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# A Shepherd Family History



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## Preface

This family history grew out of the Western Development Museum's Saskatchewan Centennial Project, [[http://www.wdmprairiegamble.com/family history/](http://www.wdmprairiegamble.com/family%20history/) (Search for Shepherd)] and the photographs that Gordon G. scanned at the 2000 Reunion.

This volume has three components, a narrative, a scrapbook, and a photo album. Many family members have contributed. We have a number of written personal accounts from the past and many contributions specifically for this project. Our work has primarily been in organizing and editing the material.

This story is centered on West Plains and on our relationships to the place that quite a few of us called home. We wanted to be thorough, balanced and objective, but found that impossible. We ask forgiveness for any errors or distortions that may be found herein.

For the most part, we have used first names and there should be little confusion. In most cases of duplicate names there is usually a separation of a generation or distance. We use Fanny to refer to our grandmother and Fannie to refer to aunt Fannie, Will's wife. A few times we have referred to our grandmother as Mother, and our grandfather as Dad because that is how they were known for years. In some places it was necessary to distinguish between the two *Gordons*—Gordon Murray, Geoff's son, and Gordon Greeley, George's son. In those cases we use *Gordon M.* and *Gordon G.*

The genealogical charts at the back of this book should help those of us closer to the top appreciate how our family has grown, and those closer to the bottom see how they fit into this diverse and geographically diffused family.

Finally, we want to express our gratitude to our parents for giving us a sense of joy and an optimism about life, and then sending us out into the world to live it that way. This work is dedicated to them.

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