin, V. 15 #4: Civil War soldier, Hugh Biggerstoff \* Diary, A. J. Loomis 1911-12 with listing of names of people from Blaine, WA \* Genealogical sources in WA State \* excerpts from the San Juan newspaper 1905-6 \* American Reveille 14 Jun 1908 \* Family bibles: Kelln/Brunner.

Wiltshire FHS, Spring/85: James Bendrey \* misc. names plus 13 pages of Relatively Speaking surnames being searched.

NAMES BEING RESEARCHED IN MANITOBA (AND RELATED NAMES) FROM CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO MGS. PLEASE CHECK THE NAME REGISTER IN THE OFFICE FOR THE AUTHOR OF A PARTICULAR NAME ENTRY OR CONTACT THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Abrams, Akers, Allitt, Anderson, Andre, Barreau, Bartel, Bateman, Beauleau, Beaulieu, Bell, Bercier, Berg, Bonneau, Boyer, Buckle, Cadotte, Campbell, Campion, Carron, Causey, Chrapchinski, Clark, Corbett, Damon, Davidson, Davison, Dease, DeTracey, Dickie, Douglas, Dreger, Ducharme, Dumont, Dunsmore, Dyck, Fidler, Fleming, Fowlds, Frederick(s), Friesen, Griffin, Hancock, Hanna, Harris, Haywood, Hicks, Hogue, Houle, Hurteau, Hutchins, Hyde, Ironside, Irwin(e), James, Jobin, Johnson, Jones, Kennedy, Kerr, Kinnard, Kirkpatrick, Larkin, Lawford, Lingham, Lowen, Luxton, Luzon, Mackie, Mandebille, McArthur, McCaul, McGhie, Nevin-Taylor, Newt, Nickel, Ogilvie, Faquette, Parker, Pearce, Pelletier, Plett, Reagen, Regehr, Reimer, Rickards, Robidou, Ross, Roulette, Schpansky, Scott, Simpson, Sims, Smith, Sousey, Stevens, Teed, Tetrault, Thompson, Toews, Tracey, Trottier, VanAlstine, Watts, Way, Welch, Wiebe, Zaluski.

# SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT



BY KATHY STOKES

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Cemetery Transcriptions received and filed in the Reference Section of the MGS Library.

Boissevain	Marquette Mennonite Brethren
Bruxelles St. Gerard's	Roland Bethel
Burnside	Roland Fairview
Clandeboye United	St. Norbert Andrechuk
High Bluff McKenzie Presb.	St. Norbert St. Joseph's RC
Holland Brookdale	Setter United
Holland St. John Berchman's RC	Warren (burial records)
SW17-2-16 near Holmfield	Whitemouth Beaver Creek (burial records)
#3 7 18 Hwy and Fletcher Rd. near Holmfield	York Factory
Little Britain St. Margaret's RC.	

Work has been very slow this summer because of the weather and so we have no more completed cemeteries. Winnipeg Branch is doing St. Mary's RC. Brandon is working in Minnedosa. Dauphin has given no report. Friends of MGS are working at Ninga, Minto and Neepawa.

We have started a new Special Project - transcribing from church records the marriages and baptisms, basically up to 1901. We are trying to collect from all sources as many records as we can to that date (it corresponds to a census year). To date we have just a few records and they are:

1. Baptisms and marriages from St. John's Anglican Church (oldest Protestant church in western Canada) from its beginnings 1820 to 1902.
2. Baptisms and marriages from some Methodist records in the Morden area around the turn of the century:
  - R.M. of Stanley - Marriage records 1891-1896 Morden Methodist
  - 1907-1923 St. Paul's Methodist, Morden
  - Baptism Records 1890-1926 Methodist
  - 1890-1892 Miami
  - R.M. of Carlton - Linthrathau, one Baptism 1886.

These records may be consulted in the office but we do not offer the transcripts for sale in book form.

Our newspaper records of births, marriages and deaths are complete 1859-1881 and we have a few from later. Marriages and deaths are being put in our upcoming book.

Success-Angus Business College has kindly put their student records dating from about 1910 to the 1950's at our disposal. So far we have managed to extract information regarding name, age, address, guardian, etc. from the beginning of the alphabet to "Bou". It is very slow work, but worthwhile. These records may be read in the office.

# *L.D.S. LIBRARY, WINNIPEG*

BY KATIE SPENCER, HEAD LIBRARIAN

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The Genealogical Library at 700 London Street, Winnipeg, is a branch of the Genealogical Society Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, established in Salt Lake City, Utah. The majority of our holdings are either supplied or are on loan from that source. This Society is the largest and most active genealogical organization in the world. It is a non-profit organization supported primarily from the tithes of church members. Although originally founded in 1894 to assist members of the Church in compiling genealogical information, its facilities have always been available to the general public. Branch libraries were begun in 1964, making these records more accessible to other areas of the Church and to date there are over 500 of them in many countries of the world, with over 18,000 rolls of film distributed monthly.

Genealogy is fast becoming the number one hobby in the world. There seems to be an innate desire to trace your roots, to understand yourself better by becoming acquainted with your ancestors. However, to the "Latter-day Saint" this search takes on a religious aspect. Our interest stems from the theological belief that family relationships and associations are intended to be eternal, not limited to this period of mortality. We gather this information in order to perform certain ordinances in our temples, that will seal these individuals into family units for eternity: husband to wife, children to parents; hence, these must be identified.

The main library in Salt Lake City now contains more than 160,000 bound volumes of genealogical interest, with 5,000 being added each year. In 1938, a milestone occurred when microfilming was begun. In 1946, the first filming project outside the United States took place, and now, over 200 microfilmmers are gathering this material in many countries of the world, including Manitoba. At present, there are over 1,500,000 rolls of film on hand which takes the place of five and one half million volumes. This collection is continually expanding.

Before the microfilmmers start work, a good deal of research has to be done to determine which records are the most complete and valuable. Church and civil records are examined and permission obtained for filming. A copy of the record is then made available to the original owner and many churches and nations have welcomed this service because it provides a secure copy to them of often fragile records. After each roll is completed, it is sent back to be safeguarded in an immense storage vault built inside a granite mountain, twenty miles from Salt Lake City. Here it can be protected from natural disaster and humidity.

The last few years have seen a tremendous growth in the use of microfiche, and this transition, involving new computer technology, will result in substantial savings of money and space for our records.



To use our local library effectively, it is important that you become familiar with the various abbreviations that label our drawers and research manuals:

#### M.C.C. - MICROFILMED CARD CATALOGUE

A set of films with entries to 1979, which provides an index to the records of the main Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City. It is divided into 3 sections: Locality, Subject and Surname. Film numbers are listed for patron orders.

#### G.L.C. - GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY CATALOGUE (an update to the M.C.C.)

A set of over 1400 microfiche which will eventually replace the M.C.C. Consists of computerized entries since 1979 to the main library plus a conversion of M.C.C. entries which is not complete at this time. This is divided into 4 sections: Author/Title, Locality, Subject and Surname. the G.L.C. is kept up to date with new editions being sent periodically.

#### I.G.I. - INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX (contains over 88 million entries)

This is a collection of nearly 7,000 microfiche which lists the names of deceased persons for whom L.C.D. temple ordinances have been performed. Names provided from the extraction of parish and vital records and patron submission. These are arranged first by country, county or state, then by surname. New editions of the I.G.I. are sent periodically. The film number of the original record is computed from the Batch number shown (see sample) and can be ordered on a loan.

#### A.I.S. - ACCELERATED INDEXING SYSTEMS

A collection of 1,400 microfiche containing indexes to a number of major United States records, particularly the Federal Census records 1607-1906. Searched by time period, place and name. Film numbers provided for patron loans.

Other resources include the following:

PARISH AND VITAL RECORDS - a collection of microfiche arranged alphabetically by locality showing which records have been microfilmed for the extraction program. Some have not been completed for I.G.I. entries.

ENGLISH CENSUS - a collection of microfiche arranged alphabetically by locality giving the film numbers for the years 1841-1851-1861-1871-1881.

FAMILY REGISTRY - a set of microfiche containing copies of forms submitted by patrons seeking to coordinate research efforts. These forms are provided without charge. These are up-dated periodically.

RESEARCH AIDS - the library has a number of research pamphlets, books, microfiche and films to assist patrons. Many of these have been supplied from the main library and list the major genealogical sources for most of the countries of the world.

REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE FORMS - patrons may submit research enquiries to the main library for assistance. They also provide a list of accredited genealogists.

NORTH AMERICA		STATE: MASSACHUSETTS		AS OF APR 1984		PAGE 26 232	
NAME	SEX: M MALE/F FEMALE/H HUSBAND/W WIFE	EVENT DATE	COUNTY, TOWN, PARISH	B	E	S	SOURCE
FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE							BATCH SERIAL SHEET
NICHOLS, FRANK LEWIS	CHARLES C. NICHOLS/MARY PHINEAS NICHOLS/	M B 22AUG1849	SUFFOLK, DORCHESTER	14JUN1975PV	01AUG1975PV	22AUG1975PV	C502222 2093
NICHOLS, FRANK WAYLAND	PHINEAS NICHOLS/	M C 07FEB1841	ESSEX, NEWBURY	17MAY1975OG	24JUN1975OG	10SEP1975OG	C500321 14354
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Our supply of genealogical aids is being continually enlarged through the main library. We are anxiously awaiting the completion of their project of filming approximately 1,000 of their most heavily used reference books, for the use of branch libraries. Another project currently in progress is the extraction of names from the 4 generation sheets submitted by Church members to be computerized into an Ancestral File. It is exciting to contemplate the future possibilities of using a computer terminal for genealogical information.

Our staff is composed entirely of volunteers, and we are still learning. Sometimes, all we can do is show you our resources and let you do the searching. However, from our limited two-year experience, we do have the following observation: too many patrons come to the library without doing the necessary preparation. Home sources need to be exhausted, pedigree sheets filled out as far as possible, and some system of note keeping provided for.

Along with our goal of becoming more proficient, one of our priorities is to raise funds to enable us to purchase a reader-printer, so that photocopies can be made locally. At present, this service can only be requested from Salt Lake City. We also are attempting to provide permanently as many films as possible of the England and Wales Index to Civil Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

We would like to recognize the help and support that members of the Manitoba Genealogical Society have given us in trying to achieve these goals, and particularly in assisting as volunteer staff members with us. We look forward to continued cooperation in our common endeavour of furthering genealogical research in this area.

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF 1985 WORKSHOP

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK  
BY ELIZABETH BRIGGS

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Although I have no known Canadian antecedents, I certainly learned a great deal of social history from the workshop which I attended in St. John. A brief report on presentations by some of the main speakers might offer ideas to MGS members researching Canadian roots.

## Peter Murphy on the Irish settlement in New Brunswick

Peter Murphy began his presentation with a reference to the "Loyalists" being a political affiliation rather than an ethnic designation. This comment sparked interest as it was later challenged by another expert, Peter Toner, who firmly believed the Loyalists were an ethnic group.

Some Irish ancestry in the Maritimes can be traced to the United Empire Loyalists who landed in N.B. in 1783 after fleeing from the States. These people included Catholic and Protestant Irish. Another example of early Irish immigration to the province is the arrival of the "famine" Irish. These people did not settle but moved on to the United States or to other colonies which later became Canada. The 1851 census of St. John shows a large proportion of "famine" Irish.

Representatives from all classes of society emigrated to New Brunswick up to the 1860's. Generally they were coastal people, as ships were more accessible to them, and they arrived in groups. When they emigrated, the Irish "stuck together". Families, siblings, distant relatives, friends and neighbours from the home parish in Ireland established a new society in the new land. As the initial few settled a home in New Brunswick, so a chain of migration followed until the community emerged. Frequently this new centre held a similarity to that in the homeland.

Due to hardships in the new land, husbands or wives might have remarried two or three times after the death of a spouse; this makes it difficult for genealogists to trace ancestral patterns.

Peter Murphy concluded with this advice to genealogists:

1. Keep an open mind, find connections through groups or communities. Start with the general, then trace the specific family.
2. Irish Catholics may be easier to trace as they tended to retain their parochial connections, unlike many Irish Protestants who soon became affiliated with other churches.

## Harold Wright on Partridge Island

Partridge Island, just off the coast of St. John, New Brunswick, has had a colourful history serving three major functions. In 1791 a lighthouse was built on the island as a warning to approaching ships. From 1791-1947 Partridge Island was a military site. Thirdly, from 1785 to the 20th century the island was a quarantine station.

During the smallpox epidemic of the 1830's Partridge Island served as an isolation hospital.

Ships suspected of carrying disease were required to anchor at Partridge Island where their passengers would be placed in quarantine. The vessels could carry between 200-600 passengers and some of these people did not see the light of day from the time they boarded the ship until they landed in the new world. The immigration months lasted from May to October. From 1819-1825 over sixteen thousand people arrived in St John. In 1845-46 the same number of people emigrated over a two year period.

By 1837 there were four hospitals on the island. At this time over 4,500 people were sick. The hospitals were graded by class depending upon the socio-economic background of the patients. Many poorer individuals were housed in tents. There was overcrowding, exposure, unsanitary conditions and deficiencies of food and water. Thousands died and were buried in shallow graves. The graves were so unsatisfactory that each year, after a wet spring, bones are exposed and have to be reinterred. There are Protestant, Catholic and Jewish graveyards on Partridge Island.

#### Peter Toner on the Irish from the 1851 census

Peter Toner is a demographer. He received a grant this year to employ four summer students, who worked on extracting information on Irish people from the 1851 census of New Brunswick. The Research Centre at the University of N.B. houses one of the largest computer data bases for a single ethnic group. As a service to genealogists, Dr. Toner's staff spends one day each week answering queries related to the 1851 census of N.B. Unfortunately, portions of the census are missing, which results in some deficiencies in the available information.

At confederation the Irish were the largest ethnic group in N.B. The centre with the greatest Irish population was Miramichi.

Peter Toner has shown that:

1. Communities of Irish people moved from their homeland to N.B.
2. Early settlers established a home, then a chain of migration followed.
3. Irish were living in N.B. as early as the late 18th century.
4. The average age of an immigrant from Ireland was 21-22 years.
5. Family names were concentrated in certain localities. There were close family ties, children were named after grandparents and close relatives.
6. Young Irish teenagers worked as servants to Scottish and English families.
7. The N.B. Irish were successful as a group. They worked hard to give their children opportunities. Second generation showed economic decline, they were not as successful as their parents.

For further information from the 1851 census contact Dr. Peter Toner, Professor of History, University of N.B., P.O. Box 5050, St. John, N.B. E2L 4L5.



Dr. Peter Thomas on the Welsh in New Brunswick

Early Welsh immigrants to North America during the 17th century were Quakers who had strong religious motives and desired freedom to marry in their own church and bury their own dead. People who left Wales tended to be radicals, revolutionaries or leaders. They influenced future events in their new homeland.

During the early 19th century Wales experienced a population explosion, crop failure and famine. These events stimulated migration to North America. The first wave included bilingual independent farmers or craftsmen who sold their land, paid full cabin fare, left Liverpool or Bristol and crossed the Atlantic. Only the educated class left Wales. Labourers could speak only Welsh and were unable to negotiate their passage with the captain of a ship. In addition, there was no opportunity to sail from a Welsh port at that time.

Later in the 19th century, labourers boarded vessels manned by Welsh speaking seamen and left Welsh ports for North America.

Very few Welsh roots can be traced to the UEL. Some Welsh people settled in Atlantic Canada, e.g. the Owen family on Campobello Island and during the 17th century Thomas Vaughan settled in Newfoundland.

Legend suggests Prince Madoc left Wales in the 12th century and arrived in North America. He returned to Wales and the following year set out with 13 ships to establish a colony in the new land. This legend continues with the tale that the Welsh intermarried with the Indians and explorers found Welsh speaking Indians in the Maritimes.

Despite this tradition, the Welsh did not appear to have a significant impact as an ethnic group on the history of Atlantic Canada. Persons with Welsh ancestry are likely to be less successful than individuals with Irish antecedents if they use the records available in New Brunswick to locate their roots in North America.

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### More Early Manitobans

Anderson Laura Emma nee Martin b)21July1865 d)21Feb1903  
Browne Amelia b)8June1881 d)29Jan1967  
Browne Thomas b)19Oct1875 d)27Aug1949  
Cowden J. Edward b)?Sept1875 d)27June1905  
Day see Foster  
Fenton Harry b)28Mar1880 d)14Jan1940  
Foster Jane nee Day b)7Feb1852 d)17Jan1940  
Foster John b)9Oct1836 (Ireland) d)2May1930  
Foster see Welch  
Fraser Brilla b)1833 d)8Dec1907  
Harkness see Richardson  
Harmer see Pearce  
Harmer Robert b)22Feb1856 d)2May1928  
Harmer Sarah nee Hewitt b)?Mar1818 d)15Dec1894  
Harris Richard Benjamin b)6Apr1872 d)12Jan1905  
Henderson Fanny b)13Aug1848 d)6Oct1933  
Hewitt see Harmer  
Holmes Dorothy nee Sisson b)29July1847 d)15Apr1914  
Jackson Frederick Charles b)1879 (England) d)24Nov1947  
Murray Agnes b)20Sept1873 d)26May1960  
Murray Andrew W. b)27Sept1881 d)14Aug1967  
Murray Emly nee Switzer b)20Jan1882 d)17July1949  
Pearce Mino nee Harmer b)22June1874 d)22Aug1925  
Richardson Margarete nee Harkness b)?May1850 d)24July1913  
Sisson see Holmes  
Speare Henry b)1Aug1845 d)23Jan1919  
Speare Isabella b)6Feb1846 d)8June1915  
Springstead see White  
Switzer see Murray  
Welch Maggie nee Foster b)2Sept1875 d)13Mar1902  
White Lorinda nee Springstead b)?Nov1838 d)23Aug1910  
White Richard b)1827 d)29May1908  
Wright Joseph b)?Sept1880 d)11Dec1899  
Source: Abstracts Lyleton (Manitoba) cemetery

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Bennie John b)1856 d)12June1901 resident Alexander, Man.  
Bradford Henry b)?Mar1808 d)25Dec1900  
Cameron A.D. b)1850 Perthshire, Scotland d)17Apr1901  
Cameron Samuel b)1834 Pictou, N.S. d)5May1900  
Coombs Amy Miller b)1833 Perth, Ont d)3Apr1901  
Coulter James b)1826 d)29Aug1901  
Cunningham James b)1824 d)10Aug1901 Hayfield, Man.  
Dawkins Harry b)1830 d)25Sept1901  
Doran Venetia Fernelia b)1816 d)14Nov1900  
Heron William b)1840 Scotland d)23June1900  
Hunter Richard b)1827 Ireland d)8Dec1901  
McDougall Hugh b)1835 d)22May1900 resident Deloraine  
Thomson Anne Yonge b)1817 d)27July1900 Douglas, Man.  
Vantassel I.W. b)1839 Moira, Huntingdon Co. Que. d)12Mar1901  
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There is a Wheatland Chapter of Germans from Russia Heritage  
Society. Write to P.O. Box 444, Allan, Sask. S0K 0C0.  
Source: Mrs. F. June Helm at Moose Jaw.

I understnd that there is also a group in Winnipeg, started in  
1978. If interested try Mrs. Florence Moroz, 35 Newcastle Road,  
Winnipeg, Mb. R3T 3Y4

The Jewish Genealogical Society Archives are located at 4600  
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Higgs David The Portugese in Canada

Ward Peter W. The Japanese in Canada

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A discussion of cataloguing of Genealogies in Libraries.

The Winnipeg Free Press, 2 Sept 1942, Page 10 lists 509 Hong Kong prisoners of war by regiment, rank and service number.

The 1891 Canadian Census will be released in January of 1986. Finding-Aids and other documentation is presently underway at Public Archives, Ottawa.

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Brandon University, Department of Continuing Education is offering a one day course "Family History Writing Workshop" on Saturday February 28th. 1986, 9:30am to 4:30pm. Registration closing January 28th. 1986. Details can be had by phoning 727-9668 or outside of Brandon toll free 1-800-852-2704 extension 668. Fred McGuinness is the course instructor.

If you are a descendent from families who emigrated from Peeblesshire or The areas surrounding Biggar in Lanarkshire (up to 1930) then Miss Sheila Scott of the John Buchan Society, who is gathering material for a display at the centre, would like to hear from you. Her address is 43 Rosetta Road, Peebles, Scotland, EH45 8HH

This is my fifth column and although there is some response from the readers there is not sufficient to let me know if I am producing useful material. What would you like to see here and what material should be continued? My particular bias is towards the "People Places and Events" segment as I feel that this is the nuts and bolts of genealogy. There is a tendency to believe that what you have to offer is surely known to others. Possibly so but send it along and let me be the judge of that and be sure to give me your MGS membership number so that I can give appropriate credit.

# SO MUCH FOR STATISTICS



THE SAGA OF MY SISTER IDA  
BY CLARA WILDMAN

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Statistics are important. Nowadays we all know that. One might even say statistics are vital. Those that we call "Vital Statistics" are, we understand, especially important. They derive from records: records of each person's date of birth, date of death, place of birth and place of death, date and place of marriage, divorce, etc.

Once recorded, this information is collected, tabulated, published, analysed and interpreted, and then it forms a crucial data base for important social decision-making and historical demographic studies. Legislators, educators, business people and social scientists then plan, predict and organize accordingly.

To be of real value it is of course essential that this information be accurate and Statistics Canada assures me that it is. Yet when I think of my sister I must admit I wonder. Perhaps she was the proverbial exception that proves the rule.

Our family, Minnie and Charles White and children, had lived in Tyvan, Saskatchewan since 1903. However, in 1911, when her baby was due, my mother came to Winnipeg to stay with her sister on Jubilee Avenue until after the birth of Ida, which occurred on May 5, 1911.

Since it was the custom in those days for the attending physician to register births, my mother assumed this to have been done.

In May, 1912 Ida, now at home in Tyvan, was baptized by the visiting minister who promised to mail the certificate to mother at a later date. This he did, but stated the date of birth as May 8th instead of May 5th. My mother stroked out the "8th" and put in "5th"; however, she didn't think to initial the change!

In 1933 Ida, now living in Bengough, Saskatchewan, married Johnny Turek of Bengough in the town of Plentiwood, Montana, U.S.A. and once again the minister who performed the ceremony promised to mail the marriage certificate to the couple. On this certificate all was correct except that Ida's birthplace was recorded on it as Tyvan, Saskatchewan instead of Winnipeg.



In 1953 Ida applied, in writing, to Vital Statistics in Winnipeg for a birth certificate, stating date of birth as May 5, 1911, and place of birth as Winnipeg.

Vital Statistics replied that there was no record of her birth and advised her to send her Baptismal and Marriage certificates as evidence.

As Ida was afraid the certificates might be mislaid she sent them to me to take to Vital Statistics. Needless to say, neither certificate was acceptable.

However, as I was able to swear that her application was correct, Ida was issued her birth certificate, born May 5, 1911 in Winnipeg.

When Ida died in Moose Jaw in 1983 her husband gave the undertaker her place of birth as Brandon, Manitoba, making a total of three incorrect records on one person!

So it is that I wonder sometimes about those vital statistics when I think of my sister Ida.

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## STARTING THE SEARCH

"Tracing" or researching family history is an interesting pastime. If you are of Irish extraction you may wish to learn a little more of your family history. Indeed, you may plan to visit the traditional homestead or seek out living relatives.

For descendants of Irish people to have a reasonable degree of success in tracing their Irish ancestry, it is most important to start with the following information if at all possible: 1) Full name of ancestor, 2) Exact place of origin in Ireland, 3) If an emigrant, date when ancestor left Ireland. It is first of all advisable to obtain as much information as possible regarding your ancestor in the country to which he/she emigrated (i.e., record of birth, marriage, death - try census, immigration, electoral, etc., records).

Many agencies and organisations will assist you in this aspect. For example, in the United States, the National Archive contains many useful records. It is often possible to trace from them the family's American history back to the port and date of arrival. Immigrant records and shipping lists indicate the country, trade and age of the immigrant and the port of departure. In Canada, the provincial records of births, deaths and marriages should be consulted.

In your initial researches, however, often the most valuable information is that gleaned from family sources. Living relatives, family papers or traditions can be very important. Wherever possible, verify family tradition and items spoken about by old people.

By these various methods, seek to build up as complete a picture as you can of the ancestors who left Ireland: surname, Christian name(s), profession or occupation, their religion and the part or county of Ireland from which they came. An aid here is the tradition of emigrants naming their American homes after the parish or townland from which they came.

## MAIN IRISH ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

Dublin City is the location for all of Ireland's centralised genealogical records. While some non-Catholic marriages are recorded from 1845 onwards, registration of births, deaths and marriages generally, commenced in 1864. These records are held by the Registrar General and housed in Joyce House, 8/11 Lombard Street East, Dublin 2.

Fees: A limited search - confined to five years - costs 75p, a general search IR£10.00 when conducted in person.

The National Library, Kildare Street, houses a major collection of genealogical material.

In addition to Roman Catholic parish records on microfilm, and an extensive collection of books and periodicals relating to Ireland, the library contains the following material which may be of help in family history research:

1. List of householders in each Irish county c. 1850-60 (this list is known as Griffith's Valuation and there is an index of surnames for each county).
2. Street and trade directories - mainly for Dublin and dating from the middle of the 18th century. Some other Irish cities and towns are also covered, mostly for the 19th century.
3. Newspapers (files from the 17th century onwards, but mainly covering the last century and the present century).
4. Estate papers, which include collections of deeds, estate maps, lists of tenants (rentals), and wages books.
5. Maps including Ordnance Survey maps from 1839 onwards, and estate maps often showing tenants' names, 17th - 19th c. (mainly 18th and 19th c.).
6. A list and indexes of estate records, and wills in the Irish Land Commission, Dublin.

PLEASE NOTE the original records are in the custody of the Irish Land Commission, Dublin, and are not available for consultation.

The library also has an extensive indexing system which enables the searcher to identify the material he needs to consult.

The Public Record Office, Four Courts, Dublin, suffered severely in a fire in 1922. Many valuable source documents were lost. Despite this, numerous records, rich in genealogical interest, remain. These include Griffith's Primary Valuation of Ireland, dated 1848, which records the names of all those owning land or property in Ireland at that time. The tithe Applotment books of the 1820-30's, although not as comprehensive, do list the names of people whose holdings were subject to tithes (church payments). Indexes to wills, administrations, licence and wedding bonds can be consulted. However, the actual documents to which these indexes relate were, in many cases, destroyed in the fire of 1922.

The PRO has census returns for 1901 and 1911.

The Genealogical Office, which incorporates the Office of the Chief Herald and the State Heraldic Museum, has been transferred to larger premises at 2 Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Enquiries relating to heraldry, genealogy and associated matters should be addressed to the Chief Herald.

Other centres likely to prove of interest to the determined researcher are: Land Registry Office, Ely Place, Dublin where records enable the researcher to trace the ownership of specific land from the present day to 1850. Register of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin 1. Its records date from 1708 and relate to all the usual transactions affecting property, notably leases, mortgages and settlements.

The State Paper Office, Dublin Castle, housing records of the former Chief Secretary's Office. Among several series of interest to the genealogical searcher are rebellion reports and records relating to the period 1798; crime and convict records and details of those sentenced to be transported.

If your emigrant ancestor came from Northern Ireland - Antrim, Armagh, Down, Derry, Tyrone or Fermanagh - the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, 66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast BT9 6YN, will be able to assist. The Tithe Applotment Books and many records for these counties are housed here.

Other archives to consult are Cork Archives Institution, Christchurch; Cork and Mid-West Regional Archives, 104 Henry St., Limerick.

#### LOCAL RECORDS

Birth, death and marriage records are also held at county level, relating to the county in question only, and again dating from 1864. Church records vary widely in age but, on average, date from the 1830's with many examples significantly older. Because of the large number of parishes, it is usually necessary to have successfully identified the parish before worthwhile progress can be made. Records are in the care of the parish priest.

Most of the Roman Catholic parish registers to 1880 are on microfilm in the National Library of Ireland. The microfilms may be freely consulted except in the case of parishes of the following dioceses: Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, Cashel and Emyl, Cloyne, Dow and Connor, Galway, Kerry, Limerick.

In the case of these latter dioceses a letter of authorisation from the Parish Priest concerned must be produced before our microfilms may be consulted here.

Many Church of Ireland (Anglican) parish registers are still in the custody of the rectors of the parishes concerned. A number of registers of (mainly rural) Church of Ireland parishes were destroyed in a fire in the Public Record Office of Ireland in 1922. Some registers escaped the fire and are still in the Public Record Office, Four Courts, Dublin 7, and in latter years the PRO has obtained (mostly microfilm) copies of others.

A list of surviving Church of Ireland parish registers is available for consultation in the National Library.

Presbyterian enquirers are referred to the Presbyterian Historical Society, Church House, Fisherwick Place, Belfast 1. The Society itself holds a number of registers and can usually provide information on others still retained by local ministers.

Local libraries are also worth consulting. Most contain fact sheets, giving details of books and documents of local genealogical interest. Ask if there is a local historic or genealogical society, some of which have undertaken the task of recording memorials of the dead.

The erecting of headstones or tombstones was not prevalent before the middle of the 18th century. Sometimes they can provide names and details not available from any other source. Their value to the genealogist has been recognised by the activities of the "Society for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead" who transcribed many tombstones in the early years of the 20th century.

Ireland's archives are constantly being researched and the task of cataloguing and indexing continues. This will enable more source material to be readily accessible and enhance still further your chances of succeeding.

The Irish Genealogical Research Society publishes a journal twice a year entitled the "Irish Genealogist". The Honorary Secretary is Mr. F. B. Payton, Glenholme, High Oakham Road, Mansfield, Notts, England. Annual subscription is UK£6.00 (US\$14.00).

#### LOCAL SOCIETIES

Many local historical or archaeological societies around the country have among their members keen local genealogists who may well assist with local enquiries. The Federation of Local History Societies, Chairman, Very Rev. Father Sean O'Doherty, St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny, will, on request, supply the name of the society acting in the county of interest. Return postage or international reply coupons are requested.

#### RESEARCH

The National Library of Ireland regrets that, in common with other Irish archives and libraries, we do not have staff time to undertake searches for readers. The Genealogical Office, 2 Kildare St., Dublin 2, undertakes family history research for a fee, and you may wish to contact them, in writing only.

Some private agencies which have no connection with the National Library of Ireland also undertake searches of this nature:

- Genealogical & Historical Research, Farnham House, 4 Henrietta St., Dublin 1. P.O. Box No. 1501.
- Hibernian Research Co. Ltd., Windsor House, 22 Windsor Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6.



- The Ulster Historical Foundation, 66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast BT9 6NY. Persons having origins in any of the nine Ulster counties might contact this agency.

A list of private individuals who undertake genealogical research for clients is also available from the National Library of Ireland.

## PUBLICATIONS

IRISH FAMILIES by Edward Mac Lysaght

MORE IRISH FAMILIES by Edward Mac Lysaght

SUPPLEMENT TO IRISH FAMILIES by Edward Mac Lysaght

SURNAMES OF IRELAND by Edward Mac Lysaght.

IRISH AND SCOTCH-IRISH ANCESTRAL RESEARCH by Margaret D. Falley. It may be difficult to obtain this book outside of large libraries in Ireland, Britain and overseas.

THE GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE MILESIAN FAMILIES OF IRELAND published by Heraldic Artists Ltd.

FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS by Anthony Matthews, Dublin: O'Kelly, O'Flaherty, O'Neill, McGuinness, O'Rourke.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME... Series by Anthony Matthews: McCann, O'Doherty, O'Donohue, McKenna.

THE SYMBOLS OF HERALDRY EXPLAINED published by Heraldic Artists Ltd.

IRISH FAMILY NAMES MAP - showing Arms and Mediaeval Locations. Published by Johnson and Bacon.

IRISH GENEALOGY: A record finder published by Heraldic Artists Ltd.

THE ANCESTOR TRAIL IN IRELAND: A COMPANION GUIDE By Donal F. Begley

TRACING THE PAST by Dr. William Nolan.

MAP OF IRELAND, 1 inch:9 miles, Ordnance Survey.

GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL MAP OF IRELAND published by Heraldic Artists Ltd.

HANDBOOK ON IRISH GENEALOGY - how to trace your ancestors and relatives in Ireland. Published by Heraldic Artists Ltd. Contains listing of parish registers for Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland and Presbyterian Churches, giving commencing dates of records for each parish.

IRISH FAMILY NAMES by J. D. Williams. Published by Mercier Press. The series to date has covered 5 surnames: MacCarthy, Murphy, O'Brien, O'Kelly, O'Neill.

THE FAMILY PARCHMENT - presentation from Heraldic and Genealogy series. Each chart carries the family coat of arms and highlights certain aspects of the tradition, folklore, myth and legends relating to individual families: Brennan, Burke/Bourke, Byrne/Burns, McCarthy, Connolly/Connelly, Costello, Daly, Donnelly, O'Donnchadh/O'Donoghue, Doyle, Dunne/Dunn, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, (O) (Mc) Gowan/Smyth, McGrath, Kane/Keane, Kelly, Kennedy, Murphy, O'Neill, Nolan/Nowlan, O'Rourke, Ryan, Sullivan, Walsh, Whelan/Phelan.

These publications and other items of genealogical interest may be obtained from: Heraldic Artists Ltd., 3 Nassau St., Dublin 2, and other booksellers in Dublin, and in other Irish cities and towns.

For further help in Manitoba consult IRISH INFORMATION CENTRE & HERITAGE RESOURCE LIBRARY at 203 - 265 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg R3B 2B2, Phone 453-8405.

# SEARCHING IN THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES

OF CANADA

BY ANITA CODERRE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER, SEMINAR '83

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## PART I: DOING YOUR HOMEWORK

I have had letters from genealogical hopefuls that say, in effect, that their ancestors were in Canada sometime in the 1860s, they lived in Ontario or Quebec, and that they would like me to fill in all the gaps. My immediate reply to them is to do some more homework and then come back to me. I tell them to contact their oldest living relative in order to discover whether their ancestor was born, was married or even died in Canada. Did he come alone to this country or with his parents, brothers, sisters or even wives and children? You, being genealogists, know what is vital to a search. Remember, too, that a genealogical search can be accomplished indirectly by searching out a brother, a cousin or any relative that may have been more stationary than that hard-to-find ancestor on your own direct lineage.

Homework can be done in many areas. You must choose all available clues to determine when an event could have taken place. When did your ancestor die? How old was he at the time? Was he the youngest or the oldest in his family? Such arithmetic is one of the basics in genealogy. Another such basic is history. You must know what was happening in Canada, in Europe and in the United States before you can even venture a guess as to what motivated your ancestor to leave his home and to emigrate. Was he driven by hunger or by religious persecution? Did he come as a result of war, perhaps in loyalty to his king as did the United Empire Loyalists? Did he come for the opportunity of owning his own land, to farm, to build a canal, or to drill for oil? History adds flesh to a genealogy as you connect your ancestor to the happenings of the times.

Another important subject in our genealogical homework is geography. It is not only necessary to know when and why an area was opened up to settlers, it's also essential for a searcher to know the changes which took place in the geography of a country. For many years the province of Quebec was known as Lower Canada and the province of Ontario was known as Upper Canada, and you would be surprised at the number of persons who are not aware of this fact. Many are confused when they find these designations in census records.

To confuse us a little more, you will find that later on the province of Quebec became known as Canada East. Ontario, would you believe it, was Canada West. Again, persons doing their genealogy are not always aware of this fact.

For a time after the influx of the American Loyalists, after the revolutionary war of 1776 to 1783, Ontario was divided into districts. It was only in 1849 that the more common name of County finally came into popular usage, although there were still some districts formed after that time, such as the Muskoka and the Algoma Districts in northern Ontario.

If all this sounds complicated, add to this the fact that, as the counties grew in population and therefore had to extend their boundaries, the names were often changed. At times, even, the counties had to be divided and two counties were formed from one. For example, in 1792 the region north of the

Ottawa River in Quebec was known as the York District. In 1829 this became the two counties of Deux Montagnes and Ottawa. In 1853 Ottawa County was divided into Ottawa and Labelle Counties and Deux Montagnes became the two counties of Deux Montagnes and Argenteuil. Finally, in 1892 the designation Ottawa County was dropped completely and this county then became Labelle and Wright Counties. Can you not imagine the confusion that could result if in some way you had learned that your ancestors had settled in York District and you believed that this meant York County, which is near Toronto and 400 miles away?

There is another problem that one faces while doing a family tree, and this is the duplication of location names. If your ancestor was born in Perth, you must know if this was the village of Perth in Lanark County, the County of Perth in southwestern Ontario, or was it Perth, Scotland? If your ancestor was from Leeds, was it the township of Leeds in Quebec or the County of Leeds in the province of Ontario, or could it indeed have been Leeds, a city in England? You must do your homework first before you come to the Public Archives.

The archives have some publications that will help you with this homework, and the main ones that I shall mention are "Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada" and "A Checklist of Parish Registers" held by the manuscript division of the Public Archives of Canada. For individuals tracing their ancestors in Canada these two publications are extremely important and they can be purchased for a nominal cost by writing to the Publishing Centre, Department of Supply and Services, Hull, Quebec, K1A 0S9. The first book will tell you where you can write for information in the various provinces and what years are covered by their official records.

Therefore, if your ancestor was born, married or died after the province in which he resided began keeping official records, you are off to a good beginning. For instance, Ontario holds official birth, death and marriage records from July 1, 1869 up to the present, alphabetically indexed by year. The office of the Registrar General in Ontario, in Toronto, will conduct a five year search of their records for genealogical purposes for a fee of \$7.00 per search. Your request should show your relationship to the ancestor concerned, as they limit this information to descendants only. However, it should be noted that it was not until after the year 1909 that death records in Ontario began to include the names of the parents of the deceased and his place of birth, whereas the birth and marriage records SHOULD contain this information from 1869 forwards. Remember to take the information included on the death certificate with the proverbial grain of salt. After all, the deceased was in no condition to give the information personally, and the informant, probably a child or a grandchild, did not always know the correct data.

Two other publications lately released by the Public Archives of Canada which can help you prepare for a search are the Manuscripts Division Researcher's Guide and the Guide to the Manuscripts and Records of the Manuscript Division. These publications give you the main sources of information in the archives and spell out in detail how to request this information and the mechanics of obtaining it.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Now, if you do have the opportunity to go to Ottawa, the archives and the National Library are both in the same building on Wellington Street just a little west of the Parliament buildings. In Canada we can be very proud of a policy so far unique from the rest of the world. Once a person has been registered as a researcher, he may have access to the Public Archives building 24 hours a day and 365 days of the year.

When you arrive in the foyer of the Public Archives you will find a desk manned by members of the Corps of Commissionaires who, when apprised of your purpose for being there, will direct you to the proper area of the building. For genealogists, this direction will be the Registration Desk on the third floor. However, the clerk at this desk will not register you immediately. She or he will send you to a genealogical desk first, so that they may assess your problems. Why, you ask? Because some persons arrive at the archive expecting miracles. One woman appeared at Registration one day, announced she was on a bus tour, she had 3 hours before her next bus, and could she please have her family tree?

The staff at the genealogy desk are trained to assess your problem quickly and determine if your search can be carried out in the facilities of the Public Archives. If they think you have done your homework and that this is possible, they will send you back to register.

To obtain a pass, one must be able to present some kind of identification, and they have become even more strict since the young man poured the red paint on the copy of the Constitution. They will give you an application form and then you will be assigned a pass and, if necessary, a locker. This locker can be used to store records or documents that you must request during working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thus, when you leave the archives you can safely store the requested documents and return at your leisure to work at them at any time of the day. The key for this locker is left with the Commissionaires at the entrance and obtained by showing your pass. In this way you always have access to your work and it is not left exposed for other people to examine.

Briefcases and such are not allowed in the research part of the archives. This is a necessary nuisance because documents were being stolen. The Commissionaires provide you with a locker on the ground floor in which to store this briefcase.

NEXT ISSUE: PART II: "RESOURCES AT THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA"

# GENERATION GAPS

EDITED BY MAVIS MENZIES

.....the Query Section of GENERATIONS where researchers can seek the help of others who may be researching the same families. Members may place up to two free queries (approximately 50 words in length) each year. Additional queries, or those placed by non-members, may be inserted for a fee of \$2.50 each time the query is printed.

BROWN Shirley Brown b. c1914 Northern Man. Any info appreciated.

Mrs. S. J. Connolly, Box 53, Atlin, B.C. V0W 1A0

McKELVY William McKelvy m. Rebecca McConnell, d. 1867 Arnprior, Ont., res. Mayo  
McCONNELL Co. Ire; Carlton Co. Ont.; Man. 1870's. Ch: William Jr., John, Mary, Samuel, Robert. Any info on descendants.

John D. Stewart, Box 2118, Barrhead, AB T0G 0E0

COOLIDGE/ Any info on Coolidge surname living in Man. and their descendants.  
COOLEGE

Margaret Amey, 23434 River Rd., RR#1, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 7E6

MONTGOMERY Peter Montgomery b. 1858 Ont. or N.S., m. 1885 Margaret Jack. Ch:  
JACK Jean, Mary, Bob, Bill, Laura, Etta, Orvel, Kay, Andrew, Muriel. Several ch. mvd to Sask. Peter res. near Pipestone, Broomhill, Melita and Virden, Man. In 1886 farmed near Osprey, Man.; 1889 hotel keeper in Virden. William Montgomery in Virden might have been a bro. Any info.

JACK Margaret Jack b. 1865 Ireland, d. 1908 bur. Broomhill, Man., m. Peter  
MONTGOMERY Montgomery. Margaret came to Can. early 1880's with bro. Andrew Jack who farmed near Belse or Pipestone, Man. Any info.

JOBBIN Muriel Mongtomery b. 1906 d/o Peter Montgomery and Margaret Jack,  
MONTGOMERY adopted by Jobbin family following Margaret Jack's death in 1908. Mrs. Jobbin ran a ready-to-wear store in Melita c1908. Info on Muriel or Jobbin family.

Donna Sealy, 307 Avenue H N., Saskatoon, Sask. S7L 2B9

KILBORN Elgin Kilborn res. Archie district, Man. near Virden early 1900's. Ch:  
Mabel m. William A. Brown; Theresa Marie m. Mr. Tilley; Ethel m. Smith Kane. Info appreciated.

MANAHAN James Manahan m. Fanny Dennison. She m. 2nd Bill Hardy. Res Virden  
DENNISON area, Man. early 1900's. Any info.  
HARDY

Eileen Martin, 11638 - 98 Ave., Surrey, B.C. V3V 2J2



- HANCOCK Thomas Hancock b. 1861, bro Jabez Hancock b. 1864, both in Darlington, Ont. May have mvd to Man. with older bro William Henry. Res. near Arden, Man. (NOT Thomas Blake Hancock, who was a nephew).
- Wesley S. Hancock, 10 Shaneen Blvd., Scarborough, Ont. M1R 1B5
- RICHARDSON Walter Richardson b. c1900 Ruddington Notts Eng. s/o Mary Ann (Polly) Gunn Richardson, who d. c1910 Crystal City, Man. They came to Can. 1906, res Crystal City. Walter m. Florie ? and res Souris area.
- Iris M. Rosser, 313 Dufferin Ave., Selkirk, Man. R1A 1C3
- PATTON James (John) Patton m. Mariah Jane Martin (d/o Matthew and Mariah Martin, b. Mar 1874 Wpg., Man., d. June 1937 Memphis, Ark.) James and Mariah had two ch. Martin fam mvd to Kearney, Neb. 1880. Siblings of Mariah: Eda b. 1866; Addie b. 1867; Charles b. 1869, all b. in Can.
- Lois G. Clem, 104 Sundown St., Battle Creek, MI 49015
- CROOKS Robert Crooks b. c1808, d. 1875 Huron Co. Ont., m. Mar 1832 Lilliesleaf, Scot. to Jane Turnbull (b. c1813 Roxb. Scot., d. 1890 Huron Co.). Emig. to Ire 1834, Ayr Ont. 1842, Huron Co. 1856. Ch: George, Nancy, Isobel, Jesse, James, Elizabeth, Jane, Robert, Joan. Any info.
- Lloyd Crooks, 258 Beaverbrook St., Winnipeg, Man. R3N 1M8
- CHILDS James Childs m. Mary ?, ch: James; George; William b. Jan 1888 in Hartney, Man.; Ethel, Edward, Edna, Al.
- Mr. Bill Simpson, Box 2165, Wainwright, Alberta T0B 4P0
- DREGER/ "Toefil" (Theofilus) b. 1882 Russia, d. 1952 Moosehorn, Man., m. c1908 DRAGER/ Mun. of Brokenhead, Man. to Lydia Briese. Immig. to Brokenhead DREAGER (Beausejour) via Dakotas c1902. Any info re journey from Dakotas with siblings or parents?
- Mrs. Joyce Heard, 2702 - 16th St., Vernon, B.C. V1T 3W7

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