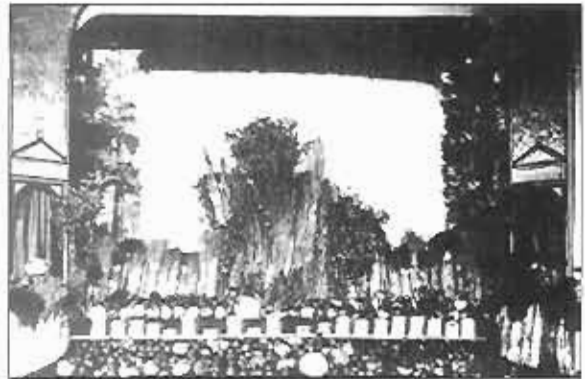


William Kemp Family

In September of 1882, William (Bill) Kemp traveled south from Fort Edmonton and arrived at the Red Deer River Crossing. For years this Crossing had been used by native groups and other north-south traffic. Bill selected an upstream spot and became the first to turn soil and plant seed in Central Alberta. Bill's early farming interests were good horses and raising top quality grain. Bill's grain won prizes at the Calgary Fair and the Chicago World's Fair.



Bill Kemp's grain won many prizes



William (Bill) Kemp



The "Crossing" on the Red Deer River near Ft. Normandeau

During the Northwest Rebellion, as a result of threats to settlers living near the Crossing, Reverend Gaetz and Bill Kemp led a large group to the safety of Fort Calgary. Fort Normandeau had been constructed at the Crossing, however, it was felt Fort Calgary provided more secure protection for the families.



Ft. Normandeau just west of Red Deer



In 1892, Bill Kemp left his homestead at the Crossing and began business life in Innisfail. The railroad had just arrived in Innisfail and he saw opportunity there. Bill's businesses included a livery stable and a machine dealership.



Bill Kemp's Livery Stable



A youthful Katy Jane Lundy

On December 17th, 1897 Bill Kemp married Katy Jane Lundy.



Katy Jane's wedding portrait



The Innisfail Golf Course

In 1907, the Kemps purchased the Lindum Lodge which had been built by Dr. George a few years earlier. Part of this purchase was believed to have involved the trading of land occupied by the present Innisfail Golf and Country Club.



The Dining Room of the Dr. George/Kemp House



In 1920, Bill Kemp passed away and his wife Katy Jane opened Lindum Lodge as a boarding house. Katy Jane operated the boarding house until the 1960s while raising a family of five children.

In 1993, the George/Kemp Society repurchased and restored Lindum Lodge with the assistance of grandson Gerry Kemp, his wife Rita and countless volunteers.



Reconstructing the Dr. George/Kemp dining room



Kemp House reconstruction



Lindum Lodge



Today Lindum Lodge is operated as a museum.

