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On Tap

Pictorial Memories of 2018 Heritage Dinner



October 3, 2018

Branch Meeting at Crocus Plains

7:30 pm.

October 10, 2018

Memoir Writing at Brandon Library

1:30 pm

October 13, 2018

Local Author Presentations

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October 20, 2018

“Genealogy Day”

at Brandon Library

10:30 – 12:30

November 7, 2018

Branch Meeting at Crocus Plains

7:30 pm

November 8, 2018

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1:30 pm



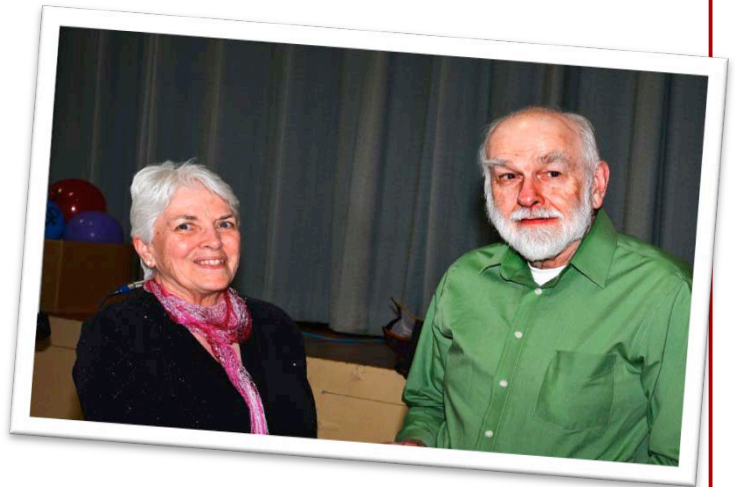
Celebrations!



2018 Workshop & Heritage Dinner

Presentations by Dave Obee (pictured left) were well received by all attendees.

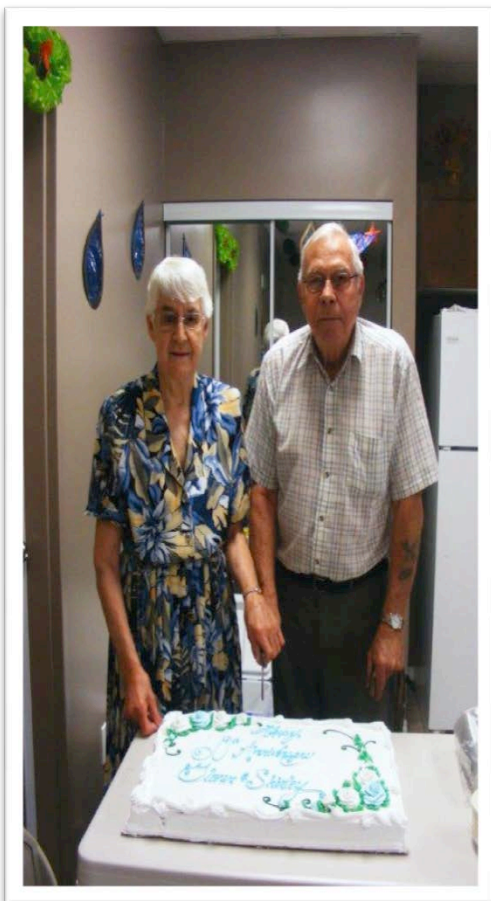
Congratulations



Sheila Shearer (on the left) congratulates

Paul Voorhis, one of the 2018 *Ruth Tester*

Award recipients



*Happy
Anniversary
60
Years together*

Glenn & Shirley (Lepka) Erskine

August 23, 1958 - August 23, 2018

A 60th anniversary reception was held on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Crocus Gardens Leisure Centre. Ninety five people attended, some attending from out of town.

It was indeed a day to remember!

Shirley and Glenn are looking forward to celebrating the next milestone --- 65 years of wedded bliss!



318 - 11th Street... Curious about who lived there?

This Queen Anne style house was built in 1906 at a cost of \$6000.00 for one of Brandon's earliest pioneers... **John Alexander McDonald**, who was born in St. Helen's, Ontario in 1864. In 1896 he joined with Frank Calvert to create McDonald and Calvert, a men's clothing store, at the corner of 9th Street and Rosser Avenue. In 1911, McDonald purchased the business outright from Calvert and operated it as "John A. McDonald, Outfitter to Men and Boys". In December of that year, Mr. McDonald was elected the alderman for Ward 2.

By 1919 the store had expanded eastward on Rosser Avenue and in 1921 son Angus joined

the business and it was renamed John McDonald & Son. 1960 saw a change of ownership and became Dayton Outfitters.

John Angus McDonald passed away in 1945 and was laid to rest in the Brandon Cemetery.

In the early 1940s, 318 - 11th Street became the property of Harry Cater who was the proprietor of Brandon Pump and Windmill Company. Mr. Cater served three terms as Mayor of Brandon.

In 1950, Harry's daughter **Ruth Tester** and her husband Albert took ownership and divided the home into two apartments. The front and side verandahs are part of the original house design.

Autumn Soup



½ lb. Ground beef
1 cup chopped onions
1-½ cups chopped celery
4 cups water
1-½ cups cubed potatoes
1-½ cups cubed carrots
2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
1 Bay leaf
6 medium tomatoes

Brown ground beef. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for one hour. Add barley, corn or rice if you choose.



GENEALOGY Research Tips

When conducting your interviews, make certain to record the name of the person who provided you with information and the date you talked with them. When you're doing research online or at an Archive, do the same thing - write down the exact location, reference number, item number, etc. for what you found. This is important because you will accumulate a lot of material during the research process and accurate documentation from the very start will help ensure that you don't confuse your facts and end up needing to recheck your sources.

Looking Back



1909 - Brandon, MB.

Local Council of Women appealed to the School Board to put on courses in domestic science and manual training

Manitoba Commercial Laws – July 1913

Married Women. -Every woman who married since May, 1875, without any marriage contract or settlement, shall, and may, notwithstanding her coverture, have, hold and enjoy all her real and personal property, whether belonging to her before marriage, or acquired by her in any other way after marriage, free from the debts and obligations of her husband, and free from his control or disposition without her consent, but this does not extend to any property received by a married woman from her husband during coverture. A married woman is liable for any debt as if she were a feme sole. A married woman may enter into any contract as surety for any third party. Her separate earnings may be protected by an order from a judge.



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BY SHIRLEY ERSKINE

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### Trivia Quiz - *UK Genealogy*

1. When looking at a parish register what name is often abbreviated to 'Jas'?
2. Censuses were taken every how many years in the UK?
3. What information makes up a burial entry of a typical 19th century parish register?
4. Which website allows you to access the 1881 British Isles census for free?
5. What sort of illness would someone referred to as a 'lock' patient be suffering from?

*Answers on page 7*

April 26-28th, 2019

[Images Through Time](#)

Alberta Genealogical Society Conference

[Alberta Genealogical Society \(AGS\)](#)

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

Edmonton, Alberta



## Lawson, Thomas

Lawson was a pioneer preacher and the first Methodist minister of Brandon. Born near Toronto, he moved to the Brandon district in 1878. His first service was held in the open air on 1<sup>st</sup> Street in the rain. Lawson performed the first marriage ceremony and the first burial in Brandon. His son was the first child to be born in Brandon. During his pastoral career, Lawson built over 35 churches and was in the ministry for over 52 years, still active at the time of his death in 1928.

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### 1. James

2. The census was taken every year from 1821, although the 1821 and 1831 were merely a headcount per household. In 1841 the census became more sophisticated although place of birth was not taken. From 1851 onwards are the most detailed available at the moment.

### 3. name, age, date of burial and abode

A parish entry will give you the deceased's name, age, date of burial and abode. A death certificate will also give you the informant of the death and the deceased's occupation. On later certificates it will also give you the place of birth.

### 4. Family Search

The LDS or Mormons' website, Family Search, has the British Isles 1881, Canadian 1881 and the USA 1880 and is free to search. It also has many other free services.

### 5. Syphilis

The reason for this term is that in hospitals the patients with syphilis were kept in locked wards. This was to stop the spread of the disease and/or because as the syphilis progresses it attacks the brain and makes the patient 'mad'.

## Harvest Time

By Emily Pauline Johnson (1861 – 1913)

Pillowed and hushed on the silent plain,  
Wrapped in her mantle of golden grain,

Wearied of pleasuring weeks away,  
Summer is lying asleep to-day, --

Where winds come sweet from the wild-rose briars  
And the smoke from the far-off prairie fires.

Yellow her hair as the golden-rod,  
And brown her cheeks as the prairie sod,

Purple her eyes as the mists that dream  
At the edge of some laggard sun-drowned stream;

But over their depths the lashes sweep,  
For Summer is lying to-day asleep.

The north wind kisses her rosy mouth,  
His rival frowns in the far- off south.

And comes caressing her sunburnt cheek,  
And Summer awakes for one short week, -

Awakes and gathers her wealth of grain,  
Then sleeps and dreams for a year again.





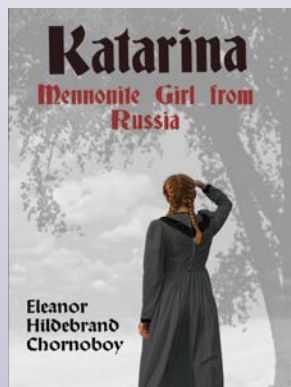
# SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

## Morning Presentation

*Eleanor Chornoboy*

*Author of "Katarina"*



## Afternoon Presentation

*Sharon Simms*

*Author of "The Boulton  
Blog" &  
"52 Ancestors in 52  
weeks"*

**Morning Presentation: 10:00am—12:00 noon**

**Afternoon Presentation: 1:00pm—3:00pm**

**Knox United Church**

**\*Brown bag lunch, tea & coffee provided**

**Cost: Members \$5.00 Non-Members \$10.00**