

## ***Memorable Manitobans: Alfred White (1869-1955)***

Educator, administrator.

Born at Tisbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England in May 1869, son of Reverend J. Metcalfe White, he immigrated to Canada in the latter 1880s and homesteaded on NW2-5-15-West near Belmont in 1892. After several years, he abandoned farming and took up teaching, working at Marrinhurst School (1899), Souris School (?-?), and Griswold School (1902-1903, Principal) before moving to Brandon. There, he was Music Supervisor (1904) for the Brandon School District, Principal of New Central School (1905-1908), and succeeded Alexander Rose as Superintendent of the Brandon Public Schools (1908-1922).

He then moved to Norwood where he was Principal of Tache School (1923-1928), an instructor at the Manitoba Agricultural College (circa 1930), and Superintendent of the Norwood School District (?-1932). He retired in 1932 and took up residence at 122 Worthington Avenue in St. Vital, serving as Trustee (10 years) of the local School Board, including tenure as its Chairman. He was Provincial Supervisor of the United Church Sunday School Home Movement from its founding until 1953 and was active member of the Canadian Christian education movement, Mentors' Club, and St. Vital United Church. While in Brandon, he met fellow teacher Jean Hyslop McQueen and they married at Brandon on 7 July 1909. They had no children.

He died at the Winnipeg General Hospital on 25 March 1955 and was buried in the St. Vital Cemetery.

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