

# RED RIVER ANCESTRY GENEALOGY CENTRE

Located in the St. Andrews Rectory

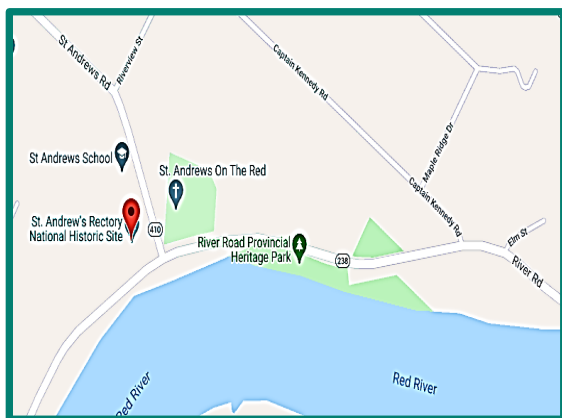
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## Hours of Operation:

The Centre is run by Volunteers so the hours will vary. Please check the Rectory site and call ahead to confirm it is open

**Volunteer opportunities are available.**

Applications at Centre or on RM website

**Donations** of local history books or copies of family trees are greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off at the Centre or call for someone to pick them up.

“Every family has a story that it tells itself, that it passes on to the children and grandchildren.

The story grows over the years, mutates, some parts are sharpened, others dropped, and there is often debate about what really happened. But even with these different sides of the same story, there is still agreement that this is the family story.”

A.M. Homes



## William and Charlotte Phillips family

Charlotte was the daughter of Michael Lambert and Margaret Favel. More information on the Lambert family and Favel family can be found at the Centre.



For local history, these two books are a great resource. Copies for sale at the Rectory Gift Shop

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## Mission

The Red River Ancestry Genealogy Centre's mission is to establish a Resource Centre for the preservation and accessibility of the St. Andrews area and Manitoba's family histories and historical records/materials.

## Vision

To preserve and provide resources and educational opportunities related to genealogical research in order to become a recognized leader in the field of Genealogy.

The Centre is named in honor of Gary Still who was a well renowned self-taught Genealogist who created the web site "Red River Ancestry."



**Gary** was born in 1939 in Selkirk, Manitoba, and raised in the adjoining community known as Mapleton or Old England in Manitoba.

His hobby of genealogy began with tracing his own ancestors, but soon grew to include many of his friends and neighbours. Over the period of almost half a century he gradually amassed a gigantic database of information about the ancestry of virtually everyone he knew and became a hobby that occupies most of his time until his death in 2018



This website is devoted to the descendants of early explorers, fur traders and settlers who first inhabited the great Northwest Territory or Rupert's Land, and more particularly the region of the Red River of the North.

We are pleased to be an affiliate of his amazing site and will work to keep this site accessible and growing.

## Who We Are

The Red River Ancestry Genealogy Centre is a local resource for the collection and preservation of local, as well as Manitoba genealogical history, records and materials. The facility is operated through funding from the R.M. of St. Andrews and is part of the St. Andrews Rectory Committee's portfolio. It was created as result of interest within the R.M. of St. Andrews for a place residents could start or further their interest in local history and their family ties to the area. With the support of the St. Andrews Heritage Committee and the St. Andrews Municipal Government, this Centre became a reality and was opened in 2021.

## Our Goals

- To provide opportunity for people to research their family history
- To work in conjunction with heritage groups, individuals, government agencies and historical organizations to encourage sharing of resources
- To assemble a library of genealogical guides, handbooks, reference resources, family and local histories, and other books and materials to assist in family history research
- To arrange educational opportunities on genealogical research and methodology



**A family tree can wither if no one tends to its roots**



Let us provide you with the resources and educational opportunities so you can further your search for **your Family History**.

## The Centre provides:

- Computer and internet access
- Use of our inhouse library
- Lists of Resources
- Contacts of others interested in specific family histories
- Educational sessions
- Networking opportunities
- Printing available at cost
- An opportunity to share and display your family tree
- Support with road blocks
- Access to an Interest Group
- A real sense of Community