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Veterans' Tour

Attached to this booklet is a map that outlining the most efficient way to tour the veterans plots. The veterans' photos and information are in order according to how the tour was planned out. However, feel free to use the map to create your own unique tour.



Means that they died in action.

Thanks to these brave, heroic soldiers we are able to live in freedom. Without them, daily life would be very different for us. It is important to honour these men and woman and to recognize the sacrifices that they made. Some even paid the ultimate sacrifice, with their lives.

Millet is proud to have been home to these courageous individuals. Taking the time to learn about them is a way we can pay tribute to the gift they have given us. We will remember them.

Bert Churchill



A42.2.021

1921-2005



Churchill.B.2020.01

Bert was born on March 29, 1921 in Kitscoty, Alberta. He served for over 3 years as a Gunner in England, Central Mediterranean Area, and Continental Europe. Upon returning home, Bert purchased and farmed a ¼ of land in Kinuson where his parents had moved in 1930. He farmed with his brother Jim for a few years. In 1949, Bert married Hester McMillan from Waskada, Manitoba. They ran a post office for 5 ½ years. Bert formed a company with a friend, Albin Lillo, C&L Logging. They logged in winter and farmed in the summer. They moved to Slave Lake for 3 years, and then to Swan Hills for 5 ½ years.

Bert & Hester have two children; Neva is married to Tom Fleming and now lives in Millet, and Gary is presently in Saskatchewan and follows the Oil Rigs. Bert lived in Millet from May 1983, until his passing.

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James Butcher Day



A42.2.040

1888-1952



Day,J.2020.01

James was born on December 21, 1888 in Birmingham, England. He served in the Army as Corporal for 5 years and fought in France. James and his family moved to Montreal in 1913. James enlisted in the 1914 and was wounded twice in combat. While there, he took part in action at Ypres, Passchendaele, Vimy Ridge, Amiens, and in the Battle of the Somme. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre, which was presented to him personally by King Albert of Belgium. He also was awarded the following three medals during W.W. I; the Mons Star, the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal. Following W.W.I he retired to Canada where he worked on farms in Saskatchewan, and at Viking and Ponoka. Later he purchased his own dairy farm east of Millet and farmed until his retirement in 1947.

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Plot Location: D 24 5

John Arthur Moonen



A42.2.155

1921-2004



Moonen,J.2020.04

John grew up eight miles west of Millet on his family's farm. They moved to town in 1927. John enlisted in the Calgary Tanks Reg. and trained in Camrose, Camp Bowden. Later, he was sent to Hamilton to Army Trade School for two years. He was transferred to the Royal Canadian Army Service Corp. He was prompted to corporal and spent time in Debert and Halifax, Nova Scotia. John took part in the cessation of the Halifax riot, which took place after wartime operations ceased. The riot started out as a celebration but later turned into a riot and the army was sent in to stop the rioting and looting of stores etc. After the war John drove a truck. He and his wife Jo owned a store in the 1950s for three years. In 1965 they purchased the Gray Estate and farmed until retirement in 1979. John passed away September 21, 2004.

Plot Location: H 71 3SW

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Gerald Alvin Scott



A42.2.196

1921-2004



Scott,G.2020.01

Gerald Landed in North Africa in Reinforcement Depot in June 1943. Transferred to Sicily to the 1st Canadian Armored Brigade, Three Rivers Regiment. Major battles were Ortona and Monte Cassino in Italy. Christmas Day 1943 was spent in Ortona. Gerald remained in Italy until March 4, 1945 when the regiment moved to Western Europe. Gerald arrived in Holland, March 26, 1945 where the regiment remained until the end of the war. Gerald returned to Canada in December 1945 with the Calgary Tank Regiment and was discharged in January 1946. He returned to carpentry with his father until 1957 when he became a postmaster in Millet. Gerald retired in 1979 and lived on his farm southwest of Millet. Gerald held a Life Membership in the Millet Legion. Most of his time was spent helping out at the Millet Museum.

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Plot Location: H 71 1SW

Fred Elmo Easterbrook



A42.2.046

1879-1970

Fred was born on March 17, 1879 in Hamilton, Ontario. He served in England and Scotland for a total of 4 years. After his discharge in November 1918, Elmo moved to Millet, Alberta in December 1919. He worked as a sawyer in lumber camps and later as a carpenter.

Plot Location: A 19 8A

2

Dawn John Elder



A42.2.051

1920-1996



Elder,D.2020.01

Dawn John was born on March 28, 1920 in Spokane, Washington. Dawn John came to Millet at the age of 3 and moved to Wetaskiwin after he had completed grade 10. From there, he moved to Peace River and trained as a butcher. Dawn was discharged from the Army due to a bad ear. He then joined the Navy where he served at sea on Cowettes, Barrie, Hipatica, Westmount, and Q097. After his discharge, Dawn worked as a butcher for the Peace River Meat Co. He later moved to Calmar and worked for Texaco Exploration for 32 years. Dawn retired in Calmar.

3

Plot Location: A 19 8

Frank Herbert "Bert" Loader



A42.2.129

1916-2010



Loader,F.2020.01

He was raised in England until 1925 when the family came to Wetaskiwin, Alberta and lived on a farm north west of there for a year, and then moved to a farm south west of Millet, Alberta. In 1940 Bert Joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, attained the rank of Sergeant and served until 1945 as a Mechanical Fire Fighter on the West Coast of Canada at Pat Bay, Bella Bella, and at Smithers. After the war Bert farmed until his retirement.

Plot Location: H 72 4NE

40

Robert Young



A42.2.242

1917-2007



Young,R.2020.01

He came to Millet, Alberta in 1939 and settled there permanently. During World War II he served in the Air Force from December, 1941 to September, 1945 and attained the rank of corporal. He spent his military service on the West Coast of Canada where his service included communications, and building power lines. Bob married Alice on December 23, 1942. He farmed all the time he lived in Millet. He and Alice had 2 sons and 2 daughters: Donald Robert, Henry Bruce, Karen Alice, and Christine Mary.

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Plot Location: H 72 3SE

Benny Jehn



A42.2.099

1919-2007



Jehn,B.2020.02

Benny served for five years. He came home on January 1, 1946. He lived in the Pipestone District most of his life.

Plot Location: D 26 3E

4

John Ray Nicoll



A42.2.165

1916-2010



A42.160.7.107

After his mother's death, Ray and his father lived in Bright Bank District near Stony Plain, where he stayed until his enlistment.

After his discharge, Ray lived in Millet with his Aunt Augusta, Aunt & Uncle Samuel, and cousins James, Rachael and Henry Deans. Ray later lived with James and his family in Edmonton until his death on February 12, 1981.

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Plot Location: D 26 1SW

James Ernest Thorn Hoskins



A42.2.093

1913-2011



A42.160.7.784

James joined the army reserve prior to 1942. During the war he transferred to the Air Force. James was a stamp collector and dealer, and an investment Certificate salesman. James enjoyed music, reading, walking, and talking. He passed on December 9, 2011.

Plot Location: G 65 5SE

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James Pritchard

1853-1937



Pritchard, J.2020.03

Sergeant James Pritchard, served with the Winnipeg Light Infantry during the 1885 North West Resistance. This unit was part of the Alberta Field Force under General Strange.

James Pritchard was born near North Wakefield, in Gatineau County, Quebec. He went to Winnipeg as a young man and engaged in fur trading which carried him to Norway and Cumberland House posts in the far north. In his later years, he was in business in LaRiviere and Swan Lake, Manitoba as a general merchant.

He came to Edmonton in 1908 and spent his last four years living with his daughter, Mrs. E.R. Hoskins, at Hillside in Millet. His kindly nature rendered him a friend to all, and in his days as a merchant he was known as the poor man's friend.

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Plot Location: G 65 4

Robert Le Roi Ferguson

1918-1996



A42.2.277



Ferguson, R.2020.04

New: Robert was born in 1918 in Edmonton, Alberta. He was raised in Millet, Alberta. In World War II, he served as a Private. After the war, he moved to Calgary, Alberta until his passing.

Plot Location: A 15 9B

6

Thomas Albert Gray



A42.2.083

1921-2015



Gray,T.2020.01

Bert resided in Devon. He enjoyed fishing, darts, and travelling.

7

Plot Location: A 9 SE

Ernest Hoskins



A42.2.092

1885-1970



Hoskins,E.2020.02

“Cap” as many knew him, was educated in Exeter, Devon, England and served as an apprentice with one of the large woollen firms in the city. He immigrated to Western Canada in 1909. He married Rhoda M. Pritchard in 1910. In 1913 their only son, James, was born. During this period the family moved to Edmonton. Cap joined the 51st Battalion C.E.F. (with written permission from his wife). He entered training at Sarcee Barracks in Calgary, and in June 1916 he was promoted to Sergeant. Around August 9th, in the vicinity of Rosieres, France the 29th Battalion's advance was held up by enemy machine guns. Lt. Hoskins and his section out flanked the enemy positions, destroyed them and freed the Battalion to continue the advance. For this action, Lt. Hoskins was recommended for the Military Cross. King George pinned on the award personally. Returning to Canada, he and his family settled in the Millet area on a farm in the Hillside district in July 1919. He moved into Millet in 1941, where he lived until his passing. Ernest served as an instructor in Britain and with the 49th Battalion in Edmonton. He homesteaded in Melfort, Saskatchewan. Captain – Army.

Plot Location: G 65 5SW

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Frank David Graham



A42.2.267

1919-1977

Frank was born in 1919 and raised in the Millet area. He served in the army from 1940-1945.

Plot Location: G 59 1

35

William Dowdell



A42.2.163



Dowdell,W.2020.01

William was born in 1897 in Portland, Oregon. In May 1906 he came with his parents to where his father had bought a half section of land in the West Liberty District west of Millet. Charlie was an enthusiastic member of the West Liberty Baseball Club as were his two brothers, Al and Lloyd. At the end of the war he returned to Millet and farmed until his retirement in 1972. He passed away in 1979.

Plot Location: D 28 7A

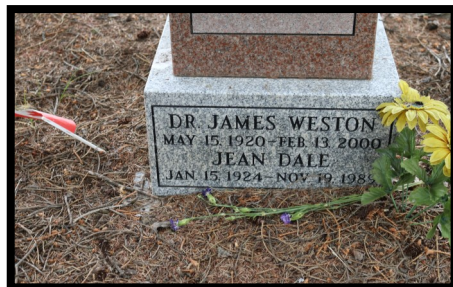
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James Weston Goin



A42.2.079

1920-2000



A42.160.7.289

After enlisting, James worked as a Flight Instructor for the Commonwealth Countries. Upon his discharge, James became a veterinarian. He resided in Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

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Plot Location: D 27 11NW

John (Jack) Barrows



A42.2.011

1914-1988



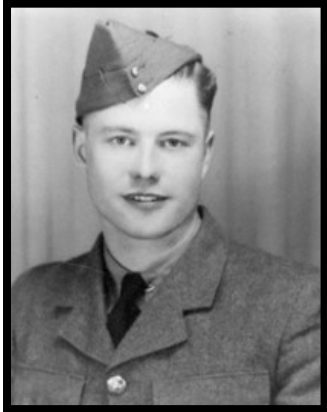
A42.160.7.585

John was born on November 22, 1914. He was born in England and lived there until he was 11. From there John and his family moved to Millet. John served in North Africa, and Italy for a total of 3 years of service. With the rank of Trooper.

Plot Location: G 68 4NE

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Wesley Maine



A42.2.135

1919-1952



Maine,W.2020.05

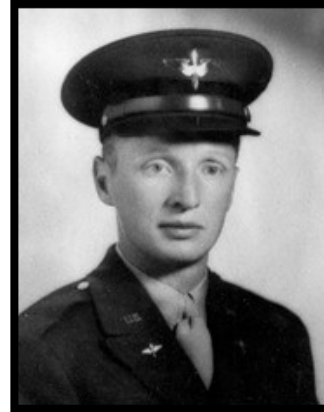
Wesley's mother died when he was 3 ½ months old. His Moonen grandparents raised him in conjunction with his Maine grandparents until his father remarried. Wesley joined the Air Force in Vancouver, B.C. as a mechanic. Wesley was released from the Air Force to work for Imperial Oil in the far north, where mechanics were badly needed. After the war, he married Lillian Deisting and lived in Devon, Alberta where he continued to work for Imperial Oil.

Unfortunately, at the age of 34 Wesley drowned in Pigeon Lake, Alberta.

33

Plot Location: G 57 6

William Doane Karr



A42.2.110

1919-1996



Karr,W.2020.02

William enlisted in the Air Force in November 1942 as a pilot trainer. He served as an engineering test pilot until 1945. William was in the 93rd Fighter Squad, 87th Group, 12th AF - North Africa. He was in active service for 4 years. (File says discharged on medical reasons in 1944). William has worked for the US Government, Calmel Reserve, and US Army Corps since his active duty. On January 3, 1990, William retired after 40 years of service.

With dual citizenship (Canadian/American), William had lived in Pasadena, California where he raised Dobermans. He enjoyed playing the piano and flew antique planes. William retired to his Washington State acreage.

Plot Location: E 31 5SW

10

James Howard Karr



A42.2.109

1914-2000



Karr,J.2020.01

James enlisted in the United States Navy in December 1942 as a U.S.N.R. Naval Aviation Cadet. In November 1946, he was Naval Aviator, U.S.N.R. with the rank of LT. Sr. Grade. In 1956 James served as a Dental Surgeon, with the rank of Major until 1969 when he served throughout Europe, Turkey, and the United States.

His interests were general aviation and antiques.

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Plot Location: E 31 5SW

Clifford Oliver Mandville



A42.2.136

1914-2000



Mandville,C.2020.03

Clifford came to Millet after the war and lived in the house next to the I.O.O.F. hall. He worked for Reuben Plant as a mechanic. Later, after his marriage to Aggie, he lived across from the school. Before his death, Clifford resided in the Northcott Care Centre in Ponoka.

Plot Location: F 54 6

32

Harold G. Blize



A42.2.014

1918-2016



Blize,H.2020.01

Harold served in World War II, first as a volunteer and then enlisted in the R.C.A.F. He received an honourable discharge after 5.5 years of service in Alberta and Ontario. Harold enjoyed golfing, fishing, and the outdoors. He had three children; two sons, and one daughter.

31 Plot Location: F 51 6

Henry Clay Browning

1837-1926



Browning,H.2020.01

Plot Location: E 31 1

12

Mary Isobel (McVeigh) Fulcher



A42.2.066

1896-1985



A42.160.7.259

Mary was married to Howard Alvin Fulcher September 13, 1913. They moved to Strathcona in 1917. Mary took a secretarial course and became a stenographer. In 1917, Mary enlisted and worked in the Strathcona Recruitment office until 1919. She and her husband moved to the Wiesenthal District North-West of Millet, Alberta in 1920.

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Plot Location: E 34 5

William Stanley Scott



A42.2.201

1904-1938



A42.160.7.386

He served in the Governor General's Foot Guard and won many awards for Marksmanship. He came west to Millet with this family then in the N.W.T., and they homesteaded in the Porto Bello area west of Millet and east of Pigeon Lake, later known as Scottsdale. He and his bride from Perth, Ontario moved to Wetaskiwin, Alberta where he continued in the construction business. He joined the Army and was seriously injured in action at Ypres and never fully recovered.

Plot Location: F 47 10A

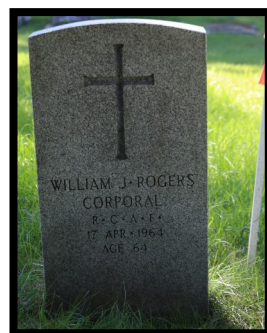
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William John Rogers



A42.2.255

1899-1964



Rogers,W.2020.04

Following WWI, William J. Rogers came to Canada and three years later bought a farm north east of Millet through the Soldier Settlement Board. When World War II came along he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in the Special Investigation Branch. He received his discharge in 1945 and returned to his farm also working as well for the County of Leduc as Civil Defence Director and later as a County Councillor.

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Plot Location: F 47 15A

Howard Alvin Fulcher



A42.2.063

1892-1979



A42.160.7.260

Howard was born on March 3, 1892 in Park Hill, Ontario. Howard was stationed at Passchendaele as a runner. He was wounded in action and was sent to Orpington Hospital in London on September 25, 1918. He was discharged from Orpington on January 2, 1919 and sent back to Canada. Howard arrived in Halifax on March 1, 1919 and returned to Edmonton where he was discharged. Howard enrolled in an Agriculture Course under the auspices of S. S. B. He moved to a farm in the Wiesenthal District in the spring of 1920.

Plot Location: E 34 6

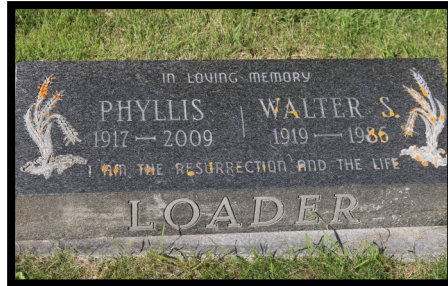
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Walter Sydney Loader



A42.2.130

1919-1986



Loader,W.2020.05

Walter served overseas during the war for 4 years. After the war he re-joined the Air Force where he served for 9 years in peacetime in Ontario and Claresholm.

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Plot Location: E 37 4

William Ralph Trathen



A42.2.218

1909-1988



Trathen.R.2020.03

Ralph's parents farmed near what was called Noyes Crossing at that time (near Onoway). His father passed away, leaving his wife and Ralph, only 17 and the eldest of a family of 6 boys and girls. He farmed the home place for a number of years. Ralph enlisted in the Air Force soon after war broke out as an Airframe Mechanic. He spent the first 6 months at youth training in Edmonton. He was then posted to St. Thomas, Ontario where he remained for a couple of years. He was then posted to Claresholm, Alberta for the remainder of the war. The highlight of his stay occurred when they were training boys from Australia - he really liked those fellows. Ralph was discharged at Neepawa, Manitoba. Ralph then returned to Millet, where his family was living. Ralph worked for 14 years for the Town of Millet until 1975 when ill health forced him to retire.

Plot Location: F 47 1A

28

James Herbert Ambrose



A42.2.003

1909-1988



Ambrose,J.2020.04

James was born on March 3, 1909 and raised in the Taddington District of London, England. He served in many countries including Britain, Holland, Italy, France, and Belgium. During his five year stint in the army (1940-1945) he earned the ranking of corporal. Upon his discharged in 1945, he settled in Millet, Alberta. He was a member of Millet Branch #229 of the Royal Canadian Legion for over 50 years. Mr. Ambrose also enjoyed rug hooking, which was a great passion of his.

27

Plot Location: F 46 2

Jesse Clark



A42.2.022

1893-1946



Clark,J.2020.01

Jesse was born on July 13, 1893 in Marlette, Ontario. He served as a Private for 1 year. He came from Michigan in 1900 with his parents, brothers, and sisters to live in the West Liberty District west of Millet where his father brought a farm. Jesse served in the Army in World War I. Upon his return he continued to farm until his death in 1946.

Plot Location: E 35 7

16

John R. Elder



A42.2.053

1900-1950



A42.160.7.274

John was born on September 7, 1900 in Riviere Que Barre, Alberta. John helped his Dad as a teenager at the livery stable, and later graded the roads with a team and grader for the government.

John was discharged from service due to illness. After the war he worked at a lumber camp at Nakusp, B.C.

Plot Location: E 35 8

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Mary Niles

1909-1992



A42.2.294

Plot Location: F 44 5SW

26

Donald Allen Wagner



A42.2.224

1918-1989



Wagner,D.2020.01

During World War II, Don enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 and served with the rank of AC2 but received a medical discharge shortly afterward. After his discharge, he eventually worked in the Millet Creamery and became in 1957 the manager. In 1962 he was transferred to Days land, Alberta and to St. Paul, Alberta in 1973 .

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Plot Location: F 43 1D

Harold Gardiner

Birth (Unkown)-1946



Gardiner,H.2020.01

Harold was the son of James and Mary Rachel Gardiner in Somerset, England. He married to Vera M. Gardiner in Millet.

Plot Location: E 35 6

18

Charles Justus Strand



A42.2.213

1884-1942



Strand,C.2020.01

Charles immigrated to Canada to Burdett, Alberta on March 4, 1903 to homestead. He settled in Southern Alberta and was employed by the C.N.R. where he worked on rail line repair crews through the Rocky Mountains and later in and around Millet.

While serving in at Vimy, France, he was gassed and wounded. requiring a year in hospital to recover. He remained a soldier until 1918. He returned to Southern Alberta upon discharge and in 1929 moved with his family to Millet.

Kenneth Kerr



A42.2.113

1918-1989



Kerr,K.2020.01

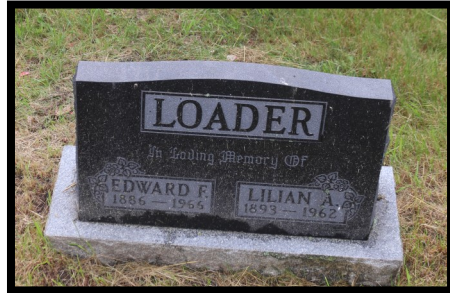
Kenneth resided in Kelowna, B.C. and enjoyed travelling.

Edward Loader



A42.2.128

1886-1966



Loader,E.2020.04

Frank enlisted at Vimy Ridge at the age of 14, in 1900. He spent 7 years in India with the Army and was recalled to England for WWI. Frank spent a total of 18 years in the Imperial Army with a total of 21 years of service.

After the war Frank worked as a bus driver in England until 1925 when he immigrated to Canada. In 1925 Frank moved to Wetaskiwin, Alberta for 1 year and then moved west of Millet.

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Plot Location: E 41 2

John Joseph Graham



A42.2.268

1918-1978



Graham,J.2020.04

Joseph was born in 1918 and came to Millet at the age of 12. He served in the air force for 4 years. After finishing his service, John made his home in Wetaskiwin..

Plot Location: I 85 11

20

Vernon Wesley Rathwell



A42.2.178

1926-2013



Rathwell,V.2020.04

Vernon served for 1 year (1945-1946) in the army. He was held in the Kananaskis Prison Camp. His parents were Clifford and Pearl Rathwell.

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Plot Location: I 85 6

Douglas Jackson



A42.2.097

1926-2013



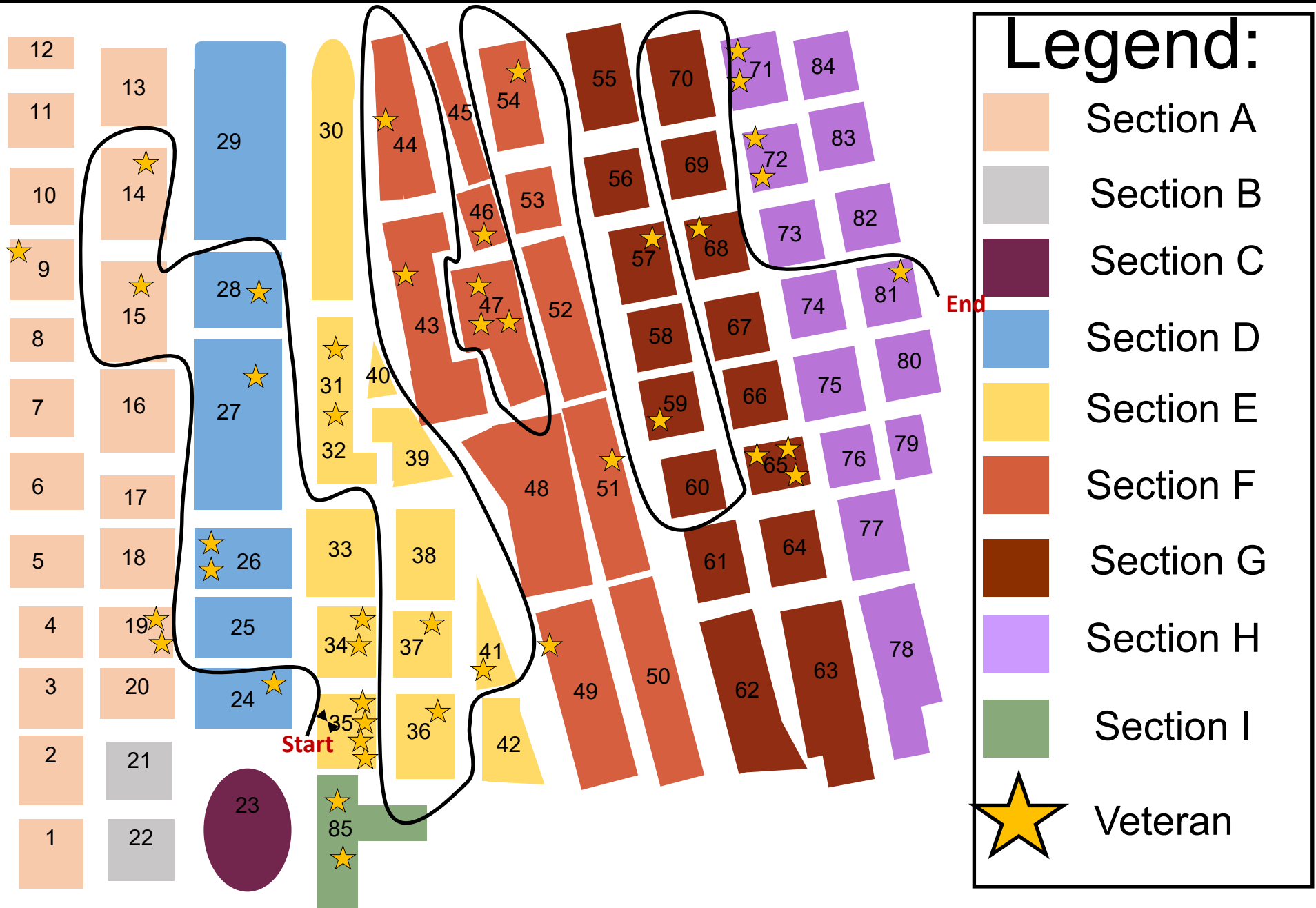
Jackson,D.2020.01

The Jacksons moved from Viceroy, to Medicine Hat, to Provost, and then to Millet. Douglas grew up in the Millet (Grandview) area, farming there for many years. He enlisted in the Army and was posted in 1941 to the coastal Defence Unit at Halifax where he served as Lance Corporal during the war. After the war Douglas bought a store in Kelowna, B. C. Douglas married Reeka and had 5 children. In 1966, Douglas moved to Armstrong, BC and bought a dairy farm there where he worked until going to work for the local school district until his retirement.

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Ruth (Kean) French



A42.2.062

1926-2012



French,R.2020.01

Ruth was born in 1926 and raised in St. Johns, New Brunswick. She joined the air force and served in Sudbury, Lac St. Denis, and Quebec, Canada. She served for a total of 3 years.

1

Plot Location: E 5 18

Patrick Mullen



A42.2.253

1895-1956



Mullen,P.2020.01

Pat Mullen's father brought him his brothers and sister to Millet in 1906. The family lived in Millet for some years and in Bruce, Alberta.

After Pat's discharge in 1919, he brought a farm through 9 miles east of Millet the Soldier Settlement Board where he lived until his death in 1956.

4

Plot Location: E 37 4

Robert Glen Mullen



A42.2.160

1921-1982



A42.160.7.702

Robert was born in 1921 and was raised in both Coleville, Saskatchewan and Edmonton, Alberta. He was in the Air Force for 3 years.

3

Plot Location: F 6 13

Donald Roger McAuley



A42.2.138

1895-1956



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Donald served on Convoy Duty in the North Atlantic. He signed up for Pacific Duty after D-Day. With the bombing of Hiroshima, Donald did not complete the Pacific Duty. Donald wore the same collar and gunners arm badge during WWII in the Canadian Navy that his father, Harold wore in the Royal Navy in WWI. Donald owned McAuley Drilling, a coal drilling operation.

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