

# Rowland Hambleton Hall Family



Rowland and Mary Hall

## THE HALL FAMILY<sup>1</sup>

by Alice McDowell<sup>2</sup>

Rowland Hambleton Hall<sup>3</sup> was born in Staffordshire, England on April 11, 1864. He received his education in England. At the age of 18, being eager for adventure, hearing many stories of opportunity in Canada decided to find out for himself and arrived in Canada on April 5, 1883.

He tried his luck at farming in the Grenfell district but in those days frost came early and he became discouraged by frozen grain so decided to start a horse ranch. He purchased land in the Qu'Appelle valley in the district of Hyde.

On April 15, 1892 he married Mary Anna Piller<sup>4</sup> of the Neudorf district. She was born June 3, 1875.

There were nine children born of this union. Two babies<sup>5</sup> died in infancy.

- William<sup>6</sup>, Barrister, Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan. He was deceased in November, 1984. He was married to Lillian McKen<sup>7</sup>, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McKen<sup>8</sup>, pioneers of the Lorlie district. She was deceased in June, 1976.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: "Pages from the Past, History of Lemberg and District". Lemberg and District History Book Committee, Box 279, Lemberg, Sask. S0A 2B0. 1990. Focus Publishing, a Division of Brigdens, Regina, Sask. ISBN 0-919781-49-7. p386.

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<sup>2</sup> Alice Minnie Hall (212)

<sup>3</sup> Rowland Hambleton Hall (167)

<sup>4</sup> Mary Ann Piller (255)

<sup>5</sup> Fred Hall (276)

<sup>6</sup> William Hall (210)

<sup>7</sup> Lillian A. McKen (249)

- Thomas<sup>9</sup>, saw action in World War One and was gassed at Vimy Ridge and as a result died in June, 1920.
- Alice, Mrs. A.G. McDowell<sup>10</sup>, a resident of Lemberg, Saskatchewan.
- Nellie<sup>11</sup>, Mrs. J.E. Stinson<sup>12</sup>, residing in Vancouver, B.C.
- Bernard<sup>13</sup>, retired in White Rock, B.C., married to Ruby Gibbons<sup>14</sup>, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gibbons<sup>15</sup>, early settlers of the Saltoun district.
- Alfred<sup>16</sup>, deceased October, 1923 (accidently)
- Kathleen<sup>17</sup>, Mrs. S.E. Stenstrom<sup>18</sup>, a resident of Grimshaw, Alberta, deceased in June 1985.

Previous to his marriage Dad drove horses out west by horseback stopping at Pincher Creek and Fort McCloud, Alberta where he would purchase more horses and take them to Kamloops, B.C. where they were shipped by rail to various points in B.C. and the U.S.A.

We moved from Hyde to Pheasant Hills in 1899 and then to Pheasant Forks in 1900. There Dad entered into partnership with F.M.Bee in the general store business. The supplies for the store had to be brought from Wolseley by team, a distance of 35 to 40 miles. It would take 3 days for each trip.

We moved to Lemberg in the fall of 1904, a year after the C.P.R. put through a branch line from Kirkella, Manitoba to Neudorf, Saskatchewan and eventually to Bulyea, Saskatchewan and then to Regina via Bulyea. This was still North West Territories but became the province of Saskatchewan the following year.

Many houses were built in Lemberg in 1904 and with railroad facilities becoming a reality more places of business were established. Dad and Mr. Bee could foresee good prospects for Real Estate and Insurance so as partners opened an office in 1904 under the name of Bee and Hall.

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<sup>8</sup> John McKen (793)

<sup>9</sup> Thomas Hall (211)

<sup>10</sup> Arnold G. McDowell (257)

<sup>11</sup> Nellie Mary Hall (213)

<sup>12</sup> Jim E. Stinson (260)

<sup>13</sup> Bernard R. Hall (215)

<sup>14</sup> Ruby Gibbons (254)

<sup>15</sup> George Gibbons (254)

<sup>16</sup> Alfred Hall (214)

<sup>17</sup> Kathleen Hall (216)

<sup>18</sup> S.E. Stenstrom (782)

In the early days of Lemberg Dad took an active part in municipal affairs. He served as Mayor of the town, also as a member of the school board. He had much to do with the town planning and organization of the public school district.

In her younger years Mother took an active part in women's church organizations and also did much for the Red Cross during the war years. She was a life member of the Red Cross.

In 1907 Dad took a trip back to England taking with him many views of the west to convince folks over there that we have a country of great resources. He never wanted to go back to England again as his roots were firmly planted in Saskatchewan.

At 85 he was the Dean of the Delegation to the National Liberal Convention in Ottawa called to choose a new leader replacing McKenzie King. He was the oldest of the 2000 attending the convention.

For 25 years he was secretary of the Liberal Association for North Qu'Appelle later changed to Melville Constituency and also served as president.

In recognition of this service Melville Constituency Liberals at their nominating convention in June 1955 named him Life President of the Association.

My Dad and Mother were spared to have 63 years together. In 1955 Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee year they were honored at a gathering in the Memorial Hall as Lemberg's oldest residents. Dad was presented with an engraved cane and Mother with a bouquet of red roses. A fitting tribute to two of Saskatchewan's great pioneers.

Dad passed away September 21, 1955.

Mother passed away January 23, 1969.