



Mr. and Mrs. Garton

Dave and Alice Garton were married in Lincolnshire, England in 1910. Dave served with the Imperial Army during the First World War. The family came from Ancaster, Lincolnshire under the Soldiers Settlement Act in May 1925. They arrived in Athabasca, Alta. with seven children: Elsie, Annie, Florrie, Hilda, Winnie, William (Bill) and Cecil. They spent several days at the Immigration Hall, then went to the farm SE9-66-23W4. Three more children, Robert, Joyce and Ronald, were born while they lived on the farm.

Gartons, with their varied background and training were an asset to the community. Mrs. Garton was organist at St. John the Baptist Church at West Athabasca. In 1935 the family moved to Athabasca and she played the organ at All Saints Church until her death in 1960.

Dave operated the ferry crossing the Athabasca River for many years. He also had a shoe repair shop in the backyard. He joined the armed services during the Second World War and was stationed at Currie Barracks, Calgary, for the duration.

Gartons raised ten children, who attended school at West Athabasca and Athabasca. Elsie married Kenneth Osment who worked at Imperial Bank in Athabasca. They had four children: Don lives in Camrose, Alta., Doreen in Edmonton, Debbie nurses in Calgary, Dale Andrew died in infancy. Annie married Joe Mark of Vulcan, Alta. in 1934. Joe had a men's clothing store in Calgary. They have one son, Don, an executive for Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas. Florrie married Allan Currie from Brechin, Scotland. He was a steam engineer at Edmonton Power Plant. They lived in Nordegg, Alta. and retired in Edmonton. They had one son, Dave, who is a meat cutter.

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Bob and Joyce Garton

Hilda married Jim Ceasford from Edinburgh, Scotland. Jim worked in Swift's packing plant. They had three children: Sheila, a nurse in North Dakota; Bob lives in Sherwood Park, Alta; Jim is an Edmonton detective. Winnie married Fred Trotter of Fort Saskatchewan, Alta. They had one daughter. Fred was killed in action during the Dieppe Landing in the Second World War. Winnie married an Edmonton transit driver, Kenneth Saville. Kenneth died and Winnie married Bob Craig, a steam engineer in Edmonton.

Bill enlisted in the air force in the Second World War and signed up for service in Japan theatre after the atomic bombs were dropped at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Bill married Helen Schmelzle from north of Athabasca. They live in Athabasca and have two children: Marvin, an electrical engineer in St. Albert, Alta. and Lois, a physio-therapist in Australia. Cecil married Nellie Schmelzle of Athabasca. They retired in the Bahama Islands. They had five children who live in British Columbia: Wayne is a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman, Jerry graduated from the University of British Columbia, Randy, Greg and Beverly are working. Bob married Cis Knights, an English nurse at the Athabasca hospital. Bob retired as Administrator of the hospital in 1984. They are active in the Anglican church choir and live at Baptiste Lake. Joyce married Bob Jacob, a Coachway bus driver from Athabasca to Edmonton who now drives for Greyhound Bus Lines. They live in St. Albert, Alta. and have three girls: Janis, an accountant for Standard Gulf, Karen at home and Laurie a nurse, works in medical records. Ron married Pat Woodward, a nurse at Athabasca hospital. They had three children: Gwen works for Edmonton City Telephones, Janet worked for the Athabasca Echo, died at the age of 22, and David graduated from E.P.C.S.

(South Athabasca, Baptiste L.)