

## Alexander Henry Logan (1872-1964)

Alexander Henry Logan was born at Winnipeg on 4 June 1872, the son of Alexander “Sandy” Logan<sup>1</sup> (b. 1841) and Marie Lane (Metis)<sup>2</sup>, the daughter of Richard Lane and Mary McDermott (Metis).<sup>3</sup> Alexander attended St. John’s College then worked for the Commercial Bank until it closed. He found work with the Bank of Ottawa, being appointed manager of its branch at Emerson, Manitoba, later transferred to Mattawa, then to Portage la Prairie.

On 26 November 1901, he married Ethel Jane Webster at Winnipeg. They had two children: Alexander Webster Logan (b 1903), and Helen McDermot Logan. A keen athlete, he was a member of the eight-oared rowing crew that won a championship at Philadelphia in 1901, and was skipper of the rink that won the Fort Rouge trophy at Emerson. He was interested in curling and shooting, winning medals in both sports. He was an instructor for the Portage la Prairie Rowing Club.

Alexander’s father Alex “Sandy” Logan (1841-1894) was the Mayor of Winnipeg (1879-1880, 1882, 1884). Alexander Avenue is named after him. Sandy was not Metis although his five step-sisters and eight step-brothers from his father’s first marriage were Metis. Four of them received their Half Breed Scrip. The Logan estate was situated on the banks of the Red River, at the foot of the present Logan Avenue, between George and Robert Streets, and extended for four miles.



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<sup>1</sup> Alexander was the son of Robert Logan and Sarah Anne Smith. Robert Logan’s first wife Mary (Saulteaux) was Metis.

<sup>2</sup> She received her Metis Scrip in 1875.

<sup>3</sup> Mary, born 1816 at Norway House, was the daughter of Andrew McDermott and Sarah McNab (Metis).