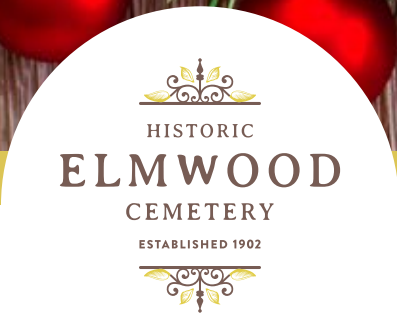
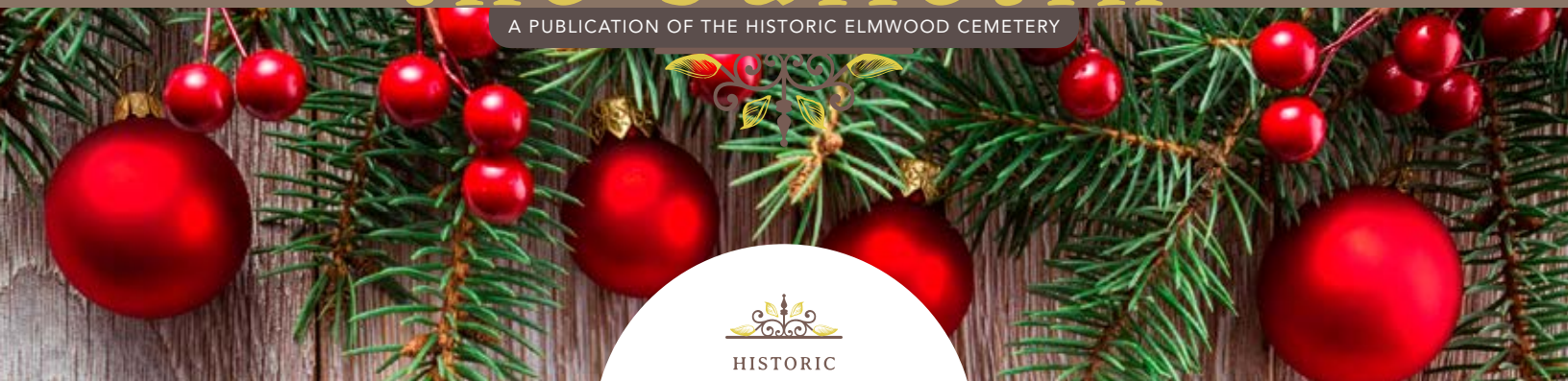


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A PUBLICATION OF THE HISTORIC ELMWOOD CEMETERY



Historic Elmwood Cemetery has been a trusted part of Winnipeg's rich tradition and history for well over a century. Since its founding in 1902, Historic Elmwood Cemetery has committed itself to providing outstanding service and beautiful environments for honouring heritage, remembering loved ones, and commemorating special events. We welcome and serve all faiths and cultures, and we offer a wide range of options for memorialization.

No Stone Left Alone

On Tuesday, November 8, organized by the Louis Riel School Division and the Elmwood Royal Canadian Legion, poppies were placed on the gravestones of veterans throughout the cemetery by 600 students attending the service. Elmwood Cemetery has approximately 700 graves in its Field of Honour and elsewhere in the Cemetery.

Elmwood is one of only three Cemeteries in Manitoba having an official 'Field of Honour' a National designation honouring our veterans.



Annual Sleigh Ride February 20, 2017

The annual sleigh ride through Elmwood Cemetery will be held on Louis Riel Day, February 20, 2017 from 12:00 until 3:00 p.m. Hot chocolate will be supplied and donations are gratefully accepted.





On September 4, 1965 Manitoba lost a real "character" when Daniel Roy Hamilton died of cancer at the age of 69. Born in Neepawa in 1892, the son of Irish immigrant hotel owners, D.R. Hamilton was simply "Roxy" to all who knew him. Full of fun and always on the lookout for a good prank, Roxy would often tell of sneaking into the local radio station in Neepawa and airing his own play-by-play version of a much-anticipated prize fight. He was an Orson Wells before his time. Roxy maintained that the only reason he was not lynched was that he had called the winner correctly.

Neighbours on Henderson Highway thoroughly enjoyed Roxy's sense of humour. They never quite knew what was coming next. For example, they might awaken to several deer or a family of skunks in the back yard; however, these animals never moved. They were Roxy's life-like replicas. He also had a flagpole on the riverbank in his yard where he would fly the Manitoba provincial flag, the Union Jack, the Confederate rebel flag, or the Jolly Roger depending on his mood at the time.

In 1941 Roxy Hamilton was elected to the Manitoba Legislature for the first of three terms he held as the representative of Rupertsland. He and his wife, Mary, represented the Province of Manitoba at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

Roxy was a man of varied interests. He was made an honorary chief of Pukatawagan Reserve and was called Chief Night Owl because of his ability to stay awake all night. The governor of Kentucky designated him an honorary Colonel since he bred horses and trained them for sulky races. In addition Roxy was a member of the Masons, the Khartum Shriners, and the Order of the Elk. For over thirty years he owned and operated the Aberdeen Hotel in Winnipeg.

On September 7, 1965 Roxy was laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery. Mary, his second wife, was interred beside him in January of 1986.

Also interred in a nearby family plot are Clara Hamilton, Roxy's first wife, who died tragically in 1936 at the age of 44 and Eileen Golden. She was known as "Goldie" and she had come to Neepawa from Ireland as a young girl. She worked for the Hamiltons at the hotel and became virtually a member of the family. She honoured her promise to Roxy to look after Mary with whom she lived until Mary's placement in a personal care home. Goldie herself passed away in 1983 at the age of 90.



Executive Director's Fall Report



After being on the Board of Directors for over 10 years and being "retired" for one month, I found myself as the Executive Director of this wonderful, historical cemetery on February 1 of this year.

I joined the Board at a time when the original founders of the charity had begun turning the corner to put the property back to the beauty of the past and onto a path of self sufficiency. We all owe those visionaries a tremendous thank you.

The past ten months has seen the Board work on Policies and Procedures, financial reporting, website improvement, significant additions to the inventory of niches at both the original Henderson site and now at a beautiful new site meandering in a former walkway. Projects continue to be planned for future improvements providing budgets make sense.

Friends of Elmwood Cemetery rely heavily on donations to build the perpetual care fund from which half of our operating costs are derived. The remainder of operating dollars comes from interments and various miscellaneous services.

One of the services that takes a great deal of time for the office as well as for the maintenance staff is providing

relatives and friends with grave site information and assistance in locating the site. Many sites are unmarked or the flat markers have become overgrown, making physical location difficult.

I believe that this is a vital service and one that may lead to revenue for the cemetery in terms of gravesite sales and donations. In September the cemetery received a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation which will enable us to make significant strides in archiving the cemetery's records in a digital format which will enable people to locate graves on the website, visit the cemetery, and, with their smart device, easily locate the site. Of course not everyone has a device, but the paper based mapping information currently available will be much easier to use. Thanks so much to the Winnipeg Foundation. By the way, visitors to our website, www.historicelmwoodcemetery.ca, can now make donations on the site to the perpetual care fund managed by the Foundation.

The Cemetery will be here forever and the Friends will ensure that it is maintained. Your help is appreciated.

Jim Baker
Executive Director

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THANK YOU.

If you have received this bulletin in error, please call the cemetery office to have your name removed from the mailing list. If you know of friends or family who would like to be added to the list, please let us know.

Did You Know...

- Cemetery staff will do gravemarker searches and provide photos for families for a fee.
- In the spring maintenance staff will raise and clean flat markers for a fee of \$160 each.
- Our office manager, Nancy, became Mrs. Brian Borne in early June. We wish the couple a long and happy married life!
- Wreaths must be removed by April 15 or cemetery staff will dispose of them.
- We welcome interesting stories about people who are buried at Elmwood Cemetery. If you wish to share an anecdote about a loved one please stop by the office for a form entitled "Everyday People - Interesting Stories" or send us an e-mail.

The Search for the Telfords

In 1908 a certain Mr. D.H. Telford purchased 20 gravesites in Elmwood Cemetery. These gravesites have gone unused for over one hundred years. From time to time this fact would be puzzled over in the media; however it wasn't until recently that the mystery was solved.

Approximately one week before this newsletter went to press CTV did a story on the history found in cemeteries. Executor Director Jim Baker was shown walking the cemetery with the reporter, and the "mystery" of the Telford site was featured. The very next day three separate research documents were emailed to the cemetery and one to CTV. Several individuals called the cemetery, and in two cases, came to the cemetery in person volunteering to help with research and offer information.

We now know volumes of the life of Mr. Telford and his daughter. She died in California, was buried in Elmwood, and subsequently the remains were returned to California. We know a great deal about the Lumberman Telford and his path from Iowa to Winnipeg, Moose Jaw, and Waldo, British Columbia, with his final days in California.

Thanks to all who helped. The power of television cannot be understated.

Thank you

The Board of Directors of the Historic Elmwood Cemetery takes this opportunity to thank The Winnipeg Foundation for its past support and for a recent grant that will allow us to preserve and archive our historical documents. We will be scanning all historic information and updating the electronic database which will lead to easier research, to the preservation of the cemetery's rich history, and to insights into the development of the City of Winnipeg and the community of Elmwood which arose around it.



Financial Information

We continue to be busy at the cemetery despite a 10% drop in the number of interments. The staff has, however, had more time to catch up on deferred maintenance projects this summer.

As in the past we operate without government support and must cover all costs from perpetual trust investment income and from the sales of niches and grave sites.

This year the website has been updated so that online donations will now go directly to The Winnipeg Foundation. The Foundation will immediately issue a charitable receipt from its secure page. This change saves credit card charges and the cost of mailing receipts.

Major work has been completed on columbaria niches. A new site has been installed in Section 14 and installations have been completed at Henderson Gate. This provides an inventory of over 400 niches for sale in different areas of the cemetery. Please note that there are also several hundred grave sites available for purchase.

Next year we will acquire a new tractor and we will begin the repair of the Henderson Highway fence. This will be a significant, but necessary, expense for the cemetery.

We thank you again for your generous support over the years. We are half way to our goal of \$50,000 in donations for the year and we hope that you will consider us in your year end charitable donations. All donations are placed into the perpetual care fund held at The Winnipeg Foundation. Every dollar donated provides investment income in perpetuity to help support the cemetery.

Donations can be made to the cemetery in the following ways:

Annual, Monthly, and General Donations:

- Perpetual Care Fund ■ Save Our Elms
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- Provide for a donation in your will
- Dedicate all or a portion of a life insurance policy to Elmwood Cemetery
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Long Term Care – 10 years of service

- \$1500 first grave - \$800 each adjoining grave (prices subject to change)
- Receive a tax receipt for 100% of the contribution

Please contact Nancy Borne, Office Manager, for additional information.

(We do recommend consultation with a financial advisor for Estate and other tax implications.)



Please meet our dedicated Board of Directors & Cemetery Staff

Our Board of Directors

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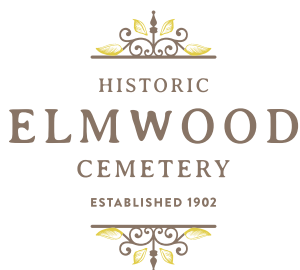
Should you be interested in joining our Board of Directors, please contact Mr. Jim Baker, Executive Director at jhbaker@shaw.ca.

Our Operations Team

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