

# THE NEW LEAF

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Culloden Lake from the deck

## Think Spring

As we grow older, our love affair with winter wains progressively. Where we used to be anxious to get the skates and skis out, we now look forward to the end of these intolerable cold, slippery, snowy days. At an age when we should be relishing each day, we seem to be wishing our lives away; anxiously waiting for scenes like this at the lake.

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\*\*\*. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

An interesting story relative to the story on page 5 can be found at

<https://legionmagazine.com/en/2014/11/far-from-home-the-epic-search-for-lost-canadian-graves/>

*The following is a copy of a letter that was given to farmer Ed Stowe of Miniota, by a friend George Bear who often worked for Ed. George was a resident on the Birdtail First Nation and was often asked by Ed about the Sioux and others who drifted north into Manitoba from the U.S. following Custer's defeat in the United States.*

*George Bear was born in 1880 and came to the Birdtail Dakota Sioux Nation between Birtle and Beulah. He attended the residential school in Birtle. George died in July of 1974 at the age of 94. In 1960 he told the story of Crazy Horse (it is believed) to his daughter Rita, and the letter was given to Ed Stowe ( As Ed was very interested in the native culture. ) After Ed passed away, the letter was given to his son John, who in turn gave it to the Wakpa Tonka committee. George still has grandchildren on the Birdtail Sioux Nation and are happy to share their Grandfather's letter.*

*\*\*\*Most Aboriginal history was passed down orally through the years and unfortunately, the Indian Residential Schools disrupted much of the traditional history and much information has been lost. I cannot verify the total accuracy of information in this letter but believe this is information that George Bear recalled regarding the Sioux war chief Crazy Horse.*

## Tasunke-Witko

Tasunke-Witko = (mis-translated Crazy Horse) was an Oglalla Sioux - the greatest warrior and war chief of the Sioux nation, murdered in a garrison into which he was devilishly tricked and bayoneted through the kidneys by a guard-man from behind his back while two other soldiers held him.

A mountain in South Dakota is being now in the process of carving to the image of Crazy Horse, mounted on his famous war horse for which he was named "Tasunke-Witko-Tho ka" - He is chosen to represent the Sioux nation of north America.

Tasunke-Witko never lost a battle with United States. He was a born war strategist who out Generalled every United States General that came against him. His last battle was in June of 1876 on the Little Big Horn river where he wiped out General George Custer and his entire cavalry of Two hundred and sixty five men, losing only eight Sioux warriors and one Cheyenne Indian - He battled General Custer while Sitting Bull was fighting Major Reno.

Tasunke-Witko and Mahpiya-Luta (Red cloud) are credited with Eighty Three kills each, proven coups. How many unproven coups each man has is any ones guess.

Tasunke-Witko made his kill record at the age of thirty four. Mahpiya-Luta took much more years to make his.

Tasunke-Witko was a medicine man. (a mystery man)

He was a Yuwipi Wicosa who communed with spirits

- thus enabling him to fore know future events to come.

Years after his death the United States government sought to have his remains. The aged father of the dead warrior fearing the discovery of his beloved sons bones went to re bury his son. He took with him two boys who were his nephews to help him. He made them swear to the Wakan-Tanka to never disclosed the grave or its whereabouts.

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When they opened the grave they were struck dumb.  
For Tasunke-Witko's body was petrified (Turned to Stone)  
How happy the aged father must have been - To see his beloved son:  
body preserved by Mother Nature.

To day the years of drought - Winds and cloud bursts has  
changed the look of that sandy area where Tasunke-Witko  
lies. The knolls, the draws, sand rocks and the pines that were  
are erased (wiped out). No man shall again touch that  
Savage warrior son of the Sioux nation. Mother nature  
hid her child as God did Moses -

= When Moses died Satan wanted to bury him with all due  
honour. Saint Michael disputed with him - But God knew  
what Satan's intentions were so God secreted the body of his  
holy prophet so no man or spirit has been able to find it to this  
day.

There are many stories of Crazy Horse's exploits - very  
interesting. The following is one.

= While on a hunting expedition with a band of his band  
he found himself surrounded by the entire United States  
armies marching in search of the Siouxes surrounding them.  
The Siouxes thought they were now captured for sure.

Tasunke-Witko rode up the highest hill in the grounds.

From there he quickly surveyed the grounds.

Turning to his band waiting below he cried out in a loud  
voice "Mitakuzepi Anpetu wan lila Waste ye lo - Anpetu  
le-ta-pi Waste heca ye lo."

Crazy Horse won the battle again that day. He lead his  
people out of a trap by ~~the~~ wonderful maneuvering.

He learned Warfare from the wild animals of his Country.  
How to stalk - when to strike - To see instinctly ways of  
escape - Every man is born with a natural gift. His was  
Warfare. God's Scheme of life is strange - The Sioux  
Nation lost its independence. Their word and way of life  
forever. Crazy Horse's monument in Sioux Country -  
His petrified body on Oglalla land, will be immortal  
memory.

I wonder

\*\*\*If a mute person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?

**Recent requests...**

Our branch recently received a request from a British fellow who was wondering about the grave of a Canadian soldier. It reads.....

*Hi all.*

*I am a Brit working in Canada but live in England for my troubles.*

*The local town I live in has a war grave at one of the church graveyards with a headstone claiming that the individual is Canadian and was in the RCAF when he was killed in action.*

*Having traced as far as I can, I found that his mother lived in Winnipeg at the time of his death.*

***The airman was Bruce Harry Sparrow, died October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1942. His mother was Mrs. G.W. Sparrow.***

The gentleman was interested in finding out if there were any living relatives.

We were able to find information on the soldier in a book "A Place of Honour" in our branch library as follows...

**Sparrow, Sergeant Bruce H.** of Winnipeg (R 86211). No. 16 Operational Training Unit RCAF. He died 10<sup>th</sup> October 1942 at the age of 19 and is commemorated at Filey (St. Oswald) Churchyard in Yorkshire, England. He was the second youngest of four sons of George W. and Flora Sparrow of Winnipeg. His sister in law recalls (14 September 1998)...

*He grew up in Winnipeg with three brothers and had a very busy and interesting childhood. He participated in all sports and especially loved skiing, swimming and horseback riding. Bruce received his education at Riverview, Lord Roberts and Kelvin High School. He was very interested in photography and also proved to be very gifted as an artist in both sketching and oil painting. In fact, he won a prize for oil painting at Kelvin High School. He was also an active member of the Winnipeg Sketch Club.*

*After high school, Bruce became a member of the Winnipeg Fire Department and in 1941, joined the air force, became an air gunner and was posted overseas in May 1942. He participated in missions overseas until his untimely death in an air crash in England. This was a great loss to family and friends, as Bruce had always been a happy and caring person to one and all.*

**Sparrow Lake** (64 H/15) east of Etawney Lake was named after him in 1995.

More information and a picture of the graves can be found at <http://www.yorkshire-aircraft.co.uk/aircraft/yorkshire/york42/bk257.html>

*There is another Canadian airman in the next grave, but his mother was from Saskatoon.*

The following information was found online.

**His name is Donald Roy Robertson, died October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1942 (presumably in the same crash).**

**His mother was Mrs. R.C. Robertson.**

*Donald Roy Robertson (Flight Sergeant/ Wireless Operator) – Aged 21. The first of two Canadian airmen aboard the Wellington, Donald had enlisted into the Royal Canadian Air Force (R.C.A.F.) in his home town of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in the heart of Canada. He was the son of Roy and Myrtle Robertson and was laid to rest in St. Oswald's, having never seen action in the war he had volunteered to come and fight in.*

*Bruce Harry Sparrow (Sergeant / Rear Gunner) – Aged 20. The ‘baby’ of the crew, Bruce was another airman of the R.C.A.F. and originated from Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was the son of George and Flora Sparrow. Again, he is buried in St. Oswald’s and never saw action in the war.*

It’s amazing what you can find online and in book form if you know where to look.

**“A Place of Honour, Manitoba’s War Dead Commemorated in its Geography”** is an invaluable book in helping to gain information about roughly 4000 Manitobans who lost their lives in the Second World War.

**Some of the names of fallen from the South West Manitoba region are....**

Adam, Sgt Robert N. of Oberon	Carnegie, P/O, Robert C. of Arrow River
Adams, F/O Gavin R. of Newdale	Clark, F/O, Francis T. of Isabella
Adams, F/Sgt Harry W. of Ninette	Clegg, Leading Wren, Olive I. of Binscarth
Alcock, Sgt Arthur F. of Souris	Clisby, Rifleman, Melvin O. of Ninette
Allen, Lance/Cpl, Sidney A. of Russell	Colbeck, Sub/Lieut. Arthur W. of Crandall
Allum, Rifleman, Harold E. of Oak Lake	Curtis, Pte. Ronald C. of Kenton
Anderson, P/Off. Alexander J. of Minnedosa	Dobbyn, F/O Joseph L. of Melita
Anderson, Pte. Edward L. of Brandon	Dutchak, F/Sgt, Peter of Angusville
Angus, Pte Benjamin N. of Angusville	Dowland, Sgt Frederick H. & WO Herbert L. of Bradwardine
Argo, Sgt William of Rapid City	Eisthen, Pte, Albert J. of Tilston
Arksey, P/O Walter L. of Langruth	Ellis, Pte Percy J. of Wawanesa
Askew, F/Sgt George W. of Cartwright	Falloon, F/O James Garnet of Foxwarren
Baraskewich, Lance/Corp., of Foxwarren	Farnie, F/Sgt Arthur Kingsley A. of Reston
Barber, F/O Herbert B. of Carberry	Foord, Pte Frank M. of Pierson
Beaton, F/O Alexander F. of Hartney	Fowell, WO Albert E. of Oak Lake
Beech, F/O Gerald M & Wm. L of Baldur	Frame, F/Sgt. George Murray of Lenore
Bell, Trooper Adam Stewart of Oak Lake	Frederickson, F/O Turner of Glenboro
Benn, Rifleman, Stanley C. of Isabella	Gammack, Trooper, Alexander J. of Decker
Bennett, F/O Donald E. of Dunrea	Goodburn, Sgt. Wilfred of Napinka
Bennett, P/O William J.B. of Holland	Grainger, Cpl William A. of Beulah
Birkinshaw, F/O Leonard W. of Rapid City	Harrison, F/O Frank P. of Hamiota
Birnie, Trooper Wm. N. of Reston	Hirak, P/O Joseph M. of Elphinstone
Blackwell, Sgt Henry W. of Neepawa	Holmstrom, Pte Stuart of Onanole
Bojarski, Rifleman, Charles R. of Brandon	Hope, F/Sgt. Donald W. of Chater
Boles, P/O Wm. Harold of Deloraine	Jeffrey, Pte Arnold F. of Holland
Bonner, F/O Murray W. of Miniota	Jenner, Sgt. John I. of Elkhorn
Brooks, Pte, Earl D. of Hamiota	Johnson, Pte Alfred I. of Manson
Brown, WO, Wilfred D. of Virden	Johnson, F/O Garth B. of Birtle
Buick, WO, John A. of Waskada	Jonasson, P/O David Herman of Baldur
Butcher, P/O, Frederick Lloyd of Birtle	
Campbell, F/Lieut., Wm. G. of Strathclair	

Joslin, Squad Ldr, John D. C. of Shellmouth  
Kirk, WO, James F. of Hamiota  
Kirk, Lance Corp., Roy L. of Kelwood  
Koscielny, Pte. Stanley F. of Elphinstone  
Kozack, Gunner Alexander of Rosburn  
Kullberg, F/Sgt. Elmer N. of Brandon  
Lamont, P/O Douglas P. of Minto  
Lang, F/O Francis H. of Coulter  
Laudrum, Aircraftman Ernest H. of Oberon  
Lawlor, F/O James R. R. of Kenton  
Lechowicz, Gunner Z. Tadeus of Angusville  
Legare, Fireman Raymond H. of Dunrea  
Lelond, Pte Llyall T. of Miniota  
Lowe, F/Sgt. Francis John of Ninette  
Lowe, WO Irvin M. of Bradwardine  
Lussier, Lance Sgt. Lawrence R. of Oakburn  
Lyne, Pte. Vernon A. of Rapid City  
MacLeod, Rifleman Angus m. of Dunrea  
Makepeace, WO Thomas J. of Basswood  
Mallett, F/O Ronald F. of Elkhorn  
Mann, Pte George Westlake of Medora  
Mason, Rifleman David of Bagot  
McCallum, W/O John M. of Oakner  
McClelland, F/Sgt. Wfrd. Glenn of Killarney  
McDonald Tpr. Allan H. of Kelloe  
McFadden, F/O Hugh C. of Rivers  
McHaffie-Gow, Cpl. James of Rounthwaite  
McInnes F/Sgt. John G. of Carrol  
McKinnon, Lieut. George E. of Arrow River  
Michie, Sgt. Stanley R. of Souris  
Milburn, F/O Francis Lloyd of Decker  
Miskow, Sgt. Wesley W. of Shoal Lake  
Moggey, Cpl James G. of Ninette  
Moore, Cpl. Charles Robert of Boissevain  
Moulso, Aircraftwoman Grace Aubrey of Rosburn  
Neilson, F/O Donald Maurice of Erickson  
Norrie, Pte George M. of Isabella  
Noton, F/Sgt. Reginald F. of Wawanesa  
O'Neil, Tpr. Dennis P. of Hartney  
Oliver, P/O William R. of Killarney  
Olmstead, F/Sgt Leonard T. of Carberry  
Parasiuk, Pte. Metro of Polonia  
Peppin, Pte Louis of St. Lazare

Pollock, P/O Albert L. of McConnell  
Post, F/Sgt Ralph A. of Bradwardine  
Rees, Pte Ralph C. of MCAuley  
Reid, F/O MacKenzie D. of Basswood  
Richardson, WO Jack G. of McConnell  
Reisberry, Lieut Donald L. of Brandon  
Roberts, F/Lieut Warren A. of Birtle  
Robinson, P/O Robert E. of Ninga  
Rogers, Gunner Franklin W. of Rapid City  
Russel, Lance Cpl Melville E. of Griswold  
Shanks, P/O Jack L. of Brandon  
Shaw, Lieut Harvey D. of Cardale  
Shean, Pte Walter A. of Beulah  
Sherritt, Pte Eric W. of Foxwarren  
Shwaluk, Pte Wesley W. of Oakburn  
Simpson, Lance Cpl. Wm. G. E. of Hargrave  
Siwak, Flt/Sgt Adolph A. of Angusville  
Smelts, Pte Edgar C. of Elgin  
Stanley, WO Richard Walter of Brandon  
Storozuk, Pte. Joseph of Seech  
Stowe, Pte Charles S. of Miniota  
Thirde, F/Sgt William of Hartney  
Turner, WO Frederick O. of Wellwood  
Underhill, Trooper George Holten of Moline  
Vickery, Rifleman Nelson J. of Rivers  
Waddell, Rifleman James A. of Newdale  
Wakefield, Cpl Dorothy M. of Forrest  
Wasslen, Pte Theodore D. of Binscarth  
Watson, F/O Lloyd G. of Napinka  
Wayte, Pte Thomas L. of Glenboro  
Weir, P/O Ivan A. of Belmont  
Wellar, Lance Cpl. Lloyd D. of Strathclair  
Whillier, Lance Cpl. Walter C. of Brandon  
Wickstrom, F/O Fred E. of Erickson P/O  
Williams, WO Gordon I. of Elkhorn  
Williams, P/O Leslie Llewellyn & F/O Ronald  
Lenard of Foxwarren  
Wilson, F/Sgt. James Averd of Birtle  
Wilson, P/O Robert J. of Rapid City  
Wilton, F/Lieut. Walter T. of Wawanesa  
Winder, P/O John S. of Onanole  
Windham, F/Lieut. Wm. T. of Cypress River  
Wishart, Rifleman Henry Murray of Russell  
Wood, WO Arthur L. of Bradwardine

These are but a sampling of the many Manitobans from the South West Branch area who lost their lives during the Second World War, and the towns they came from. Many towns lost ten or more of their men and women, including some families who lost several members. "A Place of Honour" lists the dead alphabetically and in most cases includes a picture, a brief bio and, often the circumstances of the death. There are copies of letters home which paint a picture of the conditions they fought under. There are amazing tales of valour as well as comradeships, romance, war crimes, friendships, hardships and victories. These people have all had lakes, islands, creeks, or other geographical places named after them. It is shocking to see the ages of the young people who died for their country. There were some who didn't even make it into conflict at all and died in accidents such as the Canoe River train crash. A survivor's account can be seen at <http://www.kvacanada.com/newsletterpdf/april062013newsletter.pdf>

If you have a family member who died in this war and you would like more information, contact our research committee and for a small fee we would be glad to search available information and help you to access your family member's records from Ottawa.

See our website to see how we can help, and for information on our branch at <http://www.mbgenealogy.com/south-west-branch> or See our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/swmanitobagenealogy>

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### **Member Profile- Shirley Erskine**



Born on a farm north of Marchwell, Sask. on February 14 (Valentines Day), Shirley was the eldest of three children. She went to country schools before taking Grades 9 & 10 by correspondence, then moving to Brandon in the fall of 1952. She took her Grades 11 & 12 at Brandon Collegiate Institute then worked as a lab aid for three summers. She then took a year at Brandon College before being accepted into Medical Laboratory Technology, training in 1955 at BMHC.

She was in Ninette Sanitorium for TB treatment for almost a year (1957-58). Shirley graduated from Medical Laboratory Technology in 1957. BMHC and BGH labs amalgamated in 1974. Shirley retired from Histopathology at Westman Regional Laboratory in April of 1995 after working 36 years.

Shirley married Glenn on August 23, 19, 1958 (57 yrs. In 2015), they have two children; Judy (married to Rick) and Terry (married to Karen), five grandchildren; Mathew, Taylor (married to Jenna), Megan ( married to Shane), Trent and Maxwell and a foster granddaughter Henny and a great granddaughter Arya

They have built three homes and lived in each of them over the years until August 1, 2013 when they moved into Crocus Gardens. They are not regretting the move and love it there.

As Charge technologist at Westman Lab Shirley trained many students as well as at BMHC. She was on MGEA and Manitoba CSLT committees as well as others such as social committees (Westman), South West Branch ,(presently Membership Chair), Registration for the 2015 Genealogy Workshop, Secretary for 20/20 Toastmasters as well as canvasser over the years for Kidney, Cancer, Heart & Stroke, Lung and Diabetes organizations. She was a volunteer for the 1995 World Curling, 1997 Summer Games and 1997 Olympic Curling trials.

Glenn and Shirley attended many world curling events as well as many rural and local spiels. They are Brandon Wheat King seasons ticket holders. Shirley has attended many Saskatchewan Genealogy seminars, MGS, EEGS and South West Branch workshops and helped index the 1901 census. She continues to be a valuable member of the S.W. Branch.

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**President's Message- by Laura Crookshanks –President SW Branch of MGS**

It has been a busy few months at the SW Branch. Our regular meetings continue to provide members with interesting stories and genealogy tips. Under the leadership of Sheila Shearer, the folks who work in the Library have been working on a new database program to provide easier access to our collection of books and other records for our members and other researchers. Many members have volunteered to assist with this project which will be ongoing for a while. When completed, I'm sure it will be much appreciated by many.

We decided to host a workshop again this year and planning has gone very well, indeed. Many members have volunteered, either to serve on the planning committee or to help out the day of the workshop. It is great to have so many people step forward to help out!

The workshop, "The Nuts and Bolts of Genealogy" will be held on April 18 at Knox United Church. . In the evening, also at Knox, we will host our annual Heritage Dinner, with presentation of the Ruth Tester Award and speaker, Oriole Vane Veldhuis. Oriole has been much in demand to speak at regional libraries and genealogy groups and I'm sure she will bring a fascinating story to us. It's called "Family Secrets" – something many of us can relate to!( See the following article for details. )

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**"The Nuts & Bolts of Genealogy"**

**Genealogy Workshop & Heritage  
Dinner  
Sponsored by the SW Branch  
Manitoba Genealogical Society  
Saturday, April 18th, 2015  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Knox United Church  
18th Street & Victoria Avenue**

**(use 17th Street entrance)  
Registration Fee: \$45/person before  
April 1st  
Or \$50 after April 1st (spouse ½  
price)  
Lunch Included  
For more information, visit our  
website:**

**www.swmanitobagenealogy.ca**

**Face book:**

**www.facebook.com/swmanitobagenealogy**

**Shirley @ 204-726-5344**

**Topics:**

**Elizabeth Briggs: "Ethics & Legalities of Genealogy" &**

**"These are our Ancestors: Writing our Family History"**

**Sheila Shearer: "The Confident**

**Beginner: I've got started...now what?"**

**Gordon McBean: "Using Technology in our Genealogical Research"**

**Christy Henry: "Archiving/Preserving Pictures & Genealogical Documents**

**Heritage Dinner**

**Doors open @ 5:30pm/Dinner @ 6:00pm**

**Guest Speaker: Oriole Vane Veldhuis**

**Topic:FAMILY SECRETS**

**SWB MGS Workshop Schedule Sat. April 18, 2015 at Knox United Church, 451- 18th Street, Brandon**

**Registration**

8:30 – 9:00 Registration, book display, coffee

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome, Housekeeping

9:15 – 10:15 General Session: Elizabeth Briggs

Ethics and Legalities of Genealogy

10:15 – 10:45 Nutrition Break

10:45 – 12:00

**Session A:** Elizabeth Briggs

These are our Ancestors: Writing our Family History

**Session B:** Sheila Shearer

The Confident Beginner: I've got started....now what?

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 Gordon McBean

Update on MANI, the MGS computer project 1:30 – 2:30

**Session C:** Christy Henry

Archiving/Preserving Pictures & Genealogical Documents

**Session D:** Gordon McBean

Using Technology in our Genealogical Research

2:30 – 3:00 Nutrition Break

3:00 – 4:00

What you need to know about resources!

**5:30 Heritage Dinner**

**Guest Speaker Oriole Vane Veldhuis "Family Secrets"**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

(Complete a separate registration form for spouse if attending workshop)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$45 before April 1/\$50 after April 1st

Indicate preference for Session 10:45

(A) \_\_\_\_\_ or B) \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate preference for Session 1:30

(C) \_\_\_\_\_ or (D) \_\_\_\_\_

Heritage Dinner \$25/ person X \_\_\_\_\_ =

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheque to: South West Branch, MGS

Mail to:

203-4 Crocus Gardens, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 7R9

Please advise of any dietary requirements for lunch and nutrition breaks \_\_\_\_\_

**Overheard in prison cell**

**Cellmate #1** " I won't be in here long"

**Cellmate #2** "How do you figure that? You just got sentenced to ten years.

**Cellmate #1** " Yeah. I know, but I'm sure my wife will break me out. She's never let me finish a sentence before.

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**S.W. Branch Upcoming Programs**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**- Bill Hillman will be presenting "An Overview of the Hillman Heritage Dossier on the Web"

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**- We will be meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion in Brandon and Barb Andrew will present "Relatively Unknown Local Military Research"

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**- Laura Crookshanks will be leading members in a Genealogy Trivia Game.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Annual picnic and tour: location TBA.

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**From the Portage La Prairie Weekly Tribune Review- February 4, 1887...**

A widow in Oakland, California has sued a newspaper for libel because in its obituary notice of her husband it spoke of his having "gone to a happier home".

**Family Secrets**

Another request came in to our branch recently that shows some of the difficulty that people have in tracing ancestors who are secretive about their past. For various reasons some people have secrets that they take to their graves. Many of these secrets evolve from old taboos which are now widely accepted. The following is the request as written...

*"I was referred to you by the Daly House Museum regarding my grandfather's past. He was born and lived in Brandon during the 1930's and claims that his parents died in a car accident in the USA when he was 8 years old so around approximately 1937-38ish. He is still alive but is very secretive and will not tell of anything besides that. He claims to have been an orphan after this accident. My question to you is whether you would have access to any records regarding their deaths or any regarding my grandfather's past. His name is Andrew Joseph Carson born in 1929 in Brandon."*

Of course, the usual methods were used, Henderson Directories, newspaper news articles, obituaries, etc. and information so far has not jibed with the information provided. Further follow up using church records and other means will be used, but I suspect that there is more to this than meets the eye as nothing so far leads to two deaths due to a car accident.

In the meantime if you have any knowledge of this family or can find anything that would help solve this puzzle contact me at [jdodds@mts.net](mailto:jdodds@mts.net)

