

PREFACE

War Memorials in Manitoba: An Artistic Legacy was inaugurated by Mr. Patrick Morican, who in 1996 developed a comprehensive inventory of 201 known war memorial sites in Manitoba.

In 2013, in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I in 2014, Mr. Morican sought partners to help transform the wealth of information in that inventory into a variety of publically-accessible educational materials. Joining Mr. Morican in this initiative are the Portage la Prairie Heritage Advisory Committee, the Province's Historic Resources Branch, the Manitoba Historical Society and Heritage Manitoba. Links to the last three of these organizations are included below.

Mr. Morican's inventory (reproduced here in an updated format), with copious photographs from on-site visits and transcribed texts from memorial inscriptions, has been the starting point for this current project, which focuses on the history and heritage of Manitoba's war memorials.

Through an exploration of historical and artistic precedents and of Canadian and Manitoba designs and designers, and of course a rigorous examination of all of this province's fine memorials, this project aims to present to readers, and to viewers of these important sites, a sense of the depth of this inheritance.

Historic Resources Branch: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/hrb/>
Manitoba Historical Society: <http://www.mhs.mb.ca/>
Heritage Manitoba: <http://heritagemanitoba.ca/>