

Neilson McIlmoyl Family

Nelson McIlmoyl, his wife **Nelly Blanche McIlmoyl**, and daughter Marjorie, came to Southey Saskatchewan from Ontario in about the end of World War I. A small home was found for them north of Dr. Hutchison's. They lived here for several years and he worked for various farmers in the district and did whatever other work he could find.

The oldest daughter, Marjorie, had been born down east. During his stay in Southey another daughter, Merle, was born and then a son, Elmer. The children all went to school in town.

Because he wanted something more permanent than casual labour, he purchased some cows and started a small dairy. They had move into the large house that was located where the R.C.M.P. building now is. He delivered milk around town twice a day. It was hard work but paid well enough and his family thrived.

During the "dirty thirties" life became very difficult. Feed was scarce and the cows produced very poorly. He, therefore, went back east to Peterboro and was able to find work in a factory. The family moved back there and lived a much better life with steady money coming in.

Marjorie married Bill Davidson of the Southey district and they went down east to Peterboro. Merle married an American and has made her home in southern California. Elmer married a girl from Peterboro and has worked for the Peterboro Transit System ever since leaving Southey.

Nelson McIlmoyl died in Peterboro in 1960 at age 76, and his wife Nelly died in 1975 at age 89.

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