

VALLEY HISTORY

AND THE WINDERMERE VALLEY MUSEUM

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Amy was born at Leigh, Lancaster England on January 13, 1894. She attended Oxford University where she received her Fellowship and Bachelor of Literature. She also attended Manchester University where she earned a Teaching Diploma.

Mrs. McCullough, at Sinclair Creek Stopping House, was Amy's aunt and Amy came to Canada in 1919 after accepting a teaching position in Golden B.C.

In the early 1920's she met and married a young lawyer from Quebec by the name of Lockwood. He had a son, Foster, to whom Amy became very attached. The marriage was not to last and she moved to Sinclair Creek to be near her aunt. The Stopping House was known as "The Log House Inn" (or mile 68 because it was 68 miles from Golden). It was a popular Inn and Amy operated it for many years.

Dinner- .50

Overnight and Breakfast- \$1.50

Overnight- \$1.00

Overnight for a horse- \$1.25

Overnight for a team- \$2.50

(oats included.)

Dorothy (Smith) Brown from Edgewater remembers that Amy liked to entertain. She hosted many dinner parties, card parties and dances in the Log House Inn. Dorothy went to her first dance there when she was 16.

. Amy was very involved in the All Saints Anglican Church in Edgewater and was Secretary for the Womans Auxiliary for many years.

A close friend, Martin Collins (a government mechanic in the Park), would often take Amy driving. Martin owned a black 1960 Mercury Monterey 2 door hardtop which he kept in immaculate condition. When he passed away, the car was willed to Amy. ~ Learning to drive was a new challenge. ~ Joe Laroche, the school bus driver from Edgewater, offered to give her lessons. Bob Gilday was an R.C.M.P. officer in Radium at that time and he gave Amy her first driving test. She was not successful. The officer told her she needed more driving practice and Joe was to work with her until she was ready. She got her permit on her next try.

The black car is remembered by many people in Radium. It's still in good condition with 58,000 original miles

and is owned by Kevin Shaw of Invermere.

“ Amy was deeply concerned about overdevelopment in her Valley and as a conservationist (without question) took great pride in voicing strong objections, especially to the proposed “Kootenay Diversion”. She had a great concern for nature and wildlife and was keenly interested in it’s preservation.”

In 1983 J. Malcolm Killam, C.F.P. stated in Amy’s memorial :

“ She wrote about her beloved cats and her great inner happiness she found living in the Columbia Valley. These writings, as well as the residue of her Estate was left to the Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund in Kimberly, B.C.

“ As her friend, financial advisor and now her executor, I have been deeply moved by her writings and have reproduced this “ beginning” from one of her unfinished works, in her memory for the “ Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund”, her Church and the People of the Valley.

Out of My Life in the Columbia Valley

**I lived in the Columbia Valley
where the Great River has it's
beginnings,**

**Between High walls of the Selkirk
and the Rocky Mountains.**

**There, in the innocence of it's
infancy, ignorant of the menacing
plans of man, it knows nothing but
the severity of Nature and flows
gently,**

making beauty as it flows.

**Thankyou Great River for the blue-
green waters of Long Lakes, for the
trees on your banks, and the Birds
in the trees, for your speaking**

**sloughs in the spring and the
Geese and waterfowl nesting
there, for the little lakes full of fish
and the loons that cry on the
drifting logs in the Backwaters, for
the Muskrat and Beave that Lodge
in your Bosom and all the lovely
things you nature and Protect.
Thankyou for this whole Valley that
you made and the Delight I had
in it for many days and years.**

Unfinished Writing by :

Amy Lockwood

In later years, Mrs. Berta Moore of Edgewater tells of Amy getting her piano tuned and commenting that it wasn't being played enough. She called on Barry Moore to come and play some music and he invited some other musicians. Wanda Seel and Kirsten Christiansen played violins, Sharon Morgan joined in with her flute and Dr. Lorne Bueckert played the cello. These practices continued at the Log House Inn through the late seventies and into the early eighties. Amy did not play music but she loved to listen and always served tea and cakes when the practice was over. While practicing at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bueckert with Amy as a special guest, they formed the “ Lockwood Quartet”. In the late 1950's Wallace McKenzie purchased the Lockwood property and buildings. Amy retained a lifes tenure for the Log House Inn as her residence where she did reside until her demise on July 20, 1983. She had been a resident of Radium for approximately 60 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Smith of the U5 Ranch, (now Dennis and Rosemary Tegarts property) sold a beautiful sideboard with a large mirror to Amy in 1945. It was auctioned with her

The next rink was done by voluntary work on the present Community Center site. This rink was standard size and had four foot wooden walls made from snow fence. We played Golden, Parson, Canal Flats, local Indian teams and a C.P.R. team from Calgary.

I played left wing on the first string with Walter and Frank Petrosky, Hilly and Ray York, Gordon McKay, Joe Petrosky, Jack Bavin, Jack Blake, Tom and Bill Foyston. (I may have missed some.)

The third open air rink, next to the curling rink, was the last one I used. We had to dig a long trench through gravel (depth about eight feet) to have a water supply. Mr. Leash and local carpenters built the dressing rooms and built the side boards. Electric lights were strung overhead.”

Glenn (Larrie) York.

.Thank-you Larrie. Stories from our readers are much appreciated.

On the 1937 Invermere Hockey team was Jack and Carl Jones, Sandy Dobbie, David McGuinness, Bud Coy, Toby Tobiason, Harold Saunders, Alex (Jigger) Johnston, and Bud Lee.

The De Crispignys

Captain and Mrs. DeCrispigny once lived north of Wilmer on the property that now belongs to Earl Barbour.

This ranch was on an island and here they built a great house. The Captain had been on many safaris around the globe and had collected trophies of lions, tigers, and rhinoceros which he had displayed in his house. (From Columbia Valley Ranches.)

At first, the ranch was only accessible by the Columbia River.

Pilings were driven to assist the Paddlewheelers whenever they needed to stop to deliver goods or pick up goods. The Pilings are near a “ back channel” which served as a sheltered small harbor for their own boats. Years later, a road was developed from the west. The dump wagon used to haul gravel for the road is now at the Museum.

DeCrispigny had installed a windmill that pumped water for the house. The windmill could be seen from Radium Hill for many years.

The DeCrispignys had an auction at their place and sold most things at which point it is believed they returned to England. Ed Barbour bought the Ranch in 1935.

Thankyou to the Members and volunteers who did the spring cleaning at the Museum. The buildings and grounds look great for the opening in June.

The theme for the summer display is “The Fur Trade”. Jessie Lockhart and her Committee have put together a display of pelts and history. This is a history of the trappers, trap-lines, hunting guides and outfitters. This display is a tribute to the frontier men and women who carried on after David Thompson.