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Our Two Horizons Amended 9-27

To establish and commemorate the basis of
the (Bonscaut) Colony Farm, followed by the coming of
Manitoba North Western Railway subsequently C.P.R.
of the Railway. The origin of the name Bonscaut.

The development of the area and services by the
coming of the railroad.

The Railway came in 1886 but missed the
Colony Farm by about four miles, which subsequently
meant moving the settlement ^{north} to the site of its
Present town of Bonscaut.

The present site of Bonscaut is <sup>Drained by the Assiniboine River system
2 miles to the west</sup> on rolling prairie
or ^{the} country with wooded valleys well within walking
distance to the East, West and South. The farming
land around is excellent prairie loam.

In the early days settlers came up the Assiniboine River
to Fort Ellice or walked from Portage La Prairie

We wish to keep a history of the coming of the
Railway, Telephone and Hydro, grain elevators in this
area.

We will do most of our research and procuring of
writings among our senior citizens, some well over
eighty, as well as by word of mouth and sacraments
and photographs inherited by families.

Researching of all old school districts, ^{& records} church
histories

Our project will include the Indian Reserve of
the Gamblers West of Kenora & the Metis Settlement of
Madeleine.

In this way we hope to ^{collect} ~~complete~~ in one volume
a complete history of this district.

Our New Horizon

As a - ⁱⁿ establish &

B - To ^{basis} commemorate the formation of the Benscarth Colony Farm, followed by ^{the} coming of the railway and ~~moving the~~ ^{the} ~~settlement town~~ ^{post office} ~~to~~ the present site. and establishment of

The railway came in 1886 but missed the Colony Farm by about 4 miles which meant moving the settlement to the site of present ~~site~~ town of Benscarth

The present site of Benscarth is on rolling prairie country which has proved to be excellent farm land.

In the early days settlers came up the Assiniboine River to Fort Ellice ^{on} and walked from Portage la Prairie

We wish to keep a history of the coming of the railway, telephone & hydro ^{grain} elevators this area.

We will do most of our research ^{to obtain} among our Sr. Citizens ^{write up} and ~~th~~ some well over 80. as well by word of mouth & souvenirs to the families.

^{+ photographs left} Researching of old school dist ch (as in Oak Lake)

The Aim:

Methods:

① Notes made available from notes made by a member of Women's Institute who had collected some histories in 1965.

②

Our project will include the Indian Res.
of Council of ~~that~~ West of Brinsford & the North of Brinsford
In this way we hope to collect in one
volume a couple of this district.

Put in picture of municipalities.

Miscellaneous

Sec. supplies ex.

125.00

Rubber stamp,
staples staplers.
erector. Ink
tapes pencils pen.

A. ^{all}

Office supplies

10,000 sheets plain paper	141.50	✓
1500 Letterhead pages	71.75	✓
1500 #8 envelopes ^{with letterhead address}	61.37	✓
500 Large brown file envelopes	78.93	✓
1000 File folders	<u>650.00</u>	✓
	503.55	✓

B. Postage

3500 stamps @ 32¢	\$1120	✓
1000 for returning histories in br. envelopes - ^{x 64¢}	640.	✓
Postage on 10 complementary books @ 3.00	<u>30.00</u>	✓
	1790.00	1790.00

Note - the two Bs

✓ Rent for office 15 months ^{\$20.00}	~~300.00~~	
✓ Telephone Long distance calls	175.00 - 175.00	
✓ Adverting in papers	125.00 - 125.00	
✓ Heating	80.00	450.00
✓ Launching book rent of hall	<u>60.00</u>	
	1150.00	510.00

D. Furniture & equipment

4 drawer filing cabinet	\$200.00	✓
Electric space heater	60.00	

G. Transportation:

2 people, 2 trips to Wpg Archives	140.00	
2 " 2 " to Brandon Univ.	80.00	
2 " 2 " to Neepawa land office	80.00	
Special trips for information	100.00	
Trips to Publisher 2 x 2 people ^{Wpg}	<u>140.00</u>	
	540.00	540.00

✓ Miscellaneous Picture reproduction etc ^{\$150.00}

Honorarium for typing ^{\$600.00}

Complementary copies 10 x 30 ^{300.00} \$1050.00 1050.00

ITEMIZED BUDGET NEW HORIZONS GRANT
' HISTORY OF BINSKARTH
AND AREA.'

OFFICE SUPPLIES:

A.	10,000 sheets plain paper	\$ 142.00	✓ <i>chp</i>
	1500 Letter head pages	72.00	
	1500 Envelopes with letter head address	62.00	
	500 Large brown file envelopes	79.00	
	1000 File folders	150.00	
	3500 Postage stamps @ 32 ¢/	1120.00	
	1000 Postage " " @ 64 ¢ Return of Histories	640.00	
	Postage on ten complimentary books @ \$ 3.00	~~30.00~~	<i>2 complimentary</i>
		2295.00	\$ 2295.00
		<i>2265.00</i>	
B.	Rent for office 15 months @ \$ 20.00	<u>300.00</u>	<i>2</i>
	Rent of hall for launching book	60.00	
		360.00	360.00
C.	Telephone, long distance calls etc.	175.00	✓ <i>other expense</i>
	Advertising in papers	125.00	✓
	Heating office	80.00	✓ <i>q</i>
		380.00	380.00
D.	Four drawer Filing Cabinet	200.00	
	Electric Space Heater	<u>~~65.00~~</u>	
		265.00	265.00
E.	Miscellaneous: Picture reproduction etc.	150.00	
	Honorarium for Typing	600.00	<i>9350.00</i>
	Complimentary Copies of book (10) X \$ 30.00	300.00	
		1050.00	1050.00

Transportation:

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD..... \$ 4350.00

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TRANSPORTATION;

Two people, 2 Trips to Provincial Archives, Wpg. \$ 140.00

Two people 2 Trips to Brandon University 80.00

Two people 2 Trips to Neepawa Land Titles Office 80.00

Special trips for information 100.00

Trips to Publishers 2 x 2 people 140.00

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TOTAL BUDGET _____ \$ 4890.00

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Transportation

AN OUTLINE FOR A FAMILY STORY

Please try to include as many as possible of the following in your story:

1. Full name of the member of your family who was first in the district.
2. Where he was born and the names of his parents (if known).
3. When he came to this area and why.
4. Where he settled and his occupation.
5. His life, including:
 - a) School . . . where and when.
 - b) Church affiliation.
 - c) Contributions to the community.
 - d) Military record.
 - e) Nick-name, if any.
 - f) Marriage . . . date and place and all information concerning his wife as above.
 - g) Children, including in this - present residence and occupation. If married, names of their children.

Please address all correspondence to:

Betty Bauer
Binscarth, Manitoba
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A history book is being compiled of Binscarth and surrounding districts and we would like to include all residents and former residents. Will you please send your family history and any interesting information you might like to include pertaining to Binscarth to Betty Bauer or Tene Murray, Binscarth, Manitoba, R0J 0G0, before April, 1983. I am enclosing an outline which you might like to use as a guide.

Sincerely,

Betty Bauer, Sect.
Binscarth History Committee

COPY B

If you have any pictures you would like put in please enclose them and make sure your name is attached to the back so they can be returned to you.

If you wish to buy one of these books, the price will likely be around \$30.00 but we are not sure exactly but would like a deposit of \$20.00 which will be returned to you if the book does not get published. When the book is completed we will notify you as to its actual price so you can forward the balance to us and we will forward the book to you.

Binscarth

- 1886---G.P.R. went through the district, and the town was moved from the Colony Farm to its present site, some four miles south-west of its original site.
- 1893---First car of grain shipped from Binscarth.
- 1893--- First recorded report of an established Anglican Congregation.
- 1898----- Anglican Church consecrated by Archbishop Machray.
- 1901---First school built--two rooms, enlarged in 1906 to four rooms.
- 1906---Town Hall built by Waller Bros. destroyed by fire in 1920.
- 1921--- Community Hall built by means of the sale of shares to the public.
- 1920?--Binscarth incorporated as a village. Dr. A.G. Lanigan first Mayor.
- 1925---Church Union. Presbyterian church used, it being larger than the Methodist church building. First recorded congregation, 1888.
- 1929-30 ---Number 4 Highway was built and passed just east of the town.
- 1950 ?--Community Hall destroyed by fire, and rebuilt. soon after.
- 1951.--- School demolished, and replaced by a modern consolidated one.

Early settlers included the following names.

Scarth, Thompson, Johnson, Matheson, Fletcher, Honey, Barker, Baker, Ireland, Wilcox, Crearar, Morton, McIntosh, Inman, Waller, Webster, Cainercross, Allan, Rice, Rhodes, Clements, Wilson, Case, Turnbull, Brown, Diamond, Hartley, Hall, Williams, Tibbatts, & Griffiths, (1904)., Waithman, Bamford. *Holloway*

Possibly you have all these facts, Bert, but I came across this list, and thought I would send it along---Dad told me a lot of the names.

Margaret S.

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Scots at Binscarth

To the Editor,—A few days ago I saw the picture of "Binscarth From the Air" in your very enjoyable paper, also your remarks on the town, which delighted me. We are all very proud of our little town. But, please pardon me, your account of the derivation of the name is quite wrong. May I give you the real story of the name?

Binscarth is the name of an estate and house in the largest island of the Orkney group of islands. The name is from the Norse, and means "The Valley of the Glades." The house is built half-way up a hill looking to another hill, and between is a very pretty little valley with a winding burn (Scotch for creek) running through a very lovely wood, hence the name.

In the early eighties, Mr. G. L. Smellie was sent by the Scottish Ontario Land Company to inspect and report on this part of Manitoba and to select land on which to found a Scottish colony, with the idea of raising stock.

When Mr. Smellie got the Colony farm going he applied to Ottawa for a post-office. His request was granted, and he was asked to give a name for it. He thought, being a Scotch colony, it should have a Scotch name. Probably because his parents were both Orcadians and his mother a close relative of the owner of the Orkney Binscarth, he gave it this name. Later on, when the C.P.R. came, the line went through about five miles from the colony farm, and the post-office and name were transferred to the railway point.

There is a tie between Orkney and the north-west which makes an Orkney name fit in here. In the old days the Hudson's Bay company drew their supply of men very largely from the Orkneys, and the town of Stromness in Orkney was the last point of call for the Hudson's Bay company's ships when they made their yearly voyage out to the north-west.

CECILIA TURNBULL.

Binscarth, Man., Nov. 11.

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Letter to the Editor

How Binscarth Got Its Name

To The Editor:

Sir— It was most interesting to learn of tentative plans being undertaken by the local group of the Womens' Institute to assemble as much as possible of the early history of the Binscarth Community. As a small contribution to this most commendable task, my father, Matthew S. Scarth has given me a brief story of the establishment of the name "Binscarth" in Manitoba, and I am taking this opportunity to pass it along to whatever group or committee may be in charge of the collection of historical data.

In 1882 two representatives of the Scottish Ontario Land Company, Messrs. Allie Bain and W. B. Scarth, were commissioned to investigate the possibility of securing a tract of land suitable for settlement in the vicinity of Fort Ellice. They proceeded to Fort Ellice by steam-boat and after a trip over the country around Beulah and Birtle, had the good fortune to meet Major C. A. Boulton who spoke in glowing terms of the "Shell River Country" to the north and west. It should be noted that the term "Shell

River" covered a much greater area than the community of that name today. The district was duly investigated and negotiation made for the purchase of three townships for the Scottish Ontario Land Co. This would include a portion of the present Binscarth-Russell communities. The agreement with the Dominion Government of the time was mainly concerned with the placement of settlers on all even-numbered sections in any blocks so set aside. The plan to establish some type of colonization project now took shape in the organization of the "Colony Farm", in what is now

known as the Woodstock district, with G. L. Smellie as Manager. It was necessary to set up a Post Office at the Farm, and the first idea to use the name "Colony" was not acceptable to Ottawa, as there appeared to be a number of points with similar names. W. B. Scarth had been active in settlement plans and in getting the Colony Farm started, and the Government adopted Mr. Smellie's suggestion that the new Post Office be named "Binscarth Farm" after the family home of the Scarths in the Orkney Islands.

The Manitoba & Northwestern Railway reached the site of the present town in the summer of 1886. Father came up early in the spring of that year. It was decided to name the new townsite & P.O. Farm P.O. retained the name "Binscarth Farm" until the late 1890's.

The foregoing may assist to clear up some of the confusion with regard to the naming of the district where all our family grew up and which carries the happiest of memories for all of us.

W. S. SCARTH

Edmonton, June 15, 1956

The trouble is that we never run into the person who knows exactly what we should do until after we've already done something else.

Note the two Bs



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O. J. J. J.