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Editor's Note

The Clan News is issued three times a year, in January, May and September as a free e-newsletter for those that have access to the Internet or an identical hardcopy version which is mailed. Please note rate change in annual subscription to \$17 for 2011. Thank you to all contributors to the Newsletter.

Anderson Family News

Family News from Patti Jobe

David (Laura, Myron, Buckley) and Myrtle Anholt Bowerman celebrated their 60th anniversary in June with 5 days of activities and lots of friends and relatives, from as far away as Idaho, British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba. It was truly a *wonderful* experience, the highlight being a family dinner at Adam's Pointe Golf Club in Blue Springs, MO. Their son Grant Bowerman served as MC for the evening, and we enjoyed much laughter and reminiscing as several relatives took the chance to say a few words about Dave and Myrtle. Cousins met cousins they had never known before and some old friends enjoyed seeing each other again after many decades! The celebrating ended with a church reception on Sunday with a fine turnout of church friends, community friends and relatives.

See photos on the top page 9.

Family News from Lila Crownover

ARCHIE LEROY NUNN

May 25, 1923 – June 3, 2010

Archie Leroy Nunn passed away June



3, 2010 peacefully with his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Nunn of almost sixty eight years by his side.

Born in Minnesota to Omar and Emma Grace (Anderson) Nunn, he

was one of eleven children.

Mr. Nunn was a World War II veteran where he served under General Patton in the ETO 1943-1945. After serving his country he worked as an Apprentice Electrician under the GI bill for Montana Electric. Later, he worked as an Electrician for Rainbow Electric. He eventually started his own business, Space Electric, and became a Master Electrician, securing government contracts at Glasgow Air Force Base. Finally, he joined Reber Company of Helena, MT as an Electrical Consultant, supervising electrical modification of missile systems in North Dakota and Missouri. Archie

Next Two Anderson Family Reunions

1. Columbia Falls, Montana in 2011
2. Council Bluffs, Iowa in 2013

was also an Outside Salesman, Factory Representative, and a pilot, the Cessna being his favorite plane.

During retirement he was active in the State government and his church. Archie was president of the Montana Senior Citizens and helped form the Golden Nuggets in Helena, MT. He was appointed by Governor Scheltzer to the Engineer and Land Surveyors in 2008. He was a long-time member of The Community of Christ church and an ordained minister. He was very proud to have married four out of his six grandchildren.

Besides his wife, Mr. Nunn leaves behind his brother Floyd of Forest Grove, OR and his wife Fauna; daughter, Suellen A. Dolson of CA and AZ; son-in-law Walter R. Dolson of Dillon, MT; six grandchildren: Stacy Swanson of West Yellowstone, MT and her husband, Mike; Robbie Dolson of Belgrade, MT and his wife, Carol; Crystal Knop of Eastham, MA and her husband, Gary; Wendi Witt of Lodi, CA and her husband, Dave; Tanya Dolson of Lodi, CA and Corey Dolson of Council Bluffs, IA and his wife Jessica. He has nine great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. He has many nieces and nephews. He is pre-

deceased by his son, Michael Nunn and his nine siblings.

Services will be held at the Community of Christ church, (corner of Green Meadow Drive and Sierra) Helena, MT at 10:00 AM on June 28, 2010. Interment services to be at the Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison at 11:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your local humane society or Hospice.

Family News from Dea Anderson Clary

I just want to thank everyone who came to our Family reunion in July. We had a much larger group than expected; thanks to all who had to travel a great distance. You made those of us here very happy. Gen Phelps, Bev Selfridge & I went to Bemidji, Minn. for 10 days in August. They were having an All-School Class reunion and since we 3 went to school there, thought it a good time to go. My class expected 30 people but there were about 50 that showed up for the get-together. I got to see everyone I hoped to and a couple I hadn't seen since we graduated in 1948. My how we do change as the years go by!! All for this time. Best wishes to everyone and God Bless.

Shellbrook Anderson Quilt

Submitted by Rolli Gunderson

Information supplied by Luther Ferguson and Ina Buck

I have recently been sent information and two photo's of a quilt with names of men from the area of Marchant Grove/Shellbrook, SK, embroidered on quilt blocks. All the names were of men who, at the time the quilt was done, were in active service overseas (WW2). The story came to some of Jack's cousins, whose uncles Edwin, Byron and Orin Anderson all served in the Canadian army during WW2 and whose names were on the quilt.

As the story goes, someone from Saskatchewan recently visited the British War Museum in London and somehow discov-

ered that the museum had in it's possession, a well preserved quilt that had been sent overseas from Canada, to a soldier before it somehow ended up in the museum.

Once home, the Saskatchewan woman who "found" the quilt at the museum decided to research the names that were on the quilt. That led her to a cousin of Jack's (Luther Ferguson) who verified that at least three of the four Anderson names were those of his uncles: Edwin Eugene Anderson, Byron Sylvester Anderson and Orin Anderson.



Another of Jack's cousins, Ina Buck of Prince Albert, decided to visit the lone remaining spouse (Georgia Anderson of Shellbrook) of the three Anderson uncles to see if she recalled the quilt or took part in the work of making the quilt. Since the poor dear lady is now in a care home and blind she could not see nor could she recall doing the quilting or the quilt it's self. The cousins have decided that it was likely done by one of two others "contenders", likely Laura Anderson Bowerman who then lived in Shellbrook.

As far as can be determined, no one in the entire Byron & Nora Anderson family including my mother in law, ever men-

tioned this quilt nor does any one seem to recall its existence. Apparently the church ladies of that area and at the time, made many quilts to send to many of the boys who were overseas so this is likely how it came to be in England in the first place.

The lady who contacted the family in the first place is not related but cared enough about the quilt to research it and share her info and pictures with family. I don't know but think she must have researched all of the names, the Anderson boys being just three. It is also very nice to know that the quilt has been preserved and held in the British War Museum!

Note: Luther and Ina are nephew and niece of the three Anderson brothers.



A Memory from the Past

by Veryl Anderson Rogers Kappes (daughter of Robert Earl & Martha Ruth Anderson)

A memory is of my brother, Larry, and his love of matches. He would eat the heads off them so my folks had to hide all the matches so he couldn't find them. My dad was in the process of building a partition between the dining room and the kitchen and he had it all up with pink building paper showing in between the boards. Mon put us both down for a nap laying one of dad's coats over Larry and then went next door to help the lady sew for her new baby. I remember waking up coughing with the room full of smoke and walking into the kitchen to see two year old

Larry standing there, his eyes big as saucers, striking matches and striking them between the two-by-fours (or whatever they were), and the flames rearing up the wall. I remember running out the door and screaming at the top of my lungs for mom and seeing her come tearing out the neighbor's door, jump four steps to the ground and never missed a stride. She grabbed Larry and me and set us down back from the house. Before we knew it, lots of people were hauling water and throwing it on the new wall. We could see the black tar bubbling on the kitchen roof,



**Robert & Martha Anderson—1930
with Robert, Lawrence, Paul & Veryl**

but they saved the house.

By this time of course, Uncle Paul was there and along with him was our church missionary, Bro. Sandish, who was staying with him during our missionary series. They always stayed with my uncle and his family when they came because their house was nicer than anyone else's, or so I supposed. I will always remember Bro. Sandish putting a hand on Larry's shoulder and bringing his face close to his he said, "Young man, if you ever play with matches again I'll come and chop off your ears and stick them in the fire!" At four years old I thought that was a scary thing for one of God's missionaries to say, but it did the trick. Larry never played with matches again that I ever heard of.

One of the funniest things that happened while we lived in that house, occurred one night when mom and dad had gone down the road to Uncle Paul's to play

cards. Before they left, they put us kids to bed upstairs. We were all in one bedroom, with Paul and me in one bed and Larry and Bob in the other. Bob loved telling scary stories to the rest of us and this night was no different. When he was finished, Larry was scared to death and was sure a monster was under the bed. Bob kept saying there wasn't one, but none of us believed him. He then got out of bed, went in mom and dad's bedroom and get dad's gun out of the closet. He came in, knelt down, pointed the gun under the bed and fired. Then he told us everything was fine that the monster was gone. Of course we were sure nothing could survive the terrible sound of the gun going off and we turned over and went to sleep.

On the way home that night the moon was out and it was very bright. As mom and dad were walking up the road and drew near they saw the big hole in the upstairs side of the house. Dad tore in the house and up the stairs with mom right behind him. The next thing we knew, dad was shaking Bob and yelling, "What happened here?" Of course we kids were all talking at once, trying to let dad know the wonderful thing Bob had done. Well, of course dad was mad and didn't think it was wonderful at all. By this time, mom was on her hands and knees looking under the bed and laughing like crazy. We couldn't figure out what was so funny since dad didn't look like anything but mad. Anyway, by this time we were all down on our knees looking under Bob and Larry's bed, only to find that when Bob pulled that trigger, he shot a big hole right through our great-grandmother's old thunder-mug (chamber pot for you uninformed). Now the wonder of it all is that it didn't break. Not having super-glue in those days, my mother just chewed a lot of gum, stuck it in the holes and we used it as long as I can remember.

And so the memories go.

The Minnesota District — Part 2

by Perry Exley

In Part 1 of this series, I covered general information about immigration to the Minnesota District in Saskatchewan just over a century ago and the homesteads of three brothers Richard Blakely, Edwin Buckley and Myron Morell Anderson. In Part 2, I will cover three more of the family related homesteads.

James Holmann Allen (1838-1920)

James H Allen was the brother-in-law of the three brothers (Richard, Edwin, and Myron) as James had married their sister Elva Virginia Anderson in 1882. James had moved from Ohio to Girard Township, Otter Tail County where he farmed 80 acres which were adjacent to Buckley B Anderson's farm. Buckley had recently moved there from Becker County.

James H Allen moved to the Minnesota District in Saskatchewan obtaining entry on April 10, 1910 to his chosen homestead identified as the Southwest Quarter of Section 1 in Township 35 North in Range 8 West of the 3rd Meridian. James' wife Elva Virginia had previously died in Minnesota in 1901.

James' son Robert Fisk had previously immigrated to Canada, so James and his son Odes Ethan and his two married daughters Beatrice Ellen Huggett and Elva Luverna Davis followed him to the Minnesota District in 1910.

James resided on his homestead for the first summer, until October 28, 1910, and thereafter resided with either one of his daughters. James resided with his daughter Elva Luverna Davis and her family from September 15, 1913 to October 8, 1914. He then resided with his daughter Beatrice Ellen Huggett from October 9, 1914 to July 6, 1915.

In 1910, James broke 22 acres on his homestead. In 1911, James broke another 12 acres and planted crops on the previ-

ously broken 22 acres. In 1913 and 1914, James planted crops on his 34 broken acres. In 1915, James broke another 16 acres, but planted crops on his original 34 broken acres.

James became a British subject by naturalization on January 29, 1915.

James made application for his patent for his homestead on July 6, 1915. His patent was issued to him on September 27, 1915 by the Department of the Interior.

James died near Vanscoy, Saskatchewan on March 11, 1920. He is buried at the Wild Rose Cemetery.

Victor Rozelle Anderson (1876-1958)

In the spring of 1903, Victor Anderson, his cousin Ross Anderson and his neighbor and friend John Hedeem set out with the intention of taking a homestead in Canada's Northwest Territories near the village of Saskatoon. (Victor was only 26 years of age, but he had already had several years of experience with his homestead near Bemidji, Minnesota, where he, his parents and several other family members lived. They arrived in Saskatoon, a village (soon to be a town) of just over 500 residents, on the train from Regina. This was the third railroad they had had to use for their trip from Bemidji. They enquired about where the available homestead land was located, and made arrangements to find a suitable Western Land Grants homestead. They traveled south west along Old Bone Trail about 20 miles, and each selected a homestead in the Vanscoy area (identified as Township 34 North of Range 7 West of the Third Meridian) in the Assiniboia District of the Northwest Territories. Victor chose the NE quarter of section 22; John Hedeem chose the NW quarter of section 22 beside Victor and Ross Anderson chose SE quarter of section 28, adjacent to John.

Townships 34-35 North - Ranges 6-8 West of 3 rd PM															
Township 35				Vanscoy											
	12		7		8		9		10		11		12		7
	Odes Ethan Allen	Guy Winfield Anderson													
Township 34	1		6		5		4		3		2		1		6
	James Holmann Allen	Walter Gray Davis													
	36		31		32		33		34		35		36		31
									Richard Blakely Anderson						
	25		30		29		28		27		26		25		30
							Richard Ross Anderson								
			Richard Blakely Anderson					John Hedeen	Victor Rozelle Anderson		Willis J Hovey	Lewis Ethan Anderson		Melvin Peter Huggett	
	24		19		20		21		22		23		24		19
								Myron Morell Anderson	Edwin Buckley Anderson						
					Robert Earl Anderson										
	13		18		17		16		15		14		13		18
					Omar Lionel Nunn				Robert Fisk Allen	Algott Victor Ward					
	12		7		8		9		10		11		12		7
	Ernest Morell Anderson														
Range 8 <-----Range 7-----> Range 6															
Homesteads in the Minnesota District, South of Vanscoy (Added Walter G Davis)															

Victor Anderson obtained entry to his homestead on June 9, 1903. He obtained three horses which permitted him to break 20 acres of his homestead and plant a crop on 10 acres that summer. In November of 1903, when he had completed his summer farming, he built a 14 by 18 foot frame house worth \$200 which he moved into on November 20, 1903. He also built a log stable worth \$25 to house his horses that winter.

After building his house, Victor returned to Minnesota for a visit that winter. While he was there, he married John Hedeen's sister Anna on February 24, 1904.

Victor and Anna returned immediately to their Canadian home, but she only lived a few months. Anna Anderson died at age 20 on April 27, 1904 of a blind tumour or the effects of the operation by doctors to remove it. Anna Anderson was buried April 28, 1904 at the Smithville Cemetery west of Saskatoon.

During the growing season of 1904, Victor broke another 10 acres and planted all 30 acres. Around Christmas time of 1904, Victor returned to Minnesota and worked near his home all winter in the Minnesota lumberyards. Victor helped prepare the way for his father, mother, and

younger members of the family to move to Canada.

During the growing season of 1905, Victor broke another 10 acres and planted a crop on 30 acres. He continued to have three horses but added two cows.

In 1905 the group from Minnesota borrowed \$1200 at 8% to build a one room school for their children. The Minnesota school operated as a school until 1960 when it was sold, moved and used for storage.

Victor naturalized on July 4, 1906. He broke another 20 acres and planted crops on all 60 acres. Victor also fenced the 60 acres at a cost of \$75. Victor applied for a land patent in October 1906, and it was approved early in 1907.

Victor obtained a pre-emption entry on September 22, 1908 for NW quarter of Section 23 of Township 34 of Range 7 West of the Third Meridian, a quarter section just east of his present land. Pre-emption allowed homesteaders who had met the requirements and had received their letters patent to add to their land holdings by going through the process on another homestead. That winter, Victor built a new 18 by 24 foot frame house worth \$500 on this new quarter section. He moved into this new house on March 15, 1909.

On May 30, 1909 Victor married Jennie Leach. Victor took Jennie to live in the comfortable but modest frame house which he had built.

Victor's land was "marginal", and actual prosperity was always "just around the corner". That summer, he broke 40 acres on the new section, but didn't plant any of it.

Victor and Jennie's first child was born July 26, 1910 on their farm. They named her Myrtle Fern Anderson. That summer, Victor broke another 10 acres and planted a crop on the 40 acres he had broken in 1909. Over the next two years, Victor broke an additional 30 acres and planted 50 acres each summer. Victor had built a stable which cost him \$100, a gran-

ary for \$150 and had drilled a well for \$50.

Victor and Jennie's second child Elvin Anderson was born March 25, 1912 at their home. Victor and Jennie's third child Lester John Anderson was born February 12, 1914 at their home. Victor and Jennie's fourth child Lillie Pearl Anderson was born January 20, 1916 at their home. Victor and Jennie's fifth child, Raymond Buckley Anderson was born February 7, 1918 at their home.

In the early 1920's, Victor noted that he was getting lower crop yields and that there were more weeds in his fields, so he had sold his original homestead to a local farmer.

Low crop yields and weeds, combined with the Mormon belief that fathers should take over the education of their sons when a son reached twelve years of age, led Victor to make changes when Elvin reached that age. He sold his remaining farm and moved the entire family to Independence, Missouri during the summer of 1924. Because of lack of expected opportunities in Missouri, after a few months, Victor took his family back to Vanscoy. They bought the Mark Worden place, just across the street from the four room school yard and the United Church in Vanscoy, which became their home until the summer of 1929. Here Jennie provided board and room for one of the school principals for two years, while Victor trained and worked as weed inspector for the Vanscoy Rural Municipality.

On August 7, 1927, Victor and Jennie's daughter Myrtle Fern married Frank Thorne in Saskatoon.

On September 27, 1930, Victor and Jennie's son Glen Victor Anderson was born in Vanscoy.

Victor's job as a weed inspector came to an abrupt end when the "great depression" of 1929 set in. Weed inspectors became an unaffordable luxury in many municipalities and Victor's job was gone. At this point, Victor decided that he would sell his place in Vanscoy and move the family to

Saskatoon where educational facilities were more available.

In the summer of 1930, Victor and Jennie and their family moved into the Nutana area of Saskatoon. Victor still retained his job as a weed inspector for the Dominion Government until about 1934. In 1935, Victor began working as a carpenter.

John Hedeon (1880-1959)

John Hedeon was Victor Anderson's brother-in-law, as Victor's first wife was John's sister Anne. John had immigrated to the United States from Sweden in 1899 and had settled in Minnesota, initially in Douglas County and eventually next to where Victor lived in Northern Township, Beltrami County with his parents and sister.

John Hedeon had applied for homestead entry to the Northwest Quarter of Section 22 of Township 34 North in Range 7 West of the 3rd Meridian on June 9, 1903 and gained entry the same day.

John Hedeon built a 14 ft x 16 ft log house worth \$125, which he moved into November 22, 1903. In addition, he dug a root cellar worth \$40, a log stable worth \$30 and a well worth \$25.

John Hedeon broke 22 acres on his homestead in 1903, on which he planted crops the next summer. In 1904, he broke another 10 acres. In 1905, John broke another 18 acres and planted crops on 32 acres. In 1906, John broke another 27 and

a half acres and planted crops on 50 acres. John didn't have any horses to help because of a lack of means.

John Hedeon became a British subject through naturalized July 24, 1906 in Saskatoon.

John Hedeon made application for his patent on October 8, 1906. He had resided on his homestead when his house was completed in the fall of 1903 through October 1906 when his application was made, with the exception of December 24, 1904 through March 2, 1905 when John visited his parents in the Bemidji area because his father was ill. His patent was issued by the Department of the Interior on February 25, 1907.

John Hedeon married Hannah Tressie Johnson about 1910 in Minnesota.

John and Hannah's first child Adolph Byron Hedeon was born near Vanscoy October 26, 1912.

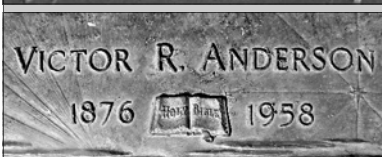
John and Hannah's second child Amy Edith Hedeon was born near Vanscoy in 1915.

In February 1916, John Hedeon and his family moved back to the United States, first to the Bemidji area and then to the Independence area in Missouri.

Note: Subsequent issues of the Anderson Clan News will cover additional Anderson families as well as Allen, Hovey, Huggett, Nunn and Ward families who made the Minnesota District their home.

Your Questions Answered

Note: Please submit your questions about our ancestors by email at pexley@shaw.ca. The following questions were submitted by Lynn Keanaaina:



3. Q. What cemetery is Celia Annette Anderson buried at in Minnesota? A. Celia was buried in plot 120 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery at Clitherall, Otter Tail, MN.

4. Q. What cemetery is Victor Rozelle buried at in Canada? A. Although Victor died 3 Oct 1958 at Chilliwack, BC, he was buried in Saskatoon, SK at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens - Last Supper Plot 374 Space B3.

Note: Thank you to those who have helped with the answers to these questions.



Myrtle & David Bowerman



David & Myrtle Bowerman Family



**Eight of Nine Grandchildren
& First Great-Grandchild**



**David & Myrtle Bowerman with
brother Glen & his wife Donna**

Anderson Family Reunion 2010 in Forest Grove by Lila Crownover

Approximately 75 people attended the Reunion in Forest Grove, Oregon in July. Nine people came from Canada (Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba). Others came from Montana, Idaho, Arizona, Washington and Oregon.

On Friday people did some local sight-seeing and in the evening Lila Crownover hosted an open house. Forty people attended and enjoyed a light supper as well as lots of visiting and sharing pictures.

Saturday morning ten people golfed. In the evening we met at the Methodist church and enjoyed a catered dinner of roast beef or parmesan chicken, baked or mashed garlic potatoes, green beans with bacon, ambrosia fruit salad, rolls, and cake.

After dinner we auctioned off 26 items that were brought from people's homes or local areas. There were wines, hand made

items such as afghans and a shawl, socks, baby blanket, pot holders, place mats; a beautiful hand made wooden vase; amulet from Manitoba; teapot; candy dish; Christmas table runner; chenille bedspread and shams; baskets of candy, jams, canned salmon, smoked salmon, and breads. We made \$950 to go towards the next reunion.

Sunday morning 25 of us met at the Senior Center for a delicious buffet breakfast. We had a short business meeting to discuss the possibilities for the future of the Reunions. Perry Exley, Sharon Philipson, Anne Zowin, and Lynn Keanaaina will be working together on the possibility of a presence on the Internet. We ended with a circle prayer and lots of hugs and goodbyes.

***See Photos from the Reunion on
pages 10 through 12.***



Fauna & Floyd Nunn



Burton & Margaret Huggett



Ann Zowin & Sharon Philipson



Ramona & Max Pippitt



Dea Clary



Burt & Carolyn Benson



Sharon Summers & Kathy Hayhurst



Don Skinner, Beverly Selfridge & Cheryl Skinner



Edna Ridling & Beverly Selfridge



**Carol & Butch Anderson
Steve Stapley**



**Joan Rogers, Veryl Kappes
& Lila Crownover**



**Vicky & David Blesko
Barb Anderson**



Erin & Kathy Phelps



Muriel Jensen & Kenny McCorkle



Gail & Mike Clary



Mark & Genevieve Phelps



Kristi Walsh Scmit



Karen & Mark Walsh



Les Anderson



Delores Kinnan



Linda & Larry Benson



**Lila Crowover
Ben & Doris Anderson**



**Vanessa & Rebecca Allen
Don Reynolds**



**Becki Smith, Larry Bosshardt
& Ron Nunn**



Shannon, Greg & Alex Meythaler



Kathy & Jerry Anderson, Sue Jansen



Morgan Anderson & Kallyn Salz



Peggy & Felicia Ochoa



Robert Anderson & Burton Huggett



Ron, Robin, Heather & Holly Nunn



Savannah, Judy & Dwayne Anderson



Vornell & Lynn Keanaaina



Floyd Nunn & Steve Stapley



**Lynn Keanaaina, Debbie Gaspar,
Don Reynolds, Lila Crownover
& Monty Reynolds**



**Standing: Perry Exley, Jerry Anderson & Butch Anderson
& Sitting:
Steve Stapley & Don Reynolds**



**Monty Reynolds, Rebecca Allen,
Don Reynolds, Vanessa Allen
& Beverly Selfridge**