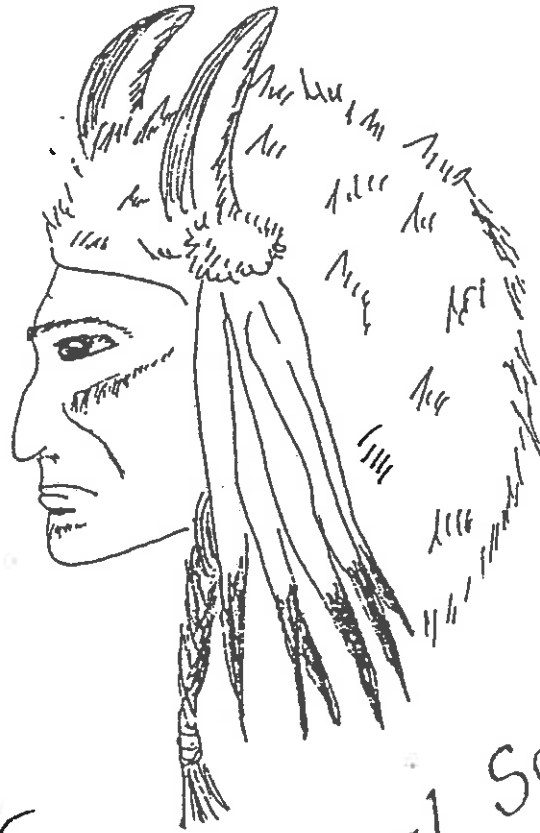


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BIRTHS
FOR
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA
1890 & 1891

These names have been extracted from the 1890 and 1891 copies of the Medicine Hat News.

1890 Births

Mr. & Mrs. A. BEEBE	DAUGHTER	APRIL 20
Mr. & Mrs. W. COUSINS	DAUGHTER	DECEMBER 18
Mr. & Mrs. D. DAVIS	DAUGHTER	MARCH 25 d. APRIL 15,

1891 Births

Mr. & Mrs. James DOLPHIN	SON	MAY 17
Mr. & Mrs. A. DOOLEY	DAUGHTER	MARCH 25
Mr. & Mrs. Mac F. EVANS	DAUGHTER	APRIL 4
Mr. & Mrs. E. GEROW	SON	JANUARY 8
Mr. & Mrs. George GORDON	DAUGHTER	MARCH 15
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. LOWE	SON(William)	MAY 31 d. NOV. 15, 1918
Mr. & Mrs. R.B. LYMAN	SON(Louis)	JULY 1 d. MAR 8, 1907
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew MILLER	SON	JUNE 8 (At Ross Creek)
Mr. & Mrs. J.N. McCONNELL	DAUGHTER	MARCH 28
Mr. & Mrs. J.C.A. MacKAY	SON	JANUARY 14
Mr. & Mrs. Charles PARKER	SON	MAY 4
Sgt. & Mrs. PERRIN	SON	AUGUST 24
Mr. & Mrs. Henry STEWART	DAUGHTER	JANUARY 4
Rev. & Mrs. Chas. TEETER	DAUGHTER	JANUARY 17
Mr. & Mrs. W. TOM	DAUGHTER	MAY 7
Mr. & Mrs. C. WAGSTAFF	SON	MAY 23
Mr. & Mrs. D.J. WYLIE	SON	JULY 14 (At Kincorth)

1891 Births

Mr. & Mrs. John BARREAU	SON	OCTOBER 27
Mr. & Mrs. C. COLTER	SON	JANUARY 6
Mr. & Mrs. COOPER	DAUGHTER	APRIL 13
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard B. DOBBIN	SON	JUNE 30
Mr. & Mrs. John ELLIS	DAUGHTER	SEPTEMBER 9 (At Stair)
Mr. & Mrs. John EWART	DAUGHTER	OCTOBER 15 d. FEB. 3, 1892
Mr. & Mrs. W.T. FINLAY	DAUGHTER	DECEMBER 30
Mr. & Mrs. F. GOOD	DAUGHTER	JUNE 28
Mr. & Mrs. George GORDON	SON	NOVEMBER 9

Mr. & Mrs. E. GEROW	SON	MAY 25 d. MAY 26
Mr. & Mrs. George HAGERTY	SON	MARCH 26
Mr. & Mrs. John HAGERTY	SON	MARCH 17
Mr. & Mrs. J. HARGRAVE	SON	JANUARY 14
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent MINNISZEWSKY	SON	AUGUST 15
Mr. & Mrs. George NICHOLSON	SON	JULY 23
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas PENHALS	DAUGHTER	MAY 10 d. AUGUST 23
Mr. & Mrs. Robert SAGE	DAUGHTER	OCTOBER 2 (At Lethbridge)
Mr. & Mrs. H.R. SCATHERD	SON	SEPTEMBER
Mr. & Mrs. T. STONE	SON	AUGUST 20
Const. & Mrs. WILLIAMS	DAUGHTER	OCTOBER 3

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS FOR MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA 1891

These names have been extracted from the 1891 copies of the Medicine Hat News.

MARRIAGES

BRIDGEMAN-EAGLES	W.H.-Mariam Isabel	SEPTEMBER 3	Methodist
CLARK-NELSON	John-Martha	MAY 12	Methodist
HOLT-PRESTON	D.G.-Laura	SEPTEMBER 30	Methodist
LASSWITZ-LEGH	Staff St.-Gertrude	JULY 20	Anglican
McCLOY-PAYTON	Alex-Tilley	OCTOBER 7-14	Anglican
REID-EARL	James-Dinah	JUNE 23	Methodist
VICE-MacRAE	Oliver-Catherine	FEBRUARY 10	

DEATHS

ADSIT, Abram	MARCH 29
ASPREY, Mr.	MAY 1
COCHRANE, Arthur Moran	
DAVIS, Maria	MARCH 25
GEROW, Infant son	MAY 25-26
HARGRAVE, Miss	MAY 5
HAYWARD, Ethel Neil	JANUARY 8
LUNO,	AUGUST 7
MUIR, Arthur Robert	SEPTEMBER 23
OLVER, Dr. Albert	AUGUST 31
PENHALE, Olive Elona	MAY 10-AUGUST 25
SHARP, Walter	NOVEMBER 11
WALTON, Harold	NOVEMBER 20

POST WAR LETTER
SUBMITTED BY
FERDINAND SCHWAB

Nymindogab
March 6, 1946

Dear Sister and Brother-in-Law and Children:

We are still in good health and wish the same for you and your children. Dear Sister, in the beginning of my letter I must let you know of our great joy. A short time ago we received a letter from our dear and only son. He wrote that he is still in good health. He is working for a farmer for 40 Mark. He also wrote that mother Zarbock and Lena with her children are in Maglenburk. He never mentioned father. Our brother Albert is in France. He has not heard anything about Arthur. He has also had mail from Benjamin.

Day before yesterday we had a second letter from our son Heinrich. He didn't have our letter yet. He wrote a very sad letter. He is working for a farmer and he has to do his own washing and mending and darning his socks. All he has is his uniform from work service. He has some money but can't buy anything. He has no friends or relatives in his district.

Dear Sister it hurts to receive a letter like that. Now I have more worries and thoughts. Perhaps he even has lice. Can you imagine working for German people and they don't even darn his socks or patch his clothing! He probably doesn't get good food either. So many nights I lay awake and think, oh God why have you laid such a great burden on us? However there is nothing we can do. I always think of the Bible story when Daniel came out of the Lions Den. Likewise we may also some day be released from the Devil's chains.

Dear Sister and Brother-in-Law we are getting so many sad letters now. Ida Harmel wrote a sad letter. It was so sad that I can't even tell you everything. We all had to cry. Oh God, they got under the Russians. It was heart breaking to read such a letter. All that they had to suffer. They were starving and left on foot. The Russians took all their food and clothing. All they had left was what they were wearing. Now they are in the English Zone without shoes or stockings. They unraffle old rags to knit some stockings. They are wearing wooden shoes. Oh God, mother and Lena and children are also under the Russians. They are still in the

Russian Zone. Father really was shot by the Russians! Yohanna Helber also was shot on her own yard. Mother and Lena couldn't take anything with them because they fled on foot. Ida wrote that so many children and old people died from starvation. They buried them in the forest and kept running. They were buried without a coffin, like a dog. That is terrible to hear. Emma you asked if Yohann Klug is Aunt Berta's husband. Yes that is her husband. They also have received money and letters from their friends in America. They also have received some packages.

Dear Sister I can't write you everything. Heinrich is going to copy the letter and send it to you. I always worry how they are doing. They might all have to starve. We got the address of Lena's husband, Fred Kappel from Stuttgart. We wrote to him right away. He is in Schwabenland in Bairn. That is in the American Zone. He should get Mother and Lena and our son to come there. Ida Harmel wrote that the foreign Germans are treated worse in Germany than a dog. Oh God what do they want to do with us when we don't have a home any more. What will happen with us yet. But we have to leave everything in God's hands. If He won't look after us then we are lost. When the suffering is the worst, God is the nearest.

Dear Sister, you write that I wrote there are so many dollars being send in. I didn't mean that you are supposed to send us some. However I could use two or three dollars to buy some shoes. We hear that we might soon be send to Germany. Over there nobody can buy shoes.

Dear Sister we received your package on May 27 and wish to thank you very much. It had been opened, but everything was in it. I thank you with all my heart for your kindness towards us.

Dear Sister what can I do for you? We are so far away from you. We are not to blame that we are in such bad shape. Never would a person have believed that we would be struck with such a terrible destiny. We can't do anything about it. We are of no value to Germany now. I could write a huge book about our problems but the mind doesn't always work right any more. We need so much. We didn't treat our hired help like that. We had Russians and Polish workers and they sure couldn't complain. Many people say the same.

Dear Sister, What will become of us, only the good Lord knows. Heinrich went to the nursing home again yesterday. He has asthma. That is a serious illness. He has had that for quite a while. Otherwise we are all in good health.

Dear Sister you asked if we still get pocket money. Yes we are getting it again. They really don't know what to do with us. Once we are foreign Germans and the next time we belong to the German Reich. And so they turn back and forth. If we are classed as Reich Germans then we won't receive any more money. It isn't much but it helps. Heinrich has already bought a pair of old shoes for our son, but they were very expensive. They cost twenty five Kronen, five dollars in your money. That is a lot of money for old shoes. It takes a long time to save that much. Then we also have to buy something to eat. Sometimes we can buy a piece of meat and a few potatoes. Or some noodles, flour and salt. All that, you can get through the black market, that is why it is so expensive. However we gladly pay if only it is available. Sometimes you can't hardly eat the food you get here, but there is always enough so far.

Dear Sister and Brother-in-Law, yesterday was Lilli's birthday. I cooked the noodle soup which you had send us. I thought Lilli would never get enough. She also got the chocolates for her birthday. That was such a great joy for her that I can't describe it. Also the nice dress which you send. However it is still a little too big. Now she is waiting for the shoes from Edward. Then she wants to drive to Germany to visit her brother Heinrich and her grandmother and aunt Lena and her children! However her Uncle Edward doesn't write. I don't what is the matter with him.

Dear Sister and Brother-in-law, we have also received a letter from our sister-in-law Elsa and her children. I mean the daughter of Yusina and Adolf Kittler. She writes that they are in Germany and are in good health. Her brother Theodor lost a leg in the war. They have also heard from their sister Bertha but have no address yet. I will try to get their address and send it to you. You can tell Nathalia that Elsa is with her children, and they are all together. She went through so much, she can't write it all. She wants to tell us everything once we meet again. She has no information about her husband as yet. We have also written so many letters but so far we have not found him. We must always hope for the best, the bad will come by itself. Maria will write to Nathalia and thank her for the nice things she send her.

Dear sister I still have no letter from brother Edward. We had a letter from Mrs. Visca. She wrote that she also send a small package and also Aunt Maria. That is very nice. Mrs. Visca send a shirt for Heinrich and a pair of pants. That will come in very handy. Hopefully it will arrive safely. There are second hand stores here in which we sometimes can buy old clothing. However it is far to town and it is all so expensive. Only wool or thread or stockings are not available at any price.

Dear sister, we have gathered a few things already if we can take it with us. We got some dishes and kettles from the German soldiers but it is all so small. I must try to get a bigger kettle and soup dish. We have already bought a wash tub, a (biegel eisen) iron and a wash board. But everything was very expensive. Now we have to try to get some clothing for our son because he has nothing. They almost all write that they have nothing to wear.

Greetings from Maria Schelske, she has not heard yet from her Yohannes. She has heard from her Emma and one son, otherwise nothing. Also greetings from Rebekka, she is sending you a picture. She also has found her husband. There are many being found now but when they will be reunited nobody knows. Must close with Hearty Greetings from your sister Mathilda and Brother-in-law Heinrich and children.

Dear Sister you don't have to send any more parcels in the near future. We might soon be transferred to Germany. We might be transferred in the fall, after harvest. I will let you know.

THE EARLY PIONEERS OF REDCLIFF
1910-1912
PART II

Submitted by
Betty Padfield

Archibald McLeish, editor
Alex McColeman, brick plant manager
Alex Maskell, plumber and hardware
Ted Maskell, student
Mary Maskell, student

Grace Maskell, student
Wm. Miller, brick employee
Sam Miller, brick employee
Bert Miller, brick employee
Mrs. Jack Walker, boarding house
James Merry, lumber yard foreman
Florie Miller, student
George Myers, master mechanic
Donald McLachlan, contractor
Ross McLachlan, student
Agnes McLachlan, student
Chrissy McLachlan, student
George Albert McKay, Sr., laborer
George McKay, Jr., machinist
Cecilia McKay, Post Office Clerk
Blanche McKay, student
Ross McKay, student
Colin McKay, student
Inez McKay, student
Greta McKay, pre-school child
Jean McKeller, Post Office Clerk
Archie McKeller, laborer
John McCleary, Sr., glass blower
John McCleary, Jr., rolling mill
William McCleary, student
Lillian McCleary, tore clerk
A.J. Nicholson, C.P.R. Station agent
Rev. C.F. Oke, student minister, First Presbyterian Church
Alberta Oakland, laborer and gardener
Charles Oakland, brick foreman
Alice Oakland, house keeper
Bertha Oakland, student
Agnes Oaakland, student
Lillian Oakland, student
Beet Oakand, student
Wilfred Oakland, student
MaeOakland, student
Harold Oakland, student
Edith Picot, domestic
Tom Pickering, proprietor, Maple Hall
R. (Dick) Pickering, brick worker
William Riddell, brick plant foreman
Frank Riddell, student
Olive Riddell, student
Joseph Reiser, tailor
John Rutherford, Sr., engineer
Archie Rutherford, student
Tommy Rutherford, student
Neil Rutherford, student
Margaret Rutherford, student
Rassmusson Bros., store keepers
Melvin Rhindal, carpenter

Laurie Robson, book keeper
Joseph Sirr, grocery
Ida Sirr, at home
Ferdinand Soukup, student
John Soukup, engineer
John Soukup, Jr., student
Mary Soukup, student
Jack Spencer, mill worker
Susie Spencer, at home
Alex Simon, jeweller
Margaret Scott, at home
Thursa Scott, at home
Othie Scott, laborer
Clyde Scott, laborer
Dave Smith, brick worker
George Tabner, carpenter
Anna Tjernell, domestic
George Thomson, Sr., miner
George Thomson, Jr., student
Wilfred Thomson, student
Ray Towle, engineer
George Turpin, laborer
Jack Tinmouth, laborer
Amelia Tinmouth, student
Harriett Tinmouth, student
Willard Tovell, carpenter
Theodore Van Wert, laborer
Ted Van Wert, student
Bert Van Wert, student
Henry Van Wert, student
H.O. Wheeler, townsite promoter
A.W. Woodcock, manger, Brick & Coal
Mont Woodcock, machinist
Bertha Woodcock, at home
Aimie Woodcock, at home
H.W. Wilson, laborer
Phillip Wedderburn, laborer
Lorimer Wedderburn, at home
Esther Wedderburn, at home
Charles W .White, town foreman
Ethel White, telephone operator
Aimie White, at home
Floyd White, at home
Ralph White, at home
Bill Warner, brick worker
Robert Warner, brick worker
James Whitehead, laborer
Wm. Wheeler, brick plant employee

These names have been taken from the book entitled Redcliff's
Golden Years by Cecil T. Hall

LIBRARY REPORT
Submitted by
Betty Padfield

We were able to get quite a bit of reorganizing done in our Library this past year, and a new holdings list started. Then of course everything got packed up ready for our move to the museum. We should be all set up and ready to have access to our Library by the November meeting. We purchased several books in the past year such as:

1. Canada Company Remittance Book
2. Library Holdings & Cemetery Transcriptions for Manitoba
3. Loyalists from New Jersey
4. They Came In Ships
5. Pitfalls in Genealogy
6. Ellis Island
7. German Beginnings
8. Burdett History Book
9. Transcript of Wittenburg Book
10. Irish in the Valley
11. Cypress Hills Country
12. Parish Chest (England)
13. USA County History
14. Salt Lake British Sources
15. Census & Summary Forms
16. French & French Canadian Sources

We have also received some donations as well:

1. Echendauf Bessarabia
2. Redcliff Early History Book
3. Lithuania
4. Past Years in Pickering
5. A History of Moncton

Of course, we have received several periodicals from all over Canada, containing lots of interesting articles. If you have any books you would like to see in the Library, please let us know.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Medicine Hat membership and executive wish to extend our deepest sympathy to a fellow member, Rosina Braun on the passing of her dear husband John this past summer.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Medicine Hat membership and executive wish to extend a hearty congratulations and the best wishes for the future to our newly married member, Jean Schattle Unger. Congratulations Abe and Jean.

FOR SALE

Birth, Marriage, and Death notices from the Edmonton Journal newspaper for:

November & December, 1903 (first 2 months of publication)
January to December, 1904
January to December, 1905

Each yearly set (1903 is included with 1904) includes an index of names for various provinces as well as the original extract. These notices include many references to births, marriages and deaths within Alberta (exclusive of Edmonton City which is included in the Clandigger) as well as marriages and deaths of individuals in all other parts of Canada.

Please remit \$5.00 for each year desired (1903 is included with 1904) to: Mr. R. Milson

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