

The Centre for Rupert's Land Studies
at The University of Winnipeg

Rupert's Land Colloquium 1998



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Norway House, Manitoba




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The Centre for Rupert's Land Studies facilitates research and publishing in the human history of the Hudson's Bay Company territories known from 1670 to 1870 as Rupert's Land and the Columbia District, promotes awareness of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives in Winnipeg, publishes The Rupert's Land Newsletter, and co-publishes a series of documentary volumes on aspects of Rupert's Land history in partnership with McGill-Queen's University Press. The Centre puts researchers with similar interests in

touch with one another, keeps members and others informed about research projects and findings, and assists out-of-town researchers by introducing them to qualified local assistants and by providing a congenial meeting place when they visit Winnipeg. The Centre also has a community outreach program which seeks to create links between the academic world and others with an interest in Rupert's Land history, particularly with aboriginal communities.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Registration & Welcoming Reception

Faculty Club, 4th Floor, Wesley Hall,
The University of Winnipeg

8:00-8:30

CHAIR: Raymond Beaumont

Katherine Peterson: Reed Lake
Trading Post Journal 1794-95, and
Reed Lake Resource Use

8:30 Advisory Council Meeting,

Drache Board Room

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

The **Registration and Information Desk** will open at **8:30 a.m.** in the Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall Foyer, 3rd Floor Centennial Hall (beside the escalators). Announcements and late-breaking news will be posted on a Notice Board beside the Registration table. Representatives of local and national publishing houses will also be on hand with information on a variety of publications, Order Forms, and sale copies of books throughout the Colloquium. All Refreshment Breaks will also be held at this location.

9:00-12:00 PLENARY SESSION

Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall,
3rd Floor Centennial Building

**9:00-9:30 Welcome to Colloquium
1998 and Greetings**

(1) 9:30-12:00

Encounters At The Forks

Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall

CHAIR: Bob Coutts

Sid Kroker: The Forks " A Pre-European Cultural Nexus

Tom Shay: From Privy Pits to Plants and People

10:30-11:00 Refreshment Break

Theresa Schenck: "Against all odds ... and with the help of our friends": Establishing the Red River Colony, 1812-1817.

Laura Peers: Water of Life, Waters that Divide Us: Alcohol in Encounters at the Forks

12:00-1:00 Lunch Break on your own

(2) 1:00-3:00

"Picking up the Threads":

The Métis of the Mackenzie Basin, 1790-1970

3C01, 3rd Floor Centennial Building

CHAIR: Marina Devine

Chris Hanks & Jennifer Bellman: Role of the Beaulieu Family in the Fur Trade in the Mackenzie District from Peter Pond to Hislop and Nagle Trading Company.

Nathalie Kermaal: The Economic, Social and Political Lives of Métis Women in the Mackenzie Basin, 1790-1990

Martha McCarthy: The Métis and the Churches in the Northwest Territories

Patricia McCormack: Northern Métis, Treaties No. 8 and 11, and the Issuance of Scrip

(3) 1:00-3:00

Trade, Travel, and Transportation

Theatre A, 4th Floor Manitoba Hall

CHAIR: Jennifer Brown

Lacey Sanders: Native Pathways and European Trade Routes in the Red River Region of Rupert's Land

Sylvia Van Kirk: "A Trip for Remembering": George Nelson's Summer Journal of 1822

Pamela MacDonald: Journey from the Sublime to the Beautiful: Tracking the Canadian Canoe and Its Feminine Companion

Lloyd Keith: Captain James Sheets and the Winnipeg and Western Transportation Company, 1878-1901

3:00-3:30 Break for Refreshments

Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall Foyer, 3rd Floor, Centennial Hall

(4) 3:30-5:00

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Diane Payment: Many Roads to and from Red River: Métis People in Motion Between North and South

Sandra Dolan: Métis in the World War II Era
COMMENTARY: Richard Hardy

(5) 3:30-5:00

Family and Place, Class and Identity

Theatre A, 4th Floor Manitoba Hall

CHAIR: Paul Hackett

Denise Fuchs: Betrayed or Rescued? Sons of the Hudson's Bay Company

Jody Decker and Sharron FitzGerald: Identity as Concept of Place: A Case Study of York Factory, Rupert's Land

Sherry Farrell Racette: The Red River Tripman: Occupation, Class and Nationalistic Centre

5:15 General Meeting of the membership of The Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, 3C01, 3rd Floor Centennial Building

Evening: On your own

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 a.m Registration Desk opens
3rd Floor Centennial Building

(6) 8:30-10:00 Voyageurs
3C01, 3rd Floor, Centennial Building

CHAIR: Pauline Greenhill

Carolyn Podruchny: Moving Between Two Worlds: Voyageurs and Families in the Northwest Fur Trade

Ruth Swan: Saskatchewan Voyageurs and Bison Hunters: The Jerome Family in the Northwest, 1745-1821

Stuart and Mary Houston: Sidelights on the Second Franklin Expedition

(7) 8:30-10:00

Medicine in Rupert's Land
Theatre A, 4th Floor Manitoba Hall

CHAIR: W.W. (Skip) Koolage

Shelly Funston: Getting at the Guts of Fur Trade Health and Disease (Literally!)

Michael Payne: Good and Bad Medicine: Treating the Sick and Injured at Fur Trade Posts

William Farr: Spirituality and Healing: Medicine Encounters Natural and Spiritual among the Salish, Jesuits, and Blackfeet in the 19th Century

10:00-10:30 Break for refreshments

Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall Foyer,
3rd Floor, Centennial Building

(8) 10:30-12:00 Documentary Issues
3C01, 3rd Floor Centennial Building

CHAIR: Shirlee Anne Smith

William Swagerty: Alexander Ross and the Flathead Post Journals: A Fragmentary Record of HBC Activities in the 1820s

Ellen Paul: The Voyageur at Home: Parish Registers as a Tool in Understanding the Motivation and Formation of a Fur Trader

Barbara Belyea: The Shining Mountains: A Historical Mirage

(9) 10:30-12:00 Law and the Courts
Theatre A, 4th Floor Manitoba Hall

CHAIR: Gerald Friesen

Andy den Otter: The 1857 Parliamentary Inquiry and Native Peoples

Kent McNeil: Aboriginal Peoples and the Application of English Law in Rupert's Land: Implications for Aboriginal Sovereignty

Wesley Heber: Bullets and Bombs: Dene Hunting Rights in the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range

Colloquium Participants pre-registered to attend the **Manitoba Historical Society Luncheon and Talk** should proceed to the Faculty Club Dining Room, 4th Floor Wesley Hall, immediately after the close of their session.

Colloquium Participants pre-registered for the **Visit to the Dr Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre** should go immediately after the close of the morning sessions to the bus rendezvous point in Parking Lot B for a 12:15 departure. Parking Lot B is in the Quadrangle at the south entrance of Centennial Hall. Lunch will be served at the Centre.

(10) 12:30-2:00

Manitoba Historical Society Lunch

Faculty Club Dining Room,
4th Floor Wesley Hall

Special Guest Speaker: David Malaher,
"Beavers and Boundaries: The Contribution
of the Fur Trade to the Canada-USA
Border," in 3C01, 3rd Floor Centennial
Building

(11) 12:15-5:00

**Dr Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre
Tour and Orientation**

CHAIR: Janet Silman, with David McCrady

Susan Gray: Light, Life, and Stories: Oral
Histories of Ojibway-Missionary Encounters
at Berens River, 1916-1940

Reverend Stan Cuthand: Did the
Missionaries Indigenize the Message?

5:15 Bus will depart Dr Jessie
Saulteaux Resource Centre for return
trip to the university campus.

6:15-8:15

COLLOQUIUM BANQUET

Riddell Hall Cafeteria,
1st Floor Centennial Building

6:15-6:45 Pre-dinner Gathering.

Tickets for the Wine Only Cash Bar can be
purchased at the door. The Bar will close at
7:45

6:45-8:15 Dinner

8:30-10:00 MUSICAL EVENING

Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall

Longbottom appearing live with Special Guests **BANDALINE**
The Music and Song of the People of Rupert's Land

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**(12) 9:00-11:00 Spiritual Encounters
in Rupert's Land**

3C01, 3rd Floor Centennial Building

CHAIR: Michael Angel

Alvina Block: The Memory of the Enig-
matic George Flett (1870-1891): Presbyte-
rian Missionary to the Cree and Ojibwa

Joan MacKinnon: George Flett: Mixed
Blood Missionary Caught Between Two
Cultures

Margaret Clarke: Persistence of Religion
Among the Descendants of Catechist and
Schoolteacher Joseph Cook

Raymond Huel: The Missionary Oblates of
Mary Immaculate and the HBC: A Mutuality
of Interests in the Interior

A Northern Journey To Norway House

Colloquium Participants who have registered for the trip to **Norway House** should be at the bus rendezvous in Parking Lot B, ready for departure, between 12:00 and 12:15 to allow time for loading the bus, and a prompt 12:30 departure.

12:30 p.m.

Trippers to the North will depart promptly at 12:30. Be prepared for a 9 to 10 hour journey. The bus is fully air-conditioned and is equipped with bathroom facilities. We will stop for a picnic supper at Devil's Lake. Bag lunches, each containing a sandwich/bunwich, fruit, juice, and cookies, will be provided for all trippers and trekkers.

10:00-11:00 p.m.

Anticipated arrival at Norway House, followed by room assignments and a bedtime snack at the York Boat Inn.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

6:30-8:30 Breakfast Buffet
at the York Boat Diner.

9:00 Opening Ceremonies
Master of Ceremonies: TBA
THE CHIEF AND COUNCIL, AND ELDERS OF
THE NORWAY HOUSE CREE NATION

(13) 9:30-12:00
Stories From Norway House

CHAIR: TBA

**Tammy Hannibal-Paci: A Visual History of
the HBC Post at Norway House**

**Maureen Dolyniuk: Nearly Killed out of
Pure Kindness: The Accidental Poisoning of
Sir George Simpson at Norway House in
1822**

**Anne Morton: A Nor'Wester at Norway
House: Chief Trader Joseph McGillivray's
Turbulent Year, 1822-1823**

**Judith Hudson Beattie: Life at Norway
House through the Eyes of William
Chapman, Editor of the Norway House
News, 1907-1909, 1913-1914**

12:00-1:00 Lunch Buffet
at the York Boat Diner.

**(14) 1:00-2:00 Religious Encounters at
Norway House**

CHAIR: Mark Ruml, and a representative
from Norway House

**Gary Granzberg, with Nathaniel
Qeskekapow (if available): An Attempt at
Understanding a Native Perspective on the
Past 75 Years of Native/Euro Religious
Encounters: A Case Study from Norway
House.**

**(15) 2:30-5:00 Family History Panel
Constructing Family Histories:
Challenges, Delights, and Problems**

CHAIR: Sylvia Van Kirk, with a representa-
tive from Norway House

An opportunity to discuss family and
families, lineages and clans, to search for
links to lost relatives and connections to
ancestors, and to exchange information and
ideas on the exciting and often problematic
path of finding ourselves in the past.

5:30 - 7:00 Traditional Feast

(18) 7:30-9:00
Open House and Heritage Fair
Community and Student Presentations,

featuring presentations by the students of Rossville School, Jack River Elementary School, Norway House High School, and the Transition Year Program of Norway House.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

9:00-3:00 Boat tours

(weather permitting) to Paimusk Creek and Warren's Landing. Bag lunches will be provided. Participants will receive details of both tours and will be able to sign up for their choice during Monday's sessions and activities. On return to Norway House, the treat will be a fish fry with freshly-caught pickerel, on the beach (weather permitting).

Free time.

We suggest that you take pictures, visit the local stores, buy souvenirs, send postcards, go for a walk amid the beauties of Norway House, or just relax.

4:00-5:30 Community Tour

in Norway House Cree Nation bus with stops at three church sites, the HBC Archway, Jail, Powder Magazine and Graveyard, and a visit to the log home construction site and future Heritage site.

6:00 Supper Buffet

at the York Boat Diner

7:30 Ceremonies

to unveil a plaque commemorating the establishment of the Rossville Mission at Norway House in 1840, sponsored by The Manitoba Heritage Council, Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Citizenship, and The Norway House Historical Society. Reception will follow the unveiling ceremony.

8:30 Square Dancing

at the Pavilion.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 a.m.

Bus leaves Norway House after breakfast for the return trip to Winnipeg. Bag lunches will be provided. If weather and road construction permit, lunch will be at Grand Rapids.

Local Arrangements, Winnipeg

Jennifer S.H. Brown,
Director, CRLS

Renée Fossett,
Conference Manager

Advisors & Assistants

Raymond Beaumont

Wilson Brown

Bob Coultts

Diane Payment

Laura Peers

Beth Pritchard

Lacey Sanders

Scott Stephen

Ruth Swan