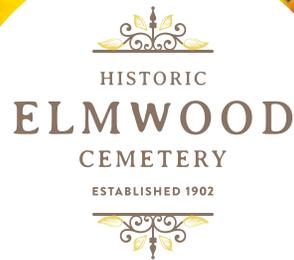


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A PUBLICATION OF THE HISTORIC ELMWOOD CEMETERY



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.



Mother's Day

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 13. From 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. members of Elmwood's Board of Directors will be giving out complimentary carnations for mothers' graves. Potted chrysanthemum plants will also be available for sale. If you wish to pre-order a plant, please call the cemetery office. As in previous years, pipers from the Lord Selkirk Robert Fraser Memorial Pipe Band will be in attendance as well.

**"A MOTHER'S HEART
IS A CHILD'S CLASSROOM."**

HENRY WARD BEECHER



Annual Sleigh Ride

Approximately 150 hardy people braved the icy weather on February 19, Louis Riel Day, for the annual sleigh ride through the cemetery. Coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies were available in the cemetery office to all participants.



Family Stories

The Lee Family

Awhile ago the cemetery received from Roberta Turner of Toronto the following interesting description of the Lee family. Writes Mrs. Turner:

"I always enjoy your newsletter so I can keep abreast of Elmwood Cemetery. I have not been in Winnipeg for several years but my son, Douglas Turner, was there a couple of months ago and reported how wonderful the grounds looked. I thought you might be interested in my parents' story, Charles John and Mary Annette Lee. My grandfather was a first generation Norwegian emigrating to Eau Claire, Wisconsin where my father was born in 1873. My mother was born in 1869 in Lorette, Minnesota. They met and married in La Cross, Wisconsin. From Wisconsin they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1901. In 1907 they moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba. At this time, there were a number of grain merchants moving to Winnipeg. My father was in the lumber business. As the west was being settled there was a great need for lumber. During the next few years my father established The North American Lumber and Supply Company and The Citizens Lumber

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Did You Know...

- Henry Hiram "Smoky" Harris, who was born in Kenora, Ontario, was an NHL hockey player who played 32 games as left wing for the Boston Bruins. He died in Winnipeg in 1975 and is interred in Historic Elmwood Cemetery.
- George A. Grierson, who arrived in Winnipeg as a 10 year old in 1879, later became the Mayor of Minnedosa for two

Executive Director's Fall Report



Bruce Birchard

As you read this, our past winter is hopefully a good memory and spring is well on its way. The cemetery was busy over the winter with many interments and other projects the staff have been working on.

Our spring maintenance will be heavy due to the removal of 45 Elm trees and over 100 stumps this past winter. On top of this the heavy snow in March has damaged some trees which will require pruning. The cemetery staff will be working extra hours to have the cemetery in top shape for Mother's Day.

In the office, we have completed scanning all of the interment sheets from 1902 to 2018. We have also begun scanning other documents such as purchase contracts, obituaries, and transfers, and attaching them to specific sites in the cemetery. We again thank the Winnipeg Foundation for their generous grant and help in documenting our history. Staff can easily access our historical records which is helping us in determining rights holders to grave sites, right to burial and getting our electronic records up to date so we can help family members find grave sites and help in confirming family history.

We have also embarked on remapping the cemetery down to individual grave sites, adding lines on the maps for monument

rows and outlining family plots. When complete this will make it much easier to navigate in the cemetery.

As we head into summer the Board has authorized a few projects. We will be repaving the roadway which will result in some minor disruption in the cemetery for a week or so; we will be planting new trees to replace our elm trees and hopefully we will be building a new storage facility to better protect our equipment.

None of this can be accomplished without the generous support of our donors and I would like to thank you for your generosity and past support. Remember 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 Winnipeg Foundation has continued to manage our endowment fund in an exemplary manner and our investment income is covering over half of our operating costs. The remainder of our funds comes from the sale of plots and niches, interment fees and fees for miscellaneous services. As a side note, visitors to our website, 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

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years. He was elected in 1914 to The Manitoba Legislature and became Minister of Public Works in the Norris government. When the Manitoba Power Commission was initiated in 1919, the Honourable George A. Grierson, Minister of Public Works, was the first cabinet minister to head MPC. He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery.

- Hendrik de Jong, who was buried at Elmwood in 1918, had been a windmill repairman in The Netherlands. Once when

he was working on the end of one of the blades a violent wind came up and the rotors started to spin around very quickly. Hendrik managed to hang on until things settled somewhat and he was able to crawl to safety, but it was a close call.

- Historic Elmwood Cemetery is the final resting place for two former Manitoba premiers, Sir Rodmond Roblin and Duff Roblin, and two former mayors of Winnipeg, George E. Sharpe and William Norrie.

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Call for Volunteers We need people who would be willing to edge around flat markers which have sunk into the ground. No lifting is involved, just clean-up. If you can help, please contact Bruce, our Executive Director, or call the cemetery office. Thank you!

Family Stories (continued)

Company. As the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad – which later became The Canadian National Railroad – moved west my father built lumberyards in each small town along the railway line in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He later built yards in western Ontario. He often traveled by horseback if there was no other mode of transportation. The company was very successful until such time when the railway eliminated service to many of the small towns along the route. My parents often went back to Wisconsin to visit but spent most of their days in Winnipeg. Mother died in 1955 and my father in 1959.”

Willem & Alida

A second family story that we have on file concerns Willem and Alida Margretha de Wolf who were Dutch immigrants:

“Willem was born February 10, 1880 in Goes, Holland. It is known that he had at least one brother and two sisters. The family was relatively poor but the children were cared for and did receive proper educations. In Holland he went to trade school where he obtained his machinist’s papers. During the early days of his career in Holland, he worked 10 hour days. He also served in the Dutch army.

He married Alida in 1905. Their first son, Jan, was born in Amsterdam in 1906. They immigrated to Canada in 1913, boarding the Corinthian in London on May 8, and disembarking at Montreal on May 21. They immediately boarded a train and arrived in Winnipeg on May 23. They first settled in East Kildonan and then in the Riverview area. Their second son, Hendrik, was born in 1914.

Willem was employed for many years as a machinist with the CNR at the Fort Rouge shops, retiring in 1946.

Willem was an avid gardener, known for delicious beefsteak tomatoes. He was an erudite man who loved to read, spoke excellent English, and enjoyed teaching all manner of things to his grandchildren. He took great pride in his family. Son John had two daughters, Alida and Wilma, and son Henry had two daughters, Margaret Mae and Allis, and one son, William, named for his grandfather.

Willem died on January 16, 1966 in Winnipeg at the age of 86.”

Alida (nee Diekmeyer) was born on October 18, 1879 in Muiden, Holland. She was the second youngest of three boys and two girls. The Diekmeyer family was comfortably off and the family home was a warm and welcoming place. That was part of Alida’s attraction to Willem.

Immigrating to Canada was wrenching for Alida as she was separated from her close family. Having an average education and some struggles with English, she led a quiet life as a mother and homemaker. She loved her sons fiercely and liked to keep them close. She took delight in her grandchildren, enjoying John’s two daughters who lived nearby and visited almost daily. Henry and his family lived in London, Ontario, but spent summer vacations in Winnipeg for many years.

Alida’s last six years were spent without Willem and she missed him dreadfully. She died on December 23, 1971 at the age of 92.”



** We welcome your stories of people who are interred at Historic Elmwood Cemetery. Please forward them to the cemetery office.*

The Financial Report by Jim Baker

Our Executive Director, Bruce Birchard, in his report highlighted the excellent performance of the Perpetual Care Fund managed by the Winnipeg Foundation and the continued generous donation support from individuals. It needs reminding, as Bruce points out, that the Fund covers approximately 50% of our operational costs, with the remainder coming from plot and niche sales, interment fees, and miscellaneous services. The latter revenues will be difficult to sustain in the long term so the need for donations that build the Fund remains critical.

The past year has been financially strong with the growth in the Fund and an increase of \$20,000 in net income. Projects completed and ongoing financed from operations include: the fence painting, tree pruning, continued archiving of records, and enhancements to mapping. The current year will see road resurfacing, an expansion to equipment storage, and added costs to clean up after the elm tree removal.

It was a very strong year that will allow us to continue doing projects that enhance the property, and to provide the employees the tools to provide the best service to families.

Bruce and the staff deserve praise for their devotion and attention to detail. You the donors should be commended for your role in bringing our goal of self-sufficiency closer and closer each year.

Annual, Monthly, and General Donations:

- Perpetual Care Fund ■ Save Our Elms

- Provide for a donation in your will
- Dedicate all or a portion of a life insurance policy to Elmwood Cemetery

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.)

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Please meet our dedicated Board of Directors & Cemetery Staff

Our Board of Directors

- Mr. Richard Schwartz, *Chair*
- Mr. Jim Baker, *Director*
- Mr. Hollingsworth Cowan, *Director*
- Mr. Ron Hector, *Director*
- Ms Alison Mendres, *Director*
- Mr. Harry Sklar, *Director*

Our Operations Team

- Mr. Bruce Birchard, *Executive Director*
- Ms Nancy Borne, *Office Manager*
- Mr. Richard Joy, *Director of Cemetery Operations and Maintenance*

Did You Know... (continued)

- Emil Pachman, who was buried at Elmwood in 1914, opened the first Oldsmobile dealership in Winnipeg in 1906.
- The Lord Selkirk Robert Fraser Memorial Pipe Band was formed in 1957 by Robert Fraser who wanted children to have an opportunity to learn to play the bagpipes and drums. Boys and girls aged 7 to 18 from all over Manitoba receive instruction from band alumni at no cost. Parents do the fundraising so that the band can perform all over the world. Currently there are 24 band members and 30 students who are learning their instruments. Historic Elmwood Cemetery is proud to have pipers play every Mother's Day throughout the grounds.

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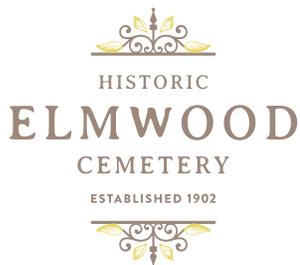
instructions. A charitable receipt will be e-mailed to you immediately.

We encourage you to stop by the office this summer to introduce yourself. If you have ideas on how to enhance the cemetery, please let us know.

We are arranging for volunteers this spring to help edge around flat markers in the cemetery. Over the years the markers sink and debris can partially cover a marker. If you have some time, please give us a call and we will add you to our volunteer list.

The Friends of Elmwood Cemetery are dedicated to preserving and ensuring the cemetery is maintained forever. We wish you well over the summer months.

Bruce Birchard, CPA, CA
Executive Director



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Monday to Friday
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(April to October)
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