

**GLENELM AREA WALKING TOUR**  
**Tour Leader Jim Smith**

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the 2018 Jane's Walk. I'm Jim Smith, President and Historian/Archivist for the **North East Winnipeg Historical Society, Inc.** and I'll be hosting the walk.

Today the **North East Winnipeg Historical Society**, in collaboration with the **Glenelm Neighbourhood Association**, is presenting the **Glenelm Area Walking Tour**.

The plan is to make our way down the even numbered or river side of Glenwood Crescent, cross Hespeler Avenue, continue down to where Glenwood Crescent ends, come back north to Hart Avenue, walk down Hart to Beatrice Street and then back up to Glenwood Crescent and continue on the east side of Glenwood, returning here to Elmwood Park.

Elmwood Park was purchased by the City of Winnipeg in 1909 for \$22,878 and consisting of 6.51 acres as the first park in the Elmwood community. Local residents have often referred to it as Roxy Park. There was an area immediately to the north of here that was unofficially known as the Roxy Grounds, but this open space disappeared when Bredin Drive was developed in 1947. In the years between 1909 and 1947 the City considered purchasing this property in order to expand Elmwood Park, which would have made the property about three times larger than it is now, but nothing ever came of it.

In 1909 there was still a farm house on the grounds which had to be removed. For many years there was a full time caretaker located at the park for seven months of the year to look after the property which had very extensive gardens. In the early years there were band concerts held in the park and activities such as lawn bowling. From the 1930s into the 1960s it was an official playground site with a playground supervisor located on the property during the months of July and August.

The construction of an outdoor swimming pool was proposed in the early 1930s, but as the wading pool was already there, the plans never materialized.

In the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1910 edition of the *Manitoba Free Press*, the Glenwood Crescent area is referred to as the **Fort Rouge of Winnipeg North**. Thirty foot lots on Carmen Avenue were being offered at \$500.00 each, with \$25.00 down and the balance payable at \$10.00 per month.

Eighty percent of the housing in the Glenelm area was constructed prior to 1946 and many doctors, dentists, rabbis and other professionals chose to live on Glenwood Crescent.

The centre of Glenwood Crescent is quite high, with the houses on both sides lower than the street. This is a result of the street being raised in 1952 to become one of the permanent dykes that were built after the devastating 1950 flood.

- 336** Richard Staniforth, an adjunct professor with the University of Manitoba lived here in the 1980s. The house was built in 1930.
- 324** This was the home of Hymie Glassman. He was the general manager of H & R Manufacturing Company located at 65 Rorie Street. It was built in 1935.

- 322** This home was built in 1948. Former Premier Gary Doer lived here. Graduating from St. Paul's High School, he attended the University of Manitoba for one year, before becoming a Corrections Officer at the Vaughan Street Detention Centre. He later became the Deputy Superintendent of the Manitoba Youth Centre. He was elected as the N.D.P. candidate in the riding of Concordia in 1986 and was appointed as the Minister of Urban Affairs and the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Telephone System. In 1988 he became the Leader of the NDP, serving as Leader of the Official Opposition from 1990 to 1999. He served as Premier of Manitoba from 1999 to 2009, and was then appointed as Canadian Ambassador to the United States.
- 320** Built in 1928, Ben Laskey, an accountant with Glenwood Motors lived here in the 1960s. Later on it was the residence of Gordon Murphy a stage hand with the CBC.
- 310** Daniel MacDonald, a salesman with the John Deere Plow Company lived here. In the 1960s it was the home of Ben Wall, a realtor. The house was built in 1912.
- 304** Built in 1927, this was the boyhood home of David and Lionel Orlikow. David became a Pharmacist, School Trustee, Alderman, Member of the Legislature and Member of Parliament. Lionel was a teacher at Lord Selkirk School, Kelvin, Elmwood and Grant Park High Schools and later became Deputy Minister of Education and a Winnipeg School Division Trustee. His son, John Orlikow is presently a City Councillor in the River Heights-Fort Garry Ward.
- 302** Built in 1926, this was the home of Doctor Louis Finkle, a Dentist. In the 1980s it was occupied by Arthur Funk, who taught at Miles Macdonell Collegiate and then became vice-principal of Salisbury Morse Place School.
- 298** Alex Neufeld, a television technician with Snowdon's Furniture and Appliance store lived here. Snowdon's was located at 261 Henderson Highway. The house was built in 1922.
- 290** Built in 1912, this was the home of Arthur Moscarella, an assistant business manager with the Winnipeg Tribune newspaper located at Smith Street and Graham Avenue. In 1955 James Fraser lived here. He was vice-president and general manager of North West Line Elevator Association. They were located in the Grain Exchange Building at 167 Lombard Avenue. By the 1980s it was occupied by Henry Heidebrecht, the owner of a painting and decorating company.
- 284** Built in 1927, this was the home of Doctor Daniel Young, a Dentist, who had his offices at 1202 Main Street. His daughter, Marilyn, was a dancer with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.
- 278** Built in 1939, Dr. Benjamin Claman, a Dentist lived here. His two sons grew up to be dentists as well. During the 1960s, it was the home of Henry Visch, a teacher with the North Kildonan School Board.
- 270** David Allan, a grain inspector lived here during the 1930s. The house was built in 1910.
- 268** Built in 1927, Adolf Shier lived here. He was employed at Brown and Rutherford Millworks which is located at 3 Sutherland Avenue, at the foot of the Louise Bridge.

MLA Jim Maloway currently lives here. He was an NDP Member of the Legislature for the riding of Elmwood from 1986 to 2008 and a Member of Parliament for the Federal New Democratic Party from 2008 to 2011. In 2011 he returned to represent the Elmwood riding in the Provincial Legislature.

- 266** Max Nitikman, department manager of Western Glove Works located at 321 McDermot Avenue lived here during the 1930s. The house was built in 1924.
- 264** Richard Johns, a teacher at St. John's Technical High School lived here. The house was built in 1925.
- 262** Built in 1929, this was the home of Dr. Roland Bird, a local Dentist. He had an office on Kelvin Street, which is now Henderson Highway. In 1965, it was the residence of Peter Rempel, an engineer with CJAY-TV located at Polo Park.
- 234** Built in 1942, Doctor Michael Ranosky lived here. He practiced at Victoria Hospital and died in 1981.
- 232** Built in 1927, Dr. Bernard J. Ginsberg lived here. Later, in 1965, it was the residence of Joseph Kropp, part owner of Kropp Tool and Die Works located at 1096 Alexander Avenue. In 1985 it was the residence of Dr. Raymond Postuma, a physician.
- 228** Don Reichert, an associate professor at the University of Manitoba lived here. The house was built in 1927.
- 222** This was the home of A.B. Winograd. He was president of Crown Cap Manufacturers located at 113 Market Avenue. The house was built in 1931.
- 220** Grocer Charles Bragg lived here. He had his business at 220 Kelvin Street. The house was built in 1924.
- 216** Built in 1929, this was the home of James Alexander Barry who worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway as head clerk of the Superintendent's office. Barry served as a Winnipeg City Alderman from 1921 to 1925. He was elected to the Manitoba Legislature in the 1936 general election, serving a single term.
- In 1945 the house was taken over by Joe Borditsky who owned the Bell Bottling Company which produced soft drinks such as Wynola, 2-Way, Suncrest and Jersey Cream.
- 212** Neil Kembel, an employee with CJOB Radio lived here in the 1970s. The house was built in 1923.
- 210** Clarence Jones, a tinsmith lived here in 1965. The house was built in 1928.
- 208** Reverend Abe Neufeld, pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church lived here. The house was built in 1924.
- 204** Built in 1928, this was the home of Isaac Shnider during the 1950s and 1960s. He was the owner of Shniders Messenger Service. In 1975, it was the residence of Robert and Elsie Okrainec, who

were both teachers. Robert taught in Transcona and Elsie taught at Lord Selkirk School. Later on in the 1980s it was occupied by Terrance Galinger, a real estate agent.

**200** Built in 1925, this was the home of Louis Drucker, a fur rancher in 1955. In 1965, it was the residence of Peter Mireau, a pathologist with the Misericordia Hospital, and in 1975, John Sawatzky, a teacher with the River East School Division resided here.

**198** Built in 1927, the Rosenfeld family moved here in May, 1950 from Halifax after purchasing Central Bowling Lanes on Main Street. Seven days after moving into the home, the rising Red River forced them to higher ground. Daughter Shirley Rosenfeld later married Dr. Percy Barsky who was responsible for establishing Winnipeg's Poison Control Centre and for having Vitamin 'D' added to milk.

During the 1970s, this was the site of the Glenwood Children's Home of Winnipeg. These homes served as a residential treatment centre for emotionally disturbed children and were established at a time when there was an increased understanding of the importance of family life to every child. Larger institutions were decentralized and broken up into cottage units with a "parent" for each group of children.

**196** Also built in 1927, Reverend Isaac Redekopp lived here. He was pastor of the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church located at 145 Henderson Hwy. It was later the residence of Peter H. Peters, principal of Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute.

**194** Alex Mogle, manager of the Bedford Building at 281 McDermot Avenue lived here. In the 1960s it was the home of Andrew Mazur who was the manager of Springfield Motors at 1379 Henderson Hwy. The house was built in 1927.

**186** Built in 1927, Larry Haldorson, a teacher with the River East School Division lived here in the 1980s.

**182** Also built in 1927, this was the home of Doctor Hyman Jaffe, a physician. During the 1950s, it was occupied by Samuel Vineberg, who owned City Dispensary at 972 Main Street.

**180** Built in 1928, this was the home of Max Cohen, co-owner of Cohen and Katz Fur Company, located at 266 Edmonton Street. His son, Maurice Cohen, born in 1931, became a well-known New York City doctor, later heading up the Gynecology Department at a large New York City hospital. As a boy, Maurice failed grade one, as he was extremely quiet and shy. Teachers told his parents he was "slow" and he wouldn't amount to much. Thanks to his boyhood friends, Lionel Orlikow of 304 Glenwood Crescent and Jim Smith of 39 Hart Avenue, he became much more outgoing and later graduated with honours from both high school and university. Maurice died in December, 2002.

**170** Built in 1928, it was the home of Jascha Rosnitzky, a music teacher.

Here we are at Hespeler Street.

It was named in honour of William Hespeler, a merchant and immigration agent. He served as an MLA from 1900 to 1903. Born in Germany, Hespeler immigrated to Canada when he was 19. Years later

when he returned to Germany for a visit, he discovered that a large number of Mennonites in southern Russia were contemplating emigration to the U.S.A. Hespeler forwarded this information to the Canadian government, and he was asked to travel to Russia to encourage the group to come to Manitoba. In 1874 the first wave of Mennonites, totaling 284 families, arrived in Manitoba, settling in the town of Niverville. Hespeler later served on the Winnipeg City Council in 1876 and 1878. He died in 1921.

- 160** Built in 1929, this was the home of Rabbi Akiwa Steinberg of the Vaad Ha'Ir Temple at 370 Hargrave Street. In the 1960s and 70s, John Kroeker, a naturopath live here.
- 158** Richard Howell, district manager with Hudson Bay House lived here. The house was built in 1940.
- In 1965 it was the home of Alan Del Bigio. He was vice-president of Del's Distributors, an electrical supply store at 1400 Wall Street. The company was associated with Del's Electric which is still located at 54 Princess Street. Other members of the Del Bigio family lived on Hart Avenue.
- 154** Arthur Brown, a clerk with Redekopp Lumber at 1126 Henderson Highway lived here. The house was built in 1928.
- 152** This was the home of Wilfred Goodall who was the owner of Goodall Photo located at 321 Carlton Street. The house was built in 1928.
- 146** Built in 1912, Alfred Blackwell, a manager with the Empire Dray and Export Company, located at 7 Princess Street, lived here during the 1930s.
- 142** Thure Anderson, a foreman with Bulman Brothers lived here. Bulman's was a lithograph and printing company located on McDermot Avenue. The house was built in 1911.
- 140** This house was built in 1938 and was the home of Cornelius De Fehr. He was president of C.A. DeFehr and Sons located at 78 Princess Street. He was also associated with The Christian Press Ltd., who were printers, publishers and booksellers located at 159 Kelvin Avenue, which is now Henderson Hwy. The building is now occupied by Sam's Place, a café and used bookstore run by the Mennonite Central Committee.
- In 1965, Richard Litz, owner of Litz Crane lived in this house. The company is still in operation at 277 McPhillips Street.
- 138** Built in 1922, this was the residence of Andrew LaLonde, an inspector with the Manitoba Department of Labour.
- 136** Dr. John Peters, physician lived here. The house was built in 1938.
- 134** Built in 1941, this was the home of James Gray who was a Winnipeg Free Press reporter, historian and author of a number of books, including "Boy from Winnipeg"; "Red Lights on the Prairies" and "Booze". This was the second house Gray built on Glenwood Crescent and he did most of the construction work himself, as well as designing and creating the blueprints. He

later sold the blueprints to a professional home builder who used them to construct other houses in Winnipeg.

It was later the residence of Napoleon Milejazo who owned Napoleon Photo Studio at 377 Henderson Hwy.

- 135** William Mitchell, branch manager of Watkins Company lived here. The house was built in 1943.
- 139** Built in 1912, this was the home of Edward Jones, a manager with the North West Grain Directors Association which was located at 153 Lombard Avenue.
- 141** Built in 1912, Harry Pukin, owner of Style-Rite Tailors at 109 Osborne Street lived here.
- 145** Wesley Solnes, a manager with the Winnipeg Free Press lived here. The house was built in 1927.
- 147** Built in 1931, this was the home of John Turner, who sold brewery products and owned the Sutherland Hotel on Main Street. He later entered politics and was elected to the House of Commons in the 1935 federal election, representing the Manitoba riding of Springfield as a Liberal. He was re-elected in 1940. He was nominated to run in the 1945 federal election, but died of a heart attack several months before the election was held. As a Member of Parliament he was an advocate for rural electrification, the development of natural resources, the lifting of restrictions on beer and the development of industry in Western Canada.
- 157** Built in 1928, the Strauski family lived here. Stephen was a salesman for the Winnipeg Wholesale Grocery and Confectionary located at 128 James Avenue; Helen was a comptroller operator for Canada Westinghouse and Thomas was a clerk at the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.
- 161** Hyman Silverman, part owner of Silverman Brothers Fur Company located at 1420 Main Street lived here in the 1950s. The house was built in 1930.
- 163** Built in 1938, Gustav Ellert, an office manager with the Manitoba Sugar Company lived here.

Glenwood Motors has been serving motorists in Elmwood for almost 90 years. Opened in 1929, it was operated by the Stalker brothers, Robert, Bill, John and Sam who grew up in North Kildonan. Stalker Avenue is named in their honour. Jack Laskey was also a long-time partner in the business. Robert sold his majority interest in 1967 to Peter Peters who ran it until he retired in 2004.

At that time it was purchased by the current owner, Dwight "Doctor" Rock who started working at Glenwood Motors when he was fifteen years old. After running his own automotive repair business at the age of 21, he returned to Glenwood Motors after purchasing it in 2004.

Here we are at Hart Avenue, which was originally called Stewart Avenue. It was renamed to honour Thomas Hart who was a missionary and teacher. He was born in Paisley, Scotland in 1835. He came to Canada with his parents in 1842 and received his education in Perth, Ontario, graduating from Queen's University. He became a teacher and was Principal of the Perth Grammar School for a number of years.

Hart came to Manitoba in 1872 where he entered missionary work and taught at Manitoba College, lecturing in Hebrew and French. He became a professor in 1874 and was one of the founders of the University of Manitoba in 1877, serving on a number of boards. He was also one of the founders of the Manitoba Historical Society and served as President from 1887 to 1888. Hart was associated with the management of the Indian missions, devoting much of his time to their advancement. He was Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Manitoba and the North-West Territories from 1880 to 1890. He retired from his post as Professor of Classical Languages and Literature in April, 1909 and died on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1912.

The houses in the first block of Hart Avenue were built between 1910 and 1938, with twelve of them built in 1913 alone.

- 6** Built in 1925, Peter Johnson, a shoemaker with the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Shoe Repair Company located at 135 Albert Street lived here.
- 8** Dr. Edward Alexander lived at this address. The house was built in 1920. Later in the 1960s, it was the home of Michael Del Bigio, whose family lived further down the street at number 40. They were the owners of Del's Electric.
- 16** William Sanders, owner of Sanders Jewellery lived here. His shop was at 167 Lombard Avenue. The house was built in 1922. In 1975 it was occupied by Arthur Boardman, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.
- 18** Built in 1921, Alex and Minnie Trus lived here in 1965. He was a gas attendant at Glenwood Motors and she was a pricer for the J.H. Ashdown Hardware store.
- 26** Miro Procajlo, a teacher at St. John's High School lived here during the 1960s. The house was built in 1941.
- 30** Built in 1915, Architect Ralph Smith lived here. He was responsible for building the Warren Consolidated School in Warren, Manitoba, a Lutheran church at Victor Street and Sargent Avenue and the foundation of St. John's Presbyterian Church at 250 Cathedral Avenue. The outbreak of World War I halted the construction, and the remainder of the building was designed and completed by another architect.
- 32** James Campbell, a draftsman with Vulcan Iron lived here. It was built in 1930.
- 36** Thomas Button, one of the pharmacists at J. Kerr Brown Drugstore on Henderson Highway lived here. The house was built in 1913.
- 40** Philip Del Bigio and his family lived here. They were the owners of Del's Electric located at 54 Princess Street which is still in operation today. The house was built in 1913.
- 42** William Holmes, a department manager at Eaton's lived here. The house was built in 1913.
- 46** Also built in 1913, this was the home of Severn Thorne, the owner of an automobile and motorcycle repair shop that was located at 213 Fort Street. He lived here during the 1930s. In

- 1955 it was occupied by of Jacob Boldt who was a watchmaker with Independent Jewellers and in 1965, Erwin Nachtigal, also employed with Independent Jewellers was living here.
- 50** Built in 1913, Alfred Knirch, an employee with the Blue Ribbon Tea Company located on McDermot Street lived here in 1918. In 1925 it was the home of Reverend Edwin Freeman, the Minister at King Memorial Church on Cobourg Avenue.
- 54** Built in 1913, it was the home of Robert Boyd, a bookbinder with the Winnipeg Book Bindery located at 305 Fort Street. By 1925, John Jones a teacher at St. John's Technical High School located at 401 Church Avenue was living here.
- 58** Robert Glen, Secretary of the Milk Wagon Drivers Union lived here. The house was built in 1919.
- 60** Lewis Cummings owned a grocery store at this location. It was built in 1917.
- 59** Richard and Doris Line lived here. He was employed at Osborne Barracks and she was a school teacher in the St. James School Division. The house was built in 1915.
- 55** Peter Marino, the manager of Roto Rooter lived at this address. The house was built in 1912.
- 45** James Berrisford, a watchman with Ashdowns Hardware lived here. The house was built in 1914.
- 39** Built in 1911, the original owner was George Smith who worked at Ashdown's Hardware for over fifty years. During the depression years of the 1930s, George's wife, Bertha, provided food for every hungry hobo who knocked at the back door. The Smith's had eight children. The oldest son, George Jr., was the general manager of Ashdown's until it closed in the early 1970s. The youngest son, Jim, was a prominent lawyer and politician, who was dedicated to community service all his life. He was active as a school trustee on the East Kildonan School District Board and the River East School Division Board, where he served as Chairman. He was a councillor with the City of Winnipeg, serving on a number of committees, and was the Liberal Party candidate for the Manitoba Legislature in 1966. Smith was also involved in a number of other organizations and later became a Court of Queen's Bench Judge. He died in 2001.
- 31** This house was built in 1910 and Ernest Prentice, Chief Engineer with Drewry's Brewery lived here. The brewery was located at Redwood Avenue and Main Street.
- 23** Built in 1935, this was the home of Henry Temple, an Inspector with the Board of Grain Commissioners.
- 17** William Hanuschuk, and engineer with Crosier and Greenberg company lived here in 1965. The house was also built in 1921.
- 15** Myron Kress, Manager of Foods Unlimited located at 135 Marion Street lived here in the 1950s. The house was built in 1928.



- 11** Built in 1930, Frank Wagner lived here. He was the owner of Wagner's Taxi and he was also a City Alderman.

Here we are back at Glenwood Crescent.

- 229** Mrs. William Long lived at this address. Her husband owned the real estate business of William J. Long and Company located at 165 Kelvin Street, which is now Henderson Hwy. The house was built in 1914. During the 1980s it was the residence of Marvin Mielke, a technician with the CBC.
- 233** Built in 1940, Andrew Bileski, the Manager of People's Co-Operative Dairy lived here. Bileski was involved in community activism and civic politics associated with the Communist Party and the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association. Bileski's brother, Kasimir was a world renowned stamp collector.
- 237** Walter Kroecker, manager of Kroecker Seeds at 1761 Wellington Avenue lived here in the 1960s and 70s. The house was built in 1939.
- 243** Built in 1913, this was the home of Harry Corman, a Dentist. His practice was at 1433 Logan Avenue.
- 247** Brothers Barney and Cecil Braunstein, owners of Quality Grocery lived here in 1955. Their business was located at 148 Higgins Avenue. The house was built in 1914.
- 249** This house was built in 1912. Lawyer Marcus Hyman lived at this address during the 1930s. In 1955, farmer Jacob Huebner lived here.
- 251** Built in 1946 this was the home of Erwin Finkel, a contractor who owned Erwin Painting and Decorating.
- 253** Built in 1931, this was the home of Charles Pydee, president of Pydee Company, a grain elevator and flour mill machinery and repair shop located at 100 Sherbrook Street at Henry Avenue.
- 259** William Fallows, an orderly with the Winnipeg General Hospital, now the Health Sciences Centre, lived here in 1965. The house was built in 1911.
- 263** Built in 1913, Charles Vogt lived here. He was the manager of Manitoba Sausage located at 695 Dufferin Avenue. In 1985, it was occupied by Robert Wiebe, a teacher with the Winnipeg School Division.
- 265** Built in 1911, this was the home of Doctor William F.L. Perry, a Professor at the Manitoba Medical College. During the 1950s, Douglas Leyshon lived here. He was the office manager with George N. Jackson Ltd., a wholesale distributor for upholstery and drapery fabrics and supplies. They were located at 66 King Street.
- 269** Max Fromson, a salesman with Winestock Manufacturing lived here. They dealt in dry goods and were located at 57 Arthur Street. The house was built in 1925.

- 273** Built in 1926, Louis Rosenthal, a tailor with Olympic Sports at 281 McDermot Avenue lived here during the 1950s. In 1965 it was the home of Angus Cameron, who worked for the Provincial Department of Health.
- 289** Robert Hurwitz, general manager of the Starland Theatre at 626 Main Street lived here. The house was built in 1927.
- 291** This house was built in 1927. In 1930, James Black, a car manager with General Motors Acceptance Corporation lived at this address. In 1955 it was the home of Harry Guest, a teacher with the School Board.
- 295** This was the home of Max Corrin. He was the owner of the Norwood Bridge Service Station. The house was built in 1922.
- 351** This was the home of Alan Gardiner. He was vice-president of A.B. Gardiner, funeral directors located at 178 Kennedy Street. It was built in 1952.
- 355** Built in 1911, Cornelius VenderBloeg lived here in 1965. He worked at Macdonalds Consolated Ltd., a division of Canada Safeway.

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