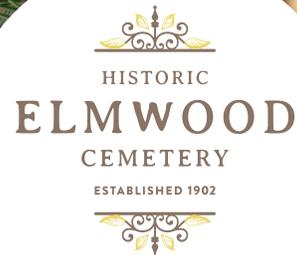


# the bulletin

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.*



## ANNUAL SLEIGH RIDE

The Annual Sleigh Ride through Elmwood Cemetery will be held on Louis Riel Day, February 18, 2019, from noon until 3. Bring the family to enjoy the day. Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be provided in the office.

*The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek ways to make life better for those around us. -Terri Marshall*

## Report of the Executive Director

### Adopt A Tree Program

The cemetery continues to lose mature elms at an alarming rate. We lost 47 elms in 2017 and another 27 this year to Dutch Elm Disease. With the ash borer appearing we will begin to lose ash trees in the future.

In discussion with Green Drop Tree Maintenance, we asked how we could slow the loss. They have completed a survey of the cemetery, recommended some pruning, and suggested we inoculate some of our trees. The cost to inoculate an elm tree for 3 years will range from \$400 to \$1500. In addition, the cemetery planted 40 new trees this fall. Hopefully, between the inoculation program and new trees we will be able to maintain our beautiful forested look.

For a \$500 donation you can now adopt a tree. We will inoculate an elm tree in the cemetery and place on the trunk a small plaque with your name on it. A full charitable receipt will be issued to you.

*Bruce Birchard*



*Bruce Birchard*

As I sat down to compose this report I reflected on what a glorious summer we had. Unfortunately, it was quickly replaced with a wet and cold fall. Hopefully, old man winter will slow his arrival.

The summer flew by and the cemetery continued to be busy with the number of interments up slightly over last year's fast pace. Staff was busy with several smaller projects, the road was repaved, and our potholes are no more.

Due to the dry weather several monuments toppled over during the summer. We have temporarily set them back up, but if you have a monument in the cemetery you may want to check it or have us check for you to see if maintenance is required. Simply e-mail the office and we will check your monument in the spring.

We have started construction of the new storage facility and hopefully it is complete by the time you are reading this. This will protect our equipment and allow a more efficient maintenance operation. In the office we continue to implement the new mapping system and scanning of our historical records to safeguard them. Over the winter we will organize the equipment storage in the new facility and we will continue with the preservation of old records.

As a special project this year we embarked on repairing and cleaning monuments in our infant sections. Over 250 monuments were repaired.

This ranged from a simple reattachment to piecing together 4 or 5 broken sections of a monument so that it could stand. We then cleaned the monuments, many for the first time in over 100 years, so they could be read. We were astonished at the number of beautiful white and grey marble monuments. The area looks fantastic and if you are in the cemetery please take some time to view these areas. The board and staff would like to thank Bob Watling for his work on repairing and cleaning.

I would also like to thank our volunteers who were edging around the flat markers in the cemetery. Your work was appreciated.

Although the financial results will be good this year, we have had a 20% drop in donations. Hopefully, during the holiday season you will remember us, and donations will return to historic levels.

I would like to thank you for your generosity and past support as we cannot keep the cemetery in top shape without you. Every dollar donated is invested into our endowment fund at The Winnipeg Foundation which provides inflation protected investment income to Elmwood Cemetery in perpetuity.

The Friends of Elmwood Cemetery group is dedicated to preserving and ensuring that the cemetery is maintained forever. We wish you well over the holiday season and winter months.

*Bruce Birchard*



### Summertime Maintenance

Over the past summer our work crew cleaned and repaired over 250 monuments. The cemetery is looking very fine indeed as a result of their efforts especially when you realize that some of these grave markers had not been cleaned in over 100 years!



### Treasurer's Report

Bruce Birchard raised the question, "Why do your donations matter?". If you missed it please go back and do read it on the back cover.

When I first joined the board many years ago, the primary issue was how to save the cemetery and the second issue was self-sufficiency. I'm proud to say that the cemetery has been saved, and, more than that, restored and enhanced in terms of appearance, but just as important is the service to friends and family. Financially we are holding our own and then some.

However, cemeteries are forever and my concern is how will our cemetery be managed fifty to a hundred years from now. The question that always arises is: I thought that the cemetery was full and there were no more available spaces. It is not full, and, there is and will continue to be diminishing sources of revenue that might not be covered by invested funds.

So I ask you to continue your generosity and perhaps to plan for a final contribution when it's that time to plan. The math is that the sooner we build the trust dollars, the more likely it is that the perpetuity of Historic Elmwood Cemetery will be admired fifty to a hundred years from now.

*Jim Baker, Treasurer*





## Einfeld's Bakery, An Elmwood Institution

Marinus Petrus Einfeld, who would become the owner and operator of Einfeld and Sons Bakery in Elmwood, was born into an impoverished family in Kollum, The Netherlands on December 13, 1879. The family had very little in the way of material things, but Marinus and his brother did have a toy bow and arrows set. Unfortunately, Marinus was shot accidentally in the right eye and blinded. "It's only fun until ...". Because times were tough, Marinus was apprenticed to a bakery at the tender age of 11. Over the years, he became a very skilled baker. A letter of reference dated January 18, 1913 was from a bakery in The Hague which specialized in making bread and biscuits (or rusks) for diabetics.



In 1904 Marinus and Johanna Aleida Lang of Deventer were married. Their two sons, Peter and Christiaan, were born in Haarlem in 1907 and 1908 respectively. In August of 1913 the family set off on the adventure of moving to Canada. They boarded the Cunard Line ship, the S.S. Victoria, at Rotterdam and waved goodbye to their homeland.

The Einfeld family first tried their hand at market gardening in the North Kildonan area. Then in the 1930's, Marinus decided to go back to baking and the family found a shop at 210 Hespeler Avenue. Marinus and Peter were the bakers, Johanna handled the store and the books, and Christiaan was the salesman and delivery man. Einfeld's supplied baked goods to many businesses and restaurants, among them Kresge's and Picardy's. Eventually the Einfelds had to hire a number of staff members to cope with the popularity of the bakery. The bakery was very profitable and, in the early 1940's, 216 Kelvin Street became its new home. In 1946 Johanna died suddenly and Marinus retired and sold the bakery which then became Stoter's Bakery. Marinus passed away on July 30, 1955 at the home of his son, Chris. He was buried at Elmwood Cemetery on August 2.

## Did You Know...

■ Visitors to our website, [www.historicelmwoodcemetery.ca](http://www.historicelmwoodcemetery.ca), can make a donation directly to our endowment fund at The Winnipeg Foundation. Just click on the 'donate' button and follow the instructions. A charitable receipt will be e-mailed to you immediately.

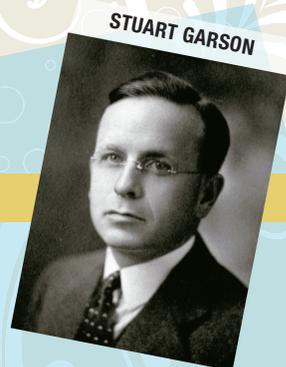
■ Thomas Sharpe, mayor of Winnipeg from 1904 to 1907, is buried at Elmwood Cemetery. In 1930, at the age of 63 he was stricken with a fatal heart attack en route to Lac du Bonnet on a fishing expedition with his son.

■ A number of years ago, from Susan Judy, we received information about her grandmother, Boriska Virgay Nemeth. Born in Hungary in 1878, she became an actress and singer who performed on stage in Europe and America. She and her husband, Peter, had four children. She died at the age of 32 in Winnipeg in August of 1910 of "continuous vomiting" and was interred in Elmwood Cemetery.

■ The cemetery office will be closed on December 24, 25 & 26 and January 1.

Boriska Virgay Nemeth

## The Garson Family



In August we received the following communication from Mr. Ian R. Garson of Winnipeg in regard to the spring/summer bulletin:

"I note that you say there are two Manitoba Premiers buried in Elmwood Cemetery. (Two Roblins - father and son)

For a historical note, I would respectfully mention that my uncle, Stuart S. Garson, was the war time Premier of Manitoba from approximately 1943 to 1947, whereupon he became Canada's Justice Minister in 1948 to 1957, under Louis St. Laurent.

Those are pretty great credentials, and some people might like to be made aware of where Stuart Garson was buried. Elmwood Cemetery does not have a Prime Minister buried in it, but a Justice Minister is about as close as you can get.

I submit this information, "Without Prejudice", only because it's a historical fact & he was the premier of the people of Manitoba, and a war time Premier, which carried a great deal of courage and responsibility of monumental proportions, and Yes, I Loved him. He will not be forgotten."

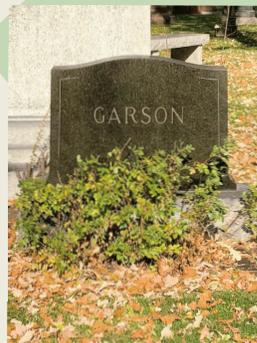
Thank you, Mr. Garson, for this information.

Research shows that Stuart Garson was not the only distinguished family member to be interred at Elmwood Cemetery.

**William Robert Garson**, the brother of Stuart Garson was born in Winnipeg on August 10, 1903. He was called to the bar after graduating from law school at the University of Manitoba. He and Stuart Garson practiced law in Ashern, Manitoba. From 1931 until 1942, William Garson was the municipal administrator of the rural Municipality of Woodlands. His marriage to Carrie Mowbray Bragg produced two sons, Graeme and Ian. William Garson died suddenly of a heart attack on March 1, 1942 at his home in Ashern. Elmwood Cemetery is his final resting place.

After the death of her husband, **Carrie Bragg Garson**, moved back to Winnipeg where she brought up her sons, Graeme and Ian. Mrs. Garson was a beloved elementary school teacher in the East Kildonan School Division (later River East School Division). She taught mainly at Lord Wolseley School and at Angus McKay School and she contributed greatly to the lives of the children who she taught. On February 2, 2001, Mrs. Garson passed away at the age of 90. She is buried in the Garson family plot at Elmwood Cemetery.

**Graeme Garson** graduated from the University of Manitoba Law School in 1962. He ran as a Liberal in a provincial election in 1965 in the Selkirk constituency. In 1973 he was appointed Provincial Court Judge, a position he maintained until 1977. Graeme Garson was then the first Chief Executive Officer of the Law Society of Manitoba. In 1992, for Excellence in Public Service, he received the Lieutenant Governor's Award. Sadly, Mr. Garson passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on April 21, 1994 while on business in Yellowknife, NWT. He, too, is buried at Elmwood.



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The Board of Directors is happy to welcome Rudy Klassen and Linda Hamilton Klassen as the newest board members. Rudy is a retired businessman and Linda is a retired intensive care nurse. They have a vested interest in the management of the cemetery and we look forward to their valuable insights at our meetings.



Please meet our dedicated  
Board of Directors  
& Cemetery Staff

### Our Board of Directors

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### Our Operations Team

Mr. Bruce Birchard, *Executive Director*  
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## Why do your donations matter?

For Elmwood Cemetery to be financially self-sufficient in the future, the annual amount of investment income will need to cover most of the annual operating costs.

Our policy is to place 100% of all donations into our Perpetual Endowment Fund thus growing our fund and increasing our income each year. Income from the fund covers over 50% of our current operating costs with the remainder split between plot and niche sales and the fees for interments and maintenance. Some time in the future our plots and niches will be completely sold, and this source of revenue will cease for the cemetery. This income, currently \$125,000 annually, will have to be replaced by investment income. Based on our current payout ratio of 5%, this would require that our endowment fund grow a further \$2.5 million from today's base.

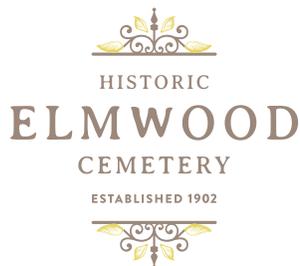
Therefore, your donations matter as each dollar donated moves us closer to ensuring the care of the cemetery in perpetuity for your loved ones.

– Bruce Birchard



If you have received this newsletter in error, or if your address has changed, please call the cemetery office so we can update your information.

If you know of friends or family who would like to be added to our mailing list, please let us know.



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