

A Brief History of Wheatland

Preface

To the best of our knowledge the facts and figures recorded here are real and authentic.

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Thank you everyone.

Mrs. Ethel Lawrie Mrs. George Muir

Foreword

History tells us that Leif Ericson and crew reached the shores of Newfoundland long before Columbus discovered America. Eventually the mainland was settled, and the various districts became provinces. After much negotiation Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick decided on Confederation and the British Parliament passed the British North America Act, which was signed by Queen Victoria on March 29th, 1867. Thus, was born the Dominion of Canada, with its official birthday July 1st.

In 1881 Manitoba was incorporated into a province and joined Confederation in 1905 (*sic, Ed. note: Manitoba joined Confederation May 12, 1870 as a "postage-stamp sized" province. In 1881 the province's western boundaries were extended to present western position and extended farther east and north to 53^o N Lat. Current boundaries were set in 1912*). In 1884 the province was divided into Municipalities. First Reeve of our Municipality of Daly was James Pettit and first councillor of our Ward #5 was Fred Westwood. The first meetings of council were held in Aaron Tyreman's home. Later council moved to Bicknell's store and eventually to council chambers attached to the S. Nunn residence in the village of Wheatland. Daly Municipality now has its own building on 2nd Avenue in Rovers. First council meeting held there was in 1963.

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Following is a list of the names of Reeves and Councillors in Ward #5 since 1884

Reeves

1884 - James Pettit
1885 – James Pettit
1886 – James Browning
1887 – James Browning
1888 – Richard Graham
1889 – Richard Graham
1890 – W.A. Walker
1891 – W.A. Walker
1892 – W.A. Walker
1893 – W.J. Sargent
1894 – W.J. Sargent
1895 - Browning
1896 – W.J. Sargent
1897 – W.J. Sargent
1898 – W.J. Sargent
1899 – W.J. Sargent
1900 - W.J. Sargent
1901 - W.J. Sargent
1902 - W.J. Sargent
1903 - W.J. Sargent
1904 - W.J. Sargent
1905 – J.C. Cousins
1906 – J.C. Cousins
1907 – J.C. Cousins
1908 – J.C. Cousins
1909 – J.C. Cousins
1910 – J.C. Cousins
1911 – Walter Chisholm
1912 – Walter Chisholm
1913 - Walter Chisholm
1914 - Walter Chisholm
1915 – J.R.W. Shanks
1916 – J.R.W. Shanks
1917 – J.R.W. Shanks

Councillors

Fred Westwood
W.J. Sargent
Fred Westwood
George Butchart
George Butchart
Jabez Dadson
Jabez Dadon
Claude Westwood
Claude Westwood
Claude Westwood
Claude Westwood
Claude Westwood
Oscar Westwood
Oscar Westwood
J. Dadson
J.R.W. Shanks
J.R.W. Shanks
H. Bicknell
H. Bicknell
J.R.W. Shanks
J.R.W. Shanks
Charles Howard
Charles Howard
Charles Howard
Charles Howard
Charles Howard
Charles Howard
J.R.W. Shanks
O. Westwood
O. Westwood
O. Westwood
O. Westwood
O. Westwood
Frank Cluff

J.A. Dyer – Clerk

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1918 – J.R.W. Shanks	Frank Cluff	
1919 – N.W. Robins	Alex White	
1920 – N.W. Robins	Alex White	
1921 – N.W. Robins	Alex White	
1922 – N.W. Robins	Alex White	
1923 – N.W. Robins	S.A. Mills	
1924 – N.W. Robins	S.A. Mills	
1925 – N.W. Robins	S.A. Mills	
1926 – J.W. Seater	S.A. Mills	
1927 – J.W. Sweater	S.A. Mills	
1928 – J.W. Sweater	S.A. Mills	
1929 – J.W. Sweater	S.A. Mills	
1930 – J.W. Sweater	S.A. Mills	
1931 – J.W. Sweater	R.H. White	
1932 – J.W. Sweater	R.H. White	
1933 – J.W. Sweater	Alex Beattie	
1934 – J.W. Sweater	Alex Beattie	
1935 – J.W. Sweater	Alex Beattie	
1936 – J.W. Sweater	Alex Beattie	
1937 – J.W. Sweater	Alex Beattie	
1938 – J.W. Sweater	Alex Beattie	W.T. Dyer - Clerk
1939 – J.W. Sweater	Alex Beattie	
1940 – J.W. Sweater	Alex Beattie	
1941 – Thomas Seens	Alex Beattie	
1942 – Thomas Seens	Alex Beattie	
1943 – Thomas Seens	Albert White	
1944 – Thomas Seens	Albert White	
1945 – Thomas Seens	Ernest G. Butchart	
1946 – Thomas Seens	Douglas R. Robins	
1947 – Thomas Seens	Douglas R. Robins	
1948 – Thomas Seens	Douglas R. Robins	
1949 – Thomas Seens	S.W. Madden	
1950 – Thomas Seens	S.W. Madden	
1951 – G.L. Davies	S.W. Madden	
1952 – G.L. Davies	S.W. Madden	
1953 – G.L. Davies	S.W. Madden	
1954 – G.L. Davies	S.W. Madden	Lillian Dyer – Clerk

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1955 – G.L. Davies	W.C. White	
1956 – G.L. Davies	W.C. White	C.W. Garner – Clerk
1957 – G.L. Davies	W.C. White	
1958 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1959 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1960 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1961 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1962 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1963 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1964 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1965 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1966 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1967 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1968 – A.T. Chapman	W.C. White	
1969 – A.T. Chapman	Barry Madden	
1970 – A.T. Chapman	Barry Madden	
1971 – A.T. Chapman	Barry Madden	Andrew & Claire Swain - Clerk
1972 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	
1973 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	
1974 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	
1975 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	
1976 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	
1977 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	John Archibald - Clerk
1978 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	
1979 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	
1980 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	
1981 – A.T. Chapman	Doug Younger	

The End of the Railroad Era

Daly Municipality is the longest settled district in Western Manitoba.

The first settlers in the Wheatland area were Frederick Thorne and William E. Sargent. Thorne homesteaded the Northwest Quarter of Section Sixteen, Township Twelve, Range Twenty-One, (NW¼ 16-12-21) in 1881. In 1885 he purchased the Southwest Quarter (SW¼ 16-12-21) thus owning the Half Section.

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The Northwest Quarter of Section Sixteen, Township Twelve, Range Twenty-One (NE¼ 16-12-21) was homesteaded in 1881 by William E. Sargent, and by 1885 by owned the East Half Section.

Over the next few years more and more settlers arrived, and land changed hands frequently. Since this was a good wheat growing area, it became increasingly necessary to have a railroad to get the product to market.

In 1888 authority was granted to build a railroad, and on June 13th, 1889 a permit was signed. On April 6th, 1900 a lease for a branch line was granted in perpetuity to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company whose main line ran through Brandon.

In 1901 Daly Council petitioned the Provincial Government to use its influence to have the proposed line, through Daly and Woodworth start from Brandon and proceed in a north-westerly direction until the township line between Township Eleven (11) and Township Twelve (12) Range Twenty (20) was reached – then west to Section One, Township Twelve, Range Twenty-One (S1-12-21) where it would turn in a northerly direction crossing the Little Saskatchewan River as Section Twenty-Three, Township Twelve, Range Twenty-One (23-12-21) and proceeding west to Section Twenty-Two, Township Twelve, Range Twenty-One (S 22-12-22) where it turned southwest and continued through Woodworth.

The building of the railroad began and by 1902 the rails had reached what is now Wheatland. The rail line was placed in operation under the Charter of the Grand North-West Central Railway. A telegraph station was constructed and named Westwood. It served until a new railway station was built in 1910.

Early in 1903 Daly Council noted that the extension from Forrest was commenced over two years ago and there was still no daily service with connections to Brandon. The first train through the village was June 7th, 1903. The road did a flourishing business as more settlers arrived bringing with them their household effects, farm implements, and farm animals from their former homes.

The station building was erected in 1910 contained the freight shed and the agent's living quarters, as well as the office and waiting room. By this time the name of the station and village had been changed to Wheatland – the name probably arising from the fact that this was a good wheat growing area.

The first station agent was Mr. Luker who arrived in 1907. He was followed by Frank Wilkinson. The office was closed as an agency in 1931 and did not open again until a temporary agent was placed due to the opening of the airfield and since that time it remained as an open agency until 1971. During the period the

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station was closed, Mr. Johnson, who was Section Foreman, lived in the quarters as a caretaker. From 1942-1946 W. Govenlock was agent. He was followed by Mr. Husten, Claire Middleton and Murry McNair, who was the last agent and moved out September 1st, 1971.

With the advent of the motor car, fewer and fewer people used the train, and the baggage car and passenger car had been taken off some time before this.

The station building was sold in January 1972 and partially torn down in March and April. The job was completed July 21st, but the line remained in operation. On September 29th, 1976 the diesel unit and five freight cars of a 30-car train were derailed. It was believed the east end switch had inadvertently been left open or tampered with. The diesel unit rolled off the north side of the track. Some cars to the south side. The end of one car was hoisted into the air and came to rest on a car in the ditch forming an arch. It was quite a unique sight and caused some excitement in the area. No one had been hurt. Many residents and others took pictures. For awhile there was a train three times a week, then this was dropped to two and finally that dwindled, and the rail line was phased out. The last train through the village was at 9:00 p.m. October 7th, 1980. Few residents knew about it. The rails were being removed in and near the village by October 31st, 1980. The ties were piled for sale the same year.

In its heyday the train was a great asset to the community. It not only carried freight and grain but there was a baggage car for mail, etc. and one passenger car. It was a great convenience in getting to and from Brandon. During Brandon Provincial Fair each summer there was at least one excursion train, composed of passenger coaches only. On July 24th, 1913 eighty tickets were sold. On July 12th the same year, a Special Orangeman's Train had carried many passengers to Brandon for the Orangeman's Day Parade.

In 1907 a second Transcontinental rail line, the Grand Trunk Pacific, (later the Canadian National) was being built. The rails would be laid three miles north of Wheatland and freight and supplies were shipped into Wheatland for delivery in Rivers. Mr. Sam Beever Sr. did most of the draying, with his horse drawn drays. Passengers for Rivers de-trained near the C.P.R. Bridge, about a mile south of the village and walked up the hill to Rivers. Later there was a horse and buggy jitney service between Wheatland and Rivers operated by Bill LePage.

In 1902 a section house, for the road repair foreman, was built slightly west of the station. It was replaced in 1948 and sold in 1969. Mr. William Lettley was the last section foreman.

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A bunk house (car body) for the section crew was put up in 1941 and sold in 1961.

A grain loading platform was to accommodate the grain loading was built in 1925 and rebuilt in 1947.

A tool house was built in 1948. A new bunk house for the section men built in 1957, was brought in from Bradwardine in December 1960 to replace the car body.

When World War II was declared in 1939 and the Federal Government decided the area south of the village of Wheatland would be an ideal location for training air men for overseas duty, the railroad came into its own again. Train loads of supplies were needed for runways, housing, etc. at first goods were unloaded in Wheatland and trucked to the site. By 1946 the war was over but the site remained in operation serving first the Air Navigation School, then the Military Base was finally Indian Affairs took over.

For convenience's sake it was decided to run a spur line into Camp from the C.P.R. and on October 1st, 1952 an agreement was reached. The rails were laid just west of the village. Eventually it was found more convenient to truck supplies and merchandise in and out of The Centre and the rails were lifted.

Thus ended a chapter in our history.

The Village of Wheatland 1902-1981

The village of Wheatland, in the Municipality of Daly in the province of Manitoba, is situated on Section Sixteen, Township Twelve, Range Twenty-One (16-12-21 W1) west of the Principal Meridian.

The papers for the registration of the Plan of the Village were signed at 11:02 a.m. October 24th, 1902. The village was surveyed into lots with the streets running north and south and the avenues east and west.

Over the years many trees have been planted here and there and to this day there are many old Manitoba Maples still thriving. In this summer of 1981, Wheatland is a very pretty, little village.

After the railroad went through in 1902 the village grew rapidly. On the north of the tracks, elevators were being built. One owned and operated by Mr. Albert Fenwick was taken over by the United Grain Growers in 1914. The other two were Ogilvie and Western Canada. One was runs by Jim Shanks and the other one by the Forman brothers. As the years went by one elevator was moved away

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and the sole remaining one, operated by Mr. McKinnon (Mac) burned down in the summer of 1957.

A general store, across from the telegraph office, was built on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Albert Street. The first Post Office in the area was about a mile east of the village and operated by Fred Westwood. When the train came into being and carried the mail, it came direct to the Post Office established in the store, and the Westwood one was no longer used. It was noted in Council in 1903, that the mail service was unsatisfactory. Has mail service improved all the much? How history repeats itself!

In 1903, too, the Christ Church Parish of Westwood-Wheatland came into being, and the church was built near the corner of Fenwick Avenue and Arthur Street. It was consecrated February 23rd, 1908. The first rector was Rev. Thomas. Later he took over the parish in Rivers.

A Methodist church was built in 1904 or 1905 and faced on to Arthur Street. The first minister was Rev. McNair, whose anniversary service was held October 24th. During this time, too, Rev. McNair held services in the waiting room of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway in Rivers. Since Rivers was the first Divisional Point west of Winnipeg, the population increased rapidly. Some Wheatland residents moved to Rivers and started businesses there. It was decided to move the Methodist church, to accommodate the larger congregation and in the fall of 1910 the move was made. The church was quite a sight perched up on wheels and drawn along by its tandem teams. Mr. Sam Beaver Sr. was in charge of the operation.

Since this was horse and buggy days, a livery stable opened in 1905 on Albert Street. It was run by a remittance man named Childs and he, Jim Barker, Bill LePage and a man named Henry all batched together. Their dwelling was commonly known as "The Bull Pen". The livery business was later taken over by Herbert White and Sam McLellan.

A Hardware store was erected on Railway Avenue between Arthur and Main Streets. It was operated for a while by J. Forman and his brother Ernie, then by Mr. Kelly, a carpenter, and Forman, and finally taken over in 1909 by the Ashdown Company, renamed Manitoba Hardware and Lumber Company and managed by H.R. Manders. Later the building was moved to Rivers and now houses one of the cafes.

Wheatland was first listed in the telephone book, September 1906. In 1907 a telephone line was established between Wheatland and Rivers, but the busiest year seems to have been in 1908.

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From the post Office in the General Store a tri-weekly mail service between Wheatland and Rivers was begun. The C.P.R. finished the stock yards and Claude Westwood began shipping hogs. Mr. Clark operated a meat ring east of the village and a butcher shop may have operated in the village for a short time. A Massey Harris business was run by Bill and Charles Smythe. The Western Rifle League was formed and carried on for a few years. Many Rivers residents joined the club. A Western Canada Flour Mills shed opened. Later, in 1914, J. Forman managed the business. A drug store was in operation, as was a blacksmith shop. On August 5th (Ed. Note 1908) Victor Luker – son of the first station agent – was born. His was the first birth announcement in the Rivers Gazette. The first editor was T.W. Offen, who had arrived in Wheatland by train from Ontario and by horse and buggy to Rivers in 1907.

In 1909, the first Daly News, called Daily Details, was published. No further report on this paper.

During this time, too, Wheatland had a very enthusiastic Tennis Club. In a tournament in Rivers in August 1913 the Club took the Gold Buttons in both singles and doubles. There was also a flourishing baseball team. As a Sunday school picnic on August 13th, 1914, on the banks of the Little Saskatchewan River, two games were pulled off. The team was trained by L. Lambkin, J. Forman played third base, and Captain Wilkinson played left field. The groundskeeper was Johnson. There was also a Ladies Baseball team.

By 1913, too, rural telephones had reached the area. F.R. Cluff's ring was 47-ring 2. Miss Jane Holt, who had become a missionary, was given a farewell party in September, prior to leaving for the Mission Field in China. During this year the C.P.R. mechanics went on strike.

Just a comparison in passing: MUNICIPAL TAXES

1913

General Debenture and

Municipal Commissions: 8 mills

General School Rate: 2 9/10 mills

Westwood Special School Rate: 14 4/10 mills

1980

Foundation School Levy: 5.4 mills

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Special School Levy:

Rolling River Division: 63.3 mills

Brandon School Division: 53.1 mills

Department of Municipal Affairs Assessment: 3.2 mills

Replacement Reserve: 2.8 mills

General Municipal: 28.2 mills

Wheatland Garbage Collection: 37.8 mills

Wheatland Street Lighting: 32.4 mills

Bradwardine Street Lighting: 27.0 mills

Business Tax: 1%

In 1914 Herbert Dadson purchased a Model T Ford car. The Grain Growers came into being. Box Socials were popular. J.R. Shanks' family returned from Vancouver and took up farming west of Rivers. The Hospital Society was in operation and Wheatland had a very good orchestra. A meeting was called to discuss starting a curling rink, but not much interest was shown. World War I broke out in 1914 and nothing was quite the same afterward.

The General Store, first operated by Mr. George Brown was taken over before 1910 by Mr. Harold Bicknell. Mr. Brown moved on to Rivers and started a Real Estate business. Mr. Bicknell remained in business until the 1920's when the store burned down. His house was built on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Arthur Street. It was large by the standards of the day and had a glassed-in conservatory on the east side. The family was large too, eleven children and one adopted daughter. The family and the house were the centre of the social life of the village. There was a tennis court in connection which drew many players from surrounding country. After the store burned the family moved away in 1923 and later the house burned down.

After the Bicknell store burned another store was erected slightly west of the old site. It was run by Mr. Perrett and family. The Post Office building was attached to the store but could be entered from the street. About 1955 the Post Office was transferred from the store to a building erected for the purpose attached to the Sam Beever garage. Hilda Beever was Post Mistress and still is today.

After Mr. Perrett the store was operated by Mr. Skelnick, Lennon and Boon and finally by Mr. Bowmont. This building and the Bowmont dwelling burned down during the night of April 14th, 1961. No one was hurt but the family lost everything. The building was not rebuilt.

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The John Moore house which stood at the corner of Arthur Street and Fenwick Avenue had been moved to his farming area, but when the Federal Government took over the farm for the services the house had to be moved again. In 1949 it was placed on the corner of Arthur Street just outside Government property. It was purchased by Mr. Gilchrist and opened as a drug store with a lunch counter. It was operated by Sid and Audrey Braybrook. Later the business was taken over by the Lockharts who added groceries. When they left Mr. & Mrs. Ewasiak took over. They moved to the Clear Lake area and the store came under the management of the Ventnors. The official opening of "Irene's Café" was May 7th, 1978. They were not in business very long. Johnny and Grace Bradshaw carried on for awhile. They, too, left and Mrs. Nibbles took over, but she closed out soon after. The sole remaining store in the village is now "Lil's Chalet" on Fenwick Avenue and Alexander Street, owned and operated by Mrs. S. McClement, and her daughter and family. Mr. & Mrs. McClement started the business here in 1949. For awhile Mr. McClement bred dogs for sale. He passed away in 1979.

On the site of the old Bicknell house a garage had been built and operated by Alvin Hiscock. The family moved to Calgary and the building is now in the process of being torn down. There is also a second garage building on the corner of Fenwick Avenue and Arthur Street. Over the years management has changed several times. The most recent was Mr. Fehr, who also opened a recreation centre in the Gilchrist building, but it soon closed out.

The Anglican Church was closed for a time, but the building was bought in 1956 by Mr. Hogue and became a Conference Baptist Church.

There have been few, if any, rules and regulations governing the village and in the early days people kept horses, cows, pigs and chickens in and around their dwellings. There was no running water and no sewers but several wells with hand pumps supplied the need.

Rural Hydro came through the village in October 1946 and new streetlights were installed in September 1964. The dial telephone came to the district in March 1951.

When World War II broke out and service people came in, houses of all shapes and sizes took over every available bit of land, since the service men brought their families with them. Eventually the Government built houses for their personnel on their own land and the families moved, decreasing the population considerably. The village is still bounded on the west and south with these P.M.Q.'s.

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Since the service people moved out many of the buildings have been torn down, burned down, or moved out. The population at this writing is probably 35. Most residents are retired with a sprinkling of widows.

Wheatland survived two World Wars and a depression, but there have been many changes among the old-time friends and neighbours in the last few years.

Pastor and Mrs. Hogue left for Anola in 1961, from there they went to Alberta and back here for their retirement in 1975. Tom Lawrie, Harry Darling, Bert Heron and Foster Bailey all passed away in 1967. The Madders moved to Rivers and their house was moved to the country. Mr. Dave Cochrane went to Fairview Home in Brandon and his house was sold and moved away. Mrs. Broughton moved to Ninette and here house is now occupied by Albert and Aleta Timbrell. After Mr. Allen's death the family scattered, and Mrs. Allen now lives in Souris. Mrs. Heron has moved to Brandon. After Benny died Mrs. Nunn moved to Rivers. Although very dilapidated, their buildings still stand. Houses were well built at the turn of the century. The Garnet Smith's retired to Winnipeg and the house is now occupied by the Jules Lavallee family. Mr. and Mrs. Lavallee Sr. moved to a home in St. Laurent. Mrs. Frederick passed away and the family have all married. Mr. and Mrs. Biccum live in Rivers. The original Dadson-Johnson house is now Mrs' Muir's home. The Sam Beevers now live in the house originally built by the grain company for the McKinnon family. Ruby Konsmo and her sister Olive Wicks live in the house built by their father Jim Cluff. Mr. Desrocier (Frenchy) operated a taxi out of the village for many years. After his death the buildings were torn down. The old Shanks-S. Nunn house occupied by the Harry Desjarlis family burned in the early morning of December 22nd, 1966. It was a very calm morning and those who saw the fire said it was most spectacular. The flames and sparks rising against the dark blue sky were beautiful – if a fire can be beautiful. No one was hurt, but the family lost everything including the pet dog. Mr. Walter Garret now lives in Riverdale Manor. Phyllis Bailey still resides in the village as does Mrs. Darling.

A FEW ITEMS IN RETROSPECT

In 1909 we caught the tail end of a cyclone which destroyed part of Regina. Mrs. Moore's washing machine full of rainwater was carried away and no part was retrieved. Part of the roof of Alex White's house was torn away and everything in the room was sucked out. Outhouses at the school were overturned and the teacher was reluctant to have them restored to normal. In 1945 another cyclone

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went through the district. Edson Industries on The Base suffered damage to many of their trailers. Some garbage cans in the village changed hands, other than that there was no damage here.

WESTWOOD SCHOOL

Westwood School District #1308 was instituted by By-Law No. 369 of the Rural Municipality of Daly. The By-Law was passed in council on the 27th day of August A.D. 1904 signed:

Chairman – James R. Shanks, Reeve pro tem

John A. Dyer – Secretary Treasurer

Westwood was always a small school district. It had been hoped that part of the Daly School District, Pendennis School district, Lothair School District and Aetna School District would unite with Westwood but only Aetna gave up any land to the district.

Westwood school was a typical country school, complete with cold floors in the winter, tin dinner pails year-round and outdoor toilets. We carried our drinking water from Mr. S. Nunn's well. He had a brindle cow with wicked upturned horns and when she ran untethered most of us preferred thirst to carrying water. She had been known to chase people.

Along with all the other games country school children played we also played baseball. A neighbouring school challenged us to a game one evening. We had always played with a hard ball, but they insisted on suing a tennis ball. Whenever one of our gang connected someone climbed the fence to retrieve the ball. We were not invited back for a return match.

There was always the Christmas concert that was the highlight of the season. Needless to say, it was well attended.

Some sixty or seventy years ago, some members of a Society I seem to remember was called "The Royal Templars" visited the area. Whatever the name, it was a temperance society and dead set against the drinking of alcoholic beverages. Our mother, Mrs. J. Cluff, was very good at decorating cakes with her homemade equipment, and for the lunch after one of these lectures, she had decorated her cake with the Society's name in coloured icing. "Bay" Howard was very intrigued and before the cake was cut, passed it about the audience for all to see, much to mother's embarrassment.

The school remained the centre of the social life and many good times were enjoyed by all at whist drives, etc.

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The school was built in 1905 opening for classes January 3rd, 1906. The first Trustees were J.R. Shanks, Geo. Brown, Harold Bicknell with J.R. Shanks as Secretary Treasurer.

Teachers employed between 1906 and 1957:

1. Meeta Hill – January to December 1906
2. Ida H. McIntosh – January to September 1907
3. Frank Spiers – October to December 1907
4. H.M. McIntosh – January to June 1908
5. Wm. Meldrum – August to December 1908
6. Frank Spiers – January to August 1909
7. S.M. Pope – September to December 1909
8. W.G. Currie – January to December 1910
9. Katie E. Boyes – January to December 1911
10. Bessie Archibald – January to June 1912
Bessie Archibald – August 1912 to June 1913
11. Nita Sanderson – August to December 1913
12. Ivy Miners – January 1914 to December 1915
13. Annie J. Cowing – January 1915 to December 1917
14. Edna C. Dick – January 1918 to June 1919
No record available from June 1919 to June 1922
15. Annie A. Wallace – August to December 1922
16. Wm. Logan – January to June 1923
17. Myrtle G. Graham – September 1923 to June 1924
18. Margaret Anderson – August 1924 to February 25, 1925
19. Nellie F. McNichol – March 5, 1926 to April 1925
20. Gladys White – May to June 1925
21. Myrtle G. Graham – August 1925 to December 1926
22. Carl Couch – January 1927
23. Myrtle Graham – February to June 1927
24. Lillian Pickersgill – August 1927 to June 1928
25. Elva J. McLenchan – September 1928 to June 1930
26. Annie Henderson – September 1930 to June 1931
27. Myrtle Lelonde – September 1931 to June 1934
28. Anne Campbell – August 1934 to June 1935
29. Florence Deacon – August 1935 to June 1936
30. Edna M. Spiers – August 1936 to June 1938
31. Muriel Short – August 1938 to June 1940

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Pupils transferred to Rivers Consolidated School from August 1940 to June 1942

32. Mrs. Mary Stacey – August 1942 to June 1943
33. Mrs. M. McKay – August 1943 to June 1944
34. I.M. Brown – August 1944
35. Helen O. Common – September 1944 to June 1945
Helen O. Common – August 1945 to June 1946
36. C. Siwek – March 1946 to June 1946
37. Louise Lindenburg – August 1946 to June 1947
38. Isabelle Jean Mansfield – August 1947 to June 1949
39. Gus Dalk – August 1949
40. Ruth McInnes – September 1949 to June 1950
41. Lavinia E. Karman – August 1950 to June 1951

School closed. Pupils transferred to Brooke S.D. 1951 to 1953

42. Mrs. Kathleen V. Hill – August 1953 to June 1954
43. Ethel M. Miles – September 1954 to June 1956
44. Pauline Wall – August 1956 to June 1957

In September 1957, the pupils were again transferred to Brooke S.D.

The Westwood School building was sold on March 25th, 1960. It was donated to the Baptist Church and removed to the rear of the church grounds the same year. The school grounds were transferred back to the Municipality August 12th, 1966.

There was not a very comprehensive record kept of the Trustees over the years. The original three carried on until 1913.

Secretary Treasurer:

- 1939 to 1950 – Mrs. E. McAndrew
- 1950 to 1956 – Ruby Konsmo
- 1956 to 1958 – P. Ledgebokoff
- 1957 to 1958 – F. Hogue
- 1958 to 1959 – L.V. McAndrew
- 1959 to 1960 – Peggy Whitten
- 1960 to 1967 – T. Lawrie
- 1967 January to June – Murray McNair

The last meeting of the School Board was June 20th, 1967.

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People who attended Westwood School January 1906 to June 1957

Family	Pupil	Age	Year Started	Year Left
Bicknell	John (Jock)	8	1906	1911
	George	7	1906	1911
	Howard	6	1906	1913
	Donald	5	1905	1913
	Hester	5	1908	1916
	Oswald		1909	1916
	Kenneth	7	1912	1923?
	Stanley	5	1914	1923?
	Margaret	8	1926	1923?
	Maude (adopted)		1916	1920
	Alice	6	1922	1923
	Leonard	8	1922	1923
	Higginson	Frederick	11	1906
Molly		14	1906	1910
Victor		9	1906	1910
Hanson		10	1906	1910
Willie		6	1906	1910
Russell (Roscoe)			1909	1910
Shanks	Bert	8	1906	1913
	Gladys	5	1906	1913
	Ivan	5	1910	1913
White (Alex)	Irma	9	1906	1911
	Mildred	7	1906	1913
	Clarence	5	1907	1914
	Gladys	6	1908	1914
	Edward (Ted)		1912	1914
Cluff	Mayme	8	1906	1913
	Olive	9	1906	1913
	Ethel	6	1907	1916
	Alfred	6	1910	1918
	Florence	7	1913	1920
	Ruby	7	1916	1920
	Alma	6	1918	1920
	Frank	9	1906	1909
Wadham	Daisy	6	1906	1909
	Nelson	9	1906	1906
Porteous	Nelson	9	1906	1906
Howard	Frederick	10	1906	1910

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	Stephen (Bud)	15	1906	1910
Butler	Bruce	6	1906	1913
	Eva	6	1910	1916
Kilbank	Howard	11	1906	1909
	Frances	7	1906	1909
Carman	Rose	7	1906	
	William	10	1906	1907
	Bradley	10	1906	
Dyer	John	12	1906	1907
Taylor	Robert (Bert)	8	1907	1913
	Elizabeth (Lizzie)	6	1910	
	Jimmie		1914	1918
Fenwick	Lyman	9	1907	1909
	Laura	11	1907	1909
White (Herb)	Madge	6	1907	1910
	Mamie		1908	1910
	Jack		1909	1910
Luker	Vera	6	1908	
Desmond	Norma		1909	1910
Tuft	Hilda		1909	1910
Elliott	Pearl	6	1908	1912
	Hazel	5	1908	1912
	Albert	5	1910	1912
Parks	Silvia	7	1909	1910
	Stuart	9	1909	1910
	Clarence			1910
Manders	Frankie		1909	1910
Moore	Etta		1909	1910
	Grace		1909	1910
	Agnes		1916	1918
White (Albert)	Esme		1909	1909
White (Jim)	Edith	10	1910	1911
	William	8	1910	1911
Forman	Minnie	6	1913	1917
	Olive	5	1916	1917
	Robert	7	1916	1917
Issac	George	5	1911	1912
	Johnnie	8	1911	1912
	Archie	9	1911	1912
	Bertha	12	1911	1912

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Westwood	Elmer	5	1912	1918
	Mary	5	1913	1919
	Everett		1916	1922
	Ulric	7	1916	1920
	Tom	6	1918	1924
	Claude	7	1922	
	Mac	8	1922	
	Holly	6	1923	
Lambkin	Millie	10	1913	1918
	Reggie	11	1913	1917
Lambkin (Henry)	Alvin	5	1916	
Cranston	Reggie	11	1913	1913
Skilton	Henry	8	1913	1916
	Kathleen	11	1913	1916
	Alice		1914	1916
Perrett	Eric	8	1916	1922
	Vera	5	1916	1923
	Hilda	6	1922	1931
	Dorothy	6	1924	1931
	Evelyn	6	1928	
	Margaret	7	1928	
	Jack	7	1937	
Dadson	Alvin		1916	1920
White (Bob)	Howard		1916	1916
Mills	Olive	6	1916	1920
Stevenson	Rosina	10	1918	
	John	13	1918	1920
	Mary	6	1918	
	Jean	8	1918	
Hillman	Dorothy	12	1918	1918
Weightman	Nellie	7	1922	1926
Isles	Muriel	6	1922	1928
	Colin	8	1922	
	Percy	9	1922	
	Margaret	6	1922	1931?
Wilkinson	Harold	8	1922	
McAndrew	Lucy	10	1922	1931
	Frances	7	1923	1931
	Helen	5	1924	1931
	Leslie	6	1924	1935

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	Mary		1926	1937
McAndrew (Les)	Donna		1953	
	Gordon		1953	
	Edith		1953	
Bell	Nellie	11	1922	
	Joe	10	1922	1925
	Percy	11	1922	1925
Nunn	Ulla	6	1923	1934
	Elleana	5	1924	1934
Jackson	Nellie	6	1923	1924
	Andy	11	1923	1924
	Katie	9	1923	1924
McLean	Paul	5	1923	1930
	Katie	10	1923	1930
	Jeannie	8	1923	1930
	Mary	14	1923	1930
Bradshaw	Mabel	11	1922	1924
Spalding	Alex	7	1931	1932
Scott	Margaret	14	1931	1931
Howard	Conrad	10	1924	1927
	Darcy	13	1924	1927
	Ellen	7	1926	1927
	Acey	6	1926	1927
	Fenwick	8	1927	
	Allen	8	1928	
Couch	Effie	6	1924	1924
	Olive		1924	1924
Russell	Flora	12	1924	1927
	James	6	1926	1927
Johnson	Fred	9	1926	
	Dorothy	9	1931	
	Ernest	8	1931	
Goring	Audrey	10	1934	1935
	Nancy	8	1934	1935
	Eileen	8	1934	1935
	Evelyn	8	1934	1935
	Frederick	7	1935	1935
	Charles	7	1938	1940
	Bernice	6	1938	1940
Curtis	Annie	8	1931	1935

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	Leslie	6	1931	1935
	Margaret	9	1931	1935
	James	11	1931	1935
	Ronnie	10	1931	1935
McCallum	Given	14	1931	1934
	Jack	10	1931	1934
Davies	Cornelia	9	1934	1935
	Viola	11	1934	
Post	Lyall	11	1934	
	Lorne	11	1934	1938
	Rhys	13	1934	
	Elgin	7	1937	
Cruikshanks	Ross	9	1934	1935
	Lorne	10	1934	
	Glen	12	1934	
Campbell	Crawford	8	1934	
	Vivian	15	1935	1935
Malinosky	Willis	13	1937	1938
Grey	Betty Lou	7	1938	1938
Hulchi	John	8	1938	1938
Thomson	Dorothy	12	1938	1938
Roberge	Maxim	8	1944	
	Phillipa Dolores Marie		1945	
Jay	Bradley	8	1944	
	Joyce Pearl	13	1944	
	Robert Charles	15	1944	
Robins	David	8	1944	1944
Calhoun	Sydney K.	8	1944	
	Jack T.	11	1944	
	Frances R.	12	1944	1946
	Violet	13		
Govenlock	Robert G.	9	1944	1946
McKinnon	Ellen	8	1944	1946
	Maurice	10	1944	1946
	Keith	13	1944	1946
Blaine	Kathleen M.	9	1944	1948
	Elizabeth F.	13	1944	1948
Davidson	Diane	10	1944	1947
	Thomas		1946	1947
Mills	Marion I.	9	1944	1946

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	Merle Marie	11	1944	1946
Thompson	Shirley	12	1944	1946
	Norma	12	1944	1946
Gudbrandson	Albert	12	1944	
	Emma		1948	
	Mary		1951	1953
	Oleana		1956	
Marriott	William		1946	1953
	Peter		1946	1953
	Peggy		1946	1953
	Delia		1946	1953
	Jack		1946	1953
	Margorie		1946	1953
Veenbass	Fay Marlene		1946	1948
Hildebrandt	Leonard		1946	
	Carl		1946	
	Ervin		1946	
	Helen		1946	
	Ronald		1948	
	Larry		1950	
Amell	Bruce		1946	1948
Wright	Roy		1946	
	Barbara		1950	
	Jack		1950	
	Irene		1953	
	Myrtle		1954	
Bunn	Edward		1946	
Knight	William		1946	1948
Kembel	Gloria		1947	1948
Jones	Jimmy		1947	1948
Houle	Trisa		1947	1950
	Mario		1947	
	Irene		1954	
	Henry		1956	
	Bernice		1956	
Wolberton	Roy		1947	1948
	John		1947	
Beever	Beverley		1947	
Ledgebokoff	Mike		1947	
	Vivian		1948	

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	John Wm.	1953	
	Margaret	1956	
La buke	Rita	1947	1950
Bunes	Carman	1948	1948
McLarty	Boyd	1948	1949
Muir	Marilyn	1949	1953
Middleton	Ellen	1950	
	Robert	1950	
McLean	Roy	1950	1953
	Bob	1950	1953
	Tom	1950	1953
Smith	Allen	1950	1953
	Albert	1950	1953
	Anita	1950	1953
	Lucina	1950	1953
Anderson	Alma	1951	1951
Ransom	Alma	1951	1951
	Emile	1951	1951
Plowman	George	1951	
Skilnick	Joan	1951	
	Jean	1953	
	Jerold	1953	
Leonard	Donald	1951	1951
Burd	Rhrona	1951	1951
	Roddy	1951	1951
Borody	Michael	1953	
	Madeline	1953	
Bradshaw	Robert Deane	1953	
	John	1953	
	Evangeline	1956	
Frederick	David	1953	
	Ruth	1953	
	Marion	1953	
Pruden	Alaine	1953	
Lennon	Billy	1954	
	Larry	1954	
	Margaret	1954	
Grist	Kathy	1956	
Hayden	Gary	1956	
	Blaine	1956	

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Hogue	Glenn	1956
Faggetter	Sharon	1956
McNaid	Sharon	1956
Willerton	Harold	1956
	Allan	1956
Makichkwich	Iris	1956

WHEATLAND BAPTIST CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pastor and Mrs. Hogue arrived in 1955 and left in 1961.

Pastor and Mrs. Davies were here from 1961 to 1965.

Pastor and Mrs. Tibberts came in May 1967 and left December 1968

Mr. Frank Issak filled in from 1965 to 1967

Work began in 1955 as a Vocational School and the first meetings were held in a suite at Lil's Chalet. In April 1956 the Anglican church was purchased by Pastor Hogue. Later it was taken over by the Baptist Conference. The Hogue's lived in the room at the rear of the church and renovated the auditorium so that services could be held there. Easter concerts were held as were special services Easter Sunday and at Christmas.

In 1957 the ladies of the church organized into a group calling themselves the Wheatland Willing Workers. They canvassed the area for new members – raised funds for the church and equipment, decorating, etc. Supplied lunch for the G.M.G. on many occasions. In the early days the W.W.W. really lived up to their name. In later years after the church joined the Baptist Conference, the name of the group was changed to Women's Missionary Society.

Sunday School attendance increased so much over the years that the Westwood School building was used for the Primary section, ages up to and including eight years old. In 1960 this building was bought and presented to the Church. It was moved to the rear of the Baptist Church property and housed Primary Sunday School until the church closed about 1970. Sunday School attendance rose from 6 in 1955 to 65 in 1965 with an attendance of 108 at least once in 1964.

Daily Vocational bible School (D.V.B.S.) was held each summer until 1969 with a peak attendance of 138 students in 1969. In 1958 from attendance of 96, 21 decisions for Christ were recorded.

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Over the years there were Young Peoples Groups, Girls Missionary Guild (GMG), Boys Brigade and Teacher Training Groups.

Missionaries home on leave or about to go to foreign fields visited from time to time. Some brought just messages, others showed slides.

Prayer meetings were held regularly once a week until 1968, sometimes in private homes.

G.M.G. girls on several occasions went out 'Carolling' on Christmas Eve. They also enjoyed many progressive dinners.

The first Christmas entertainment was held in 1956 and there was one each succeeding year until 1970. These entertainments were always well attended. On one occasion the Church was full to overflowing.

Pastor Hogue retired in 1975 and returned to Wheatland to live in his own house.

Early in 1976 Pastor and Mrs. Hogue were in a bad car crash. Mrs. Hogue was badly injured and spent several months in Brandon Hospital. The Pastor was less badly injured but did spend some time in Riverdale Hospital.

The Church opened again in 1976, and then closed a short time for repairs. Weekly prayer meetings were started and first held in the Church then held in Mrs. Muir's home.

In 1977 the Church reaffiliated with the Central Canada Conference of the Baptist General Conference (C.C.B.C.).

As of now the Church has 4 active members, with an average Sunday morning attendance of 9. The Sunday School was started in 1980. It has an enrollment of 26 with an average attendance of 10.

This is it, folks. There will be no sequel. We hope everyone gets as much pleasure out of reading this as we have had in putting the facts together. Most of the research was done by Mrs. Muir. Composition by Ethel Lawrie. Typing by Marilyn Wiebe (Muir)