

Anderson - One of the early settlers of the Alberta prairies, Einar Anderson died Friday, June 20, 1980 at Calgary General Hospital. He was 83.

Born in Brejning, Denmark on August 1, 1896 he immigrated to the United States at the age of 16 and ended up in St. Paul, Minn., where he got a job with Northern Pacific Railway. His pay was 14 cents an hour for a 10 hour day, seven days a week.

In 1914 he decided to visit his three brothers who had homesteads north of Caristadt, which later became Alderson, and the following year he returned to Canada to take up a homestead, His place was 18 miles north of Suffield.

In 1922 Anderson signed up with the Canadian Pacific Railway for one of the new farms in the Tilley district, and he moved there the following year.

He met and married the former Agnes Anderson a young lady from Ontario on September 6, 1924 and they marked their fifty-fifth anniversary last September.

The Andersons spent seven years on the farm before moving into the village to operate a grocery store and post office. In 1941 they took over the Tilley Hotel where Einar became acquainted with travellers from far and wide. During World War Two the top floor was used by German prisoners-of-war who were working on farms in the district; one of the more famous personages with whom he became acquainted was Lauritz Melchior, the Danish baritone, who appeared in concert at the Suffield military base. They disposed of the hotel in 1964 and moved to Brooks where they have made their home since. Einar Anderson never retired. but was always busy at one project of another; he was a master craftsmen at anything he did and his hobbies included making grandfather clocks and roll top desks.

He was an active member of Brooks Masonic Lodge, Harmony Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Bassano; Crusader Preceptory of Medicine Hat and was a Shriner of Al Azhar Temple of Calgary. An extensive traveller, he took an active interest in everything he saw and everyone with whom he talked. He took the same interest in his own community and was respected as a staunch Canadian.

Surviving are his wife, Agnes of Brooks; his daughter Mrs. Bob (Maren) Burns; one son. Einar and three grandchildren, all of Brooks; two brothers; Nels of Brooks and Andy of Denmark.

Funeral Service was held at Brooks United Church on Tuesday, June 24 at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Malcolm Profitt officiating and interment followed in Brooks cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Jim Ellis, George Burke, Oliver Ingram, Don Murray, Jack Irving and Jim Nesbitt.

Active pallbearers were Ian Anderson, Don Anderson, Peter Anderson, Stan Benson, Tom Simpson and Eric Tatem. Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. If friends desire, donations may be made to Shrine Crippled Children Hospitals.