
PART 21: VETERANS OF THE

WORLD WARS AND KOREA

FROM BOIAN, ALBERTA

Men and Women of Service – For Your Freedom and Ours

WORLD WAR I

George Moscaliuk	U.S.A. Army
John Moscaliuk	Joined the U.S.A. Army in 1926. While serving with the American Artillery in the Philippine Islands he got sick with malaria and died. He is buried in the U.S. Army cemetery in the Philippines.
Tom Henetiuk	Canadian Army

WORLD WAR II

John Axani	R.C.A.F.	Roman Bobocel	Army
Steve Axani	R.C.A.F.	Cpl. Dan Bidulock	R.C.A.F.
Ted Axani	R.C.A.F.	George Bidulock	R.C.A.F.
Metro Basaraba	Army	John Bidulock	R.C.A.F. Flight Engineer
Delmar Bezovie	Army, wounded in France	Nick Creison	Army
John Bezovie	Army, Artillery Gunner	Sanda Cresion	Army
William Bezovie	Army, Artillery Gunner	John Cucheran	Army

Steve Cucheran	Army	Cpl. Steve Iftody	Army
George Darda	Army,	Peter Iftody	R.C.A.F.
John Darda	Army	Constantine Kachuk	Army
Peter David	Army	Fred Kokatailo	Army
George Demchuk	Army	Floyd Lutic	Army
John Dorish	R.C.A.F.	Nick Lutic (Sheldon)	Army
Con Dubitz	Army	Pvt Nick Makovee	Army
Steve Dubitz	Army	Kay Matei	R.C.A.F.
Nick Esak	Army	Rose Matei	R.C.A.F.
Nick Fedorak	Army	Pvt Peter Palencu	Army, wounded twice, 5 medals
Steven Feica	Army	Charles Pipella	Army
Feica	Army	Sam Pipella	Army
Feica	Army	Bill Ropchan	Army
Patricia Hauca	R.C.A.F.	Nick Romanko	Army
Alexander Hauca	Army	Olga Russ	Army
Kost Hauca	Army	Floyd Skirka	Army
Harry Hauca	Army	Pvt Nick Suprovich	Army
John Hreniuk	Army	Andrew Toma	Army
Mike Hudema	Army	Bill N. Toma	Army
Con Hutzcal**	Army Tank regiment. Died in service Dec. 6/44. Buried in The Netherlands.	Con Toma	Army
Pvt Floyd Hutzcal	Army	Metro J. Toma	Army, wounded, 6 medals
Mike Hutzcal	Army	Karl J. Toma	Army
Mike Iftody	R.C.A.F.	Sandy G. Toma	Army, 5 medals
		Pilot Officer Bill Yurko	R.C.A.F.

KOREAN WAR

Sandy Kazacari Army Nick Harrison Army Michael Ionetz Army

**Con (Kost) Hutzcal, 1923 – 1944

Shirley Axani

My brother Con enlisted in the Armoured Car Regiment (Tank) in 1941. He served one year in active service. He died on December 6, 1944 and is buried in Bergen-op-Zoom in the Netherlands, in the Canadian War Cemetery.

In June 1972, my husband Metro, and our youngest daughter Gwen took an extensive trip throughout Europe. It was one chance we had to locate my brother's grave.

The cemeteries are beautifully maintained. There were two Dutchmen and one Canadian on hand to help us with answers to our questions. School children go on work parties to keep the cemeteries looking beautiful. There were many gravestones on which were written "Known only to God". Small Canadian flags flew on every grave. Flowers are planted twice a year. One can't but be overwhelmed with sorrow when you see acres of graves with soldiers 18-21 years and older. Wars should be outlawed forever - it only fills cemeteries.

Hats off to Holland for giving such an enormous amount of precious land to accommodate the Canadian and the United States cemeteries – they are side by side just like our borders are.

MEN AND WOMEN OF SERVICE ~ FOR YOUR FREEDOM AND OURS

MILITARY SERVICE in WORLD WARS I & II, & KOREA



John Axani
RCAF

Steve Axani
RCAF

Ted Axani
RCAF

Metro Basaraba
Army



Bill Bezovie
Army



Delmar Bezovie
Army



John Bezovie
Army



Cpl Dan Bidulock
RCAF



George Bidulock
RCAF



**Flight Engineer
John Bidulock**
RCAF



Roman Bobocel
Army



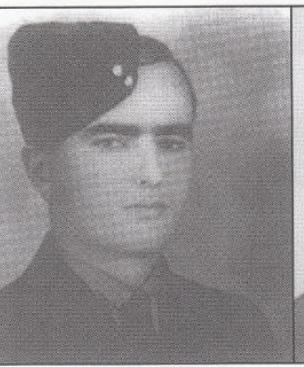
George Darda
Army, 1940-43



John Darda
Army



Peter David
Army



John Dorish
RCAF



Con Dubitz



Steve Dubitz



Stephan Fieca
(Right)



Kost & Harry
Hauca



Patricia Hauca
RCAF



Sandy Hauca



Con (Kost) Hutzcal
Army



Private Floyd Hutzcal
Army



Peter Iftody
RCAF



Rose Matei
RCAF



Private
Peter Paulencu
Army



Nick Romanko
Army



Nick Sheldon
(Lutic)



Private
Nick Suprovich
Army



Con Toma
Army



Metro Toma
Army



Pilot Officer
Bill Yurko
RCAF



Canadian Virtual War Memorial

In memory of
Trooper

Con Nicholas Hutzcal

December 6, 1944

Military Service:

Service Number:

H/77705

Age:

21

Force:

Army

Unit:

12th Manitoba Dragoons, R.C.A.C.

Division:

18th Armd. Car Regt.

Additional Information:

Son of Nick Hutzcal and of Vasilca Hutzcal (nee Harrison), of Hairy Hill, Alberta.

Canadian Virtual War Memorial

In memory of
Private

Steve William Toma

July 25, 1944

Military Service:

Service Number:

M/7888

Age:

31

Force:

Army

Unit:

North Nova Scotia Highlanders, R.C.I.C.

Additional Information:

Son of the Revd. Vasyl Toma and Ivona Toma, of Pierceland, Saskatchewan.

PART 22: ABOUT THE

AUTHOR, LES LUTIC

I was blessed to be born into a Romanian Canadian family, and raised in the Romanian community known as Boian, Alberta. My life is representative of thousands of second and third generation Canadians of Romanian origin. My DNA, if it was accurate, would say that I am 75% Romanian ethnicity and 25% Ukrainian ethnicity. Romanian Canadians can be defined as an ethnic group, as are the Ukrainian Canadians or the French Canadians. My great-grandparents and paternal grandfather emigrated from, what was then, and until 1917, villages in the Austro-Hungarian empire. They came from Boian, Bucovina and Iordanesti, Bucovina. They identify themselves as being Romanian. Interestingly this ethnic and cultural identity therefore, excludes them being born in Romania. They were proudly Romanian as defined by the Romanian language they spoke, their Romanian Orthodox religion, Romanian ethnic costume, culture and traditions. The majority of the descendants of the Boian, Alberta pioneers, stated that their ancestors came from Boian, Romania. This is an easy and expedient way of quick ethnic definition, without having to go into political border politics.

My parents spoke Romanian at home, as did many of their friends. The first, and second generation born in the Romanian community surrounding Boian, Alberta and Ispas, Alberta spoke Romanian as their mother tongue. As did all the second and third generation, we went to one of the nearby Romanian Orthodox churches. Romanian carols were sung, and Romanian Orthodox holidays observed. Thusly, from a young age, I identified myself as a Canadian of ethnic Romanian origin. The St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church of Boian, Alberta has been my family's spiritual home all my life. There are six generations of my family resting there. I have also chosen to rest with them, in this holy place.

Coming to Edmonton, after school graduation, I went to the University of Alberta. While there, I met Professor Elena Panciuk, who was giving Romanian language lessons at the time. I joined her class and this led to the fulfillment of my dream, to become fluent in spoken and written Romanian. I became a member of the Romanian Orthodox Church in Edmonton the year it was constructed. There I joined the Balada Romanian folk-dance group and danced for several years. We toured Romania, Canada, and the United States. I went to Cluj-Napoca, Romania for five

months in 1977, to study the Romanian language. I was blessed to meet my future wife Donna, when she joined the Balada Romanian folk-dance group. Donna is 50% Romanian ethnic heritage. Her mother was born and raised in Boian, Alberta. We raised our three daughters to be proud of their heritage. They were baptized in the Sts. Constantine and Elena Romanian Orthodox Church in Edmonton, Alberta. I became a founding member of the Canadian Romanian Society of Edmonton in 1982 and am presently a director. The Canadian Romanian Society sponsors the Romanian Pioneer Museum of Boian, Alberta. I have been for several years now the volunteer curator of this very unique museum, which tells the story of the Romanian pioneers in Alberta.

Over many years, I have worked to collect a treasure of historic photos and stories depicting the proud heritage of the Romanian pioneers in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. My life story is one of a Romanian Canadian, who proudly wishes to leave this book as a legacy to the Romanian pioneers, and for all of us. There are no books in schools, libraries, or bookstores that tell the story of these many pioneers. I am proud to say that this book will correct this is sad situation. Stories of the hardships, the suffering, and then the success, happiness, and pride of the Romanian pioneers are told in this book. Be proud of your heritage. Preserve the culture, traditions, language, and faith; as best you can.



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Mom Leonard Leslie Dad.



Two Romanian beauties 1935. L. to rt. Dora A. Lutic, Mary T. Zaharichuk



Bunica Sanda T. Toma 1918





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Kylie, Kasen, Clayton Hutschal









PART 23: THE CANADIAN ROMANIAN SOCIETY



2018 Year-end Message from your President George Moss

At our yearly Boian Picnic, we celebrated our 40th year as a Society, the 120 years of the arrival of the Romanian Pioneers and the 100 year celebration of the unification of the principalities, that created the Romanian Nation. During the Boian Picnic, we also hosted and assisted in the production of a documentary, reflecting on the 100 years since unification, from the perspective of Romanians living in Canada. In addition, our yearly events continued at the Boian Museum, Edmonton Heritage Festival, and the ongoing dance training program for the children, among other activities.

We must also not forget the 100 year commemoration of the end of WW1, of which certain Boian, Romanian Canadian pioneer men served, among thousands of others.

In conclusion, the success of your Society, can only be attributed to the enumerable volunteer hours and efforts of your Board of Directors, the respective Committee Chairs, their families, and the countless volunteers in the background that make this Society what it is.

Wishing you all Health, Happiness and Prosperity in 2019. Happy New Year! Un An Nou binecuvantat!

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PART 24: THE ROMANIAN
PIONEER MUSEUM OF
BOIAN, ALBERTA



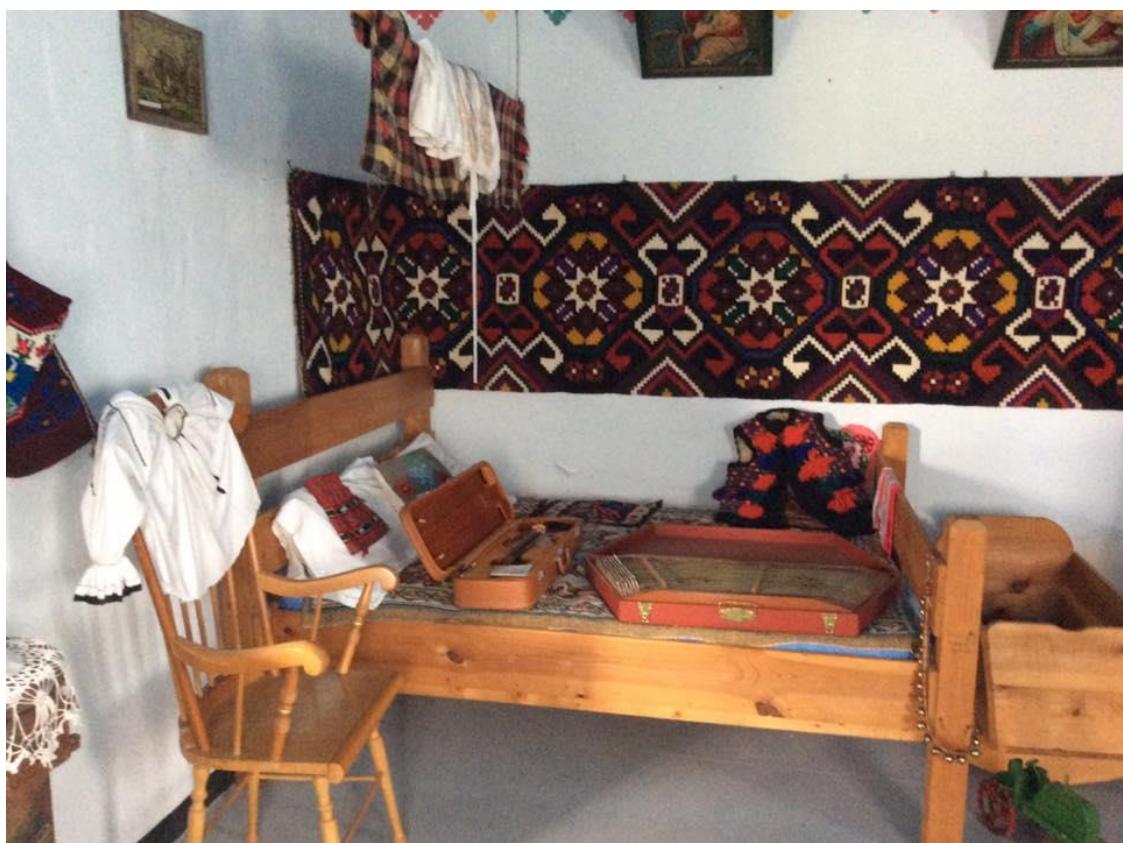


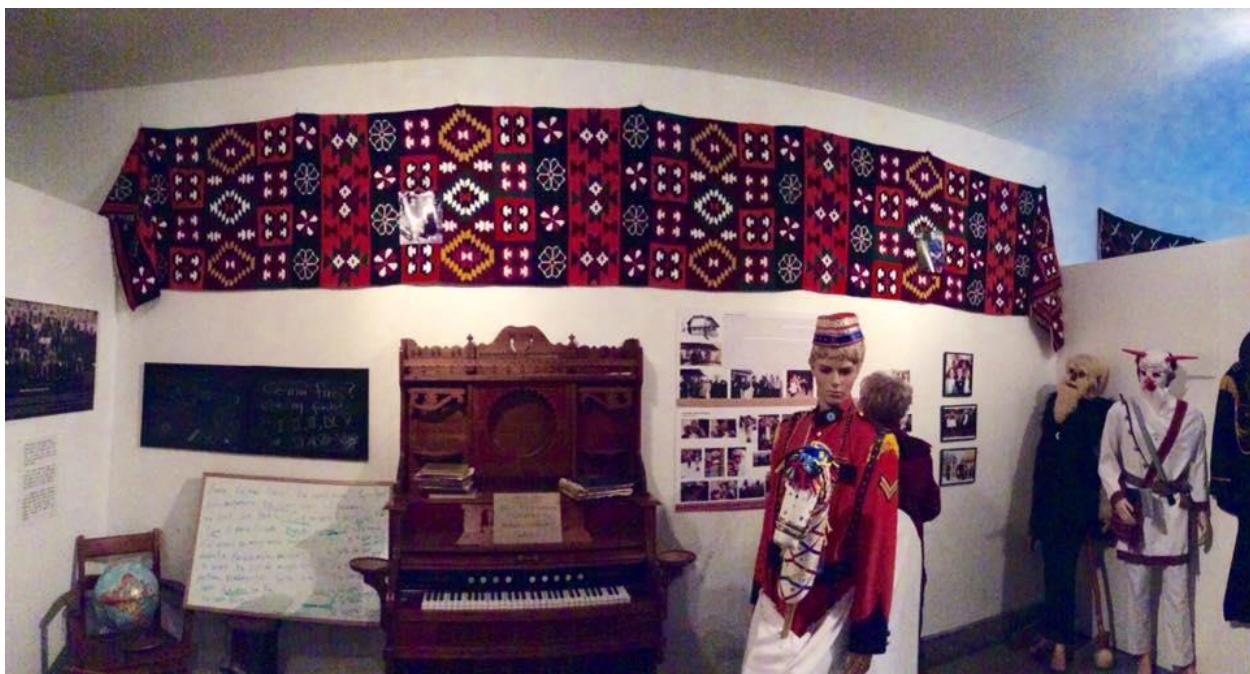














A TRIBUTE TO ROMANIAN PIONEERS
WHO IMMIGRATED TO ALBERTA
100 YEARS AGO AND SETTLED IN
BOIAN AND SURROUNDING AREAS

WITH HONOUR AND DIGNITY
THEIR FAMILY NAMES
ARE INSCRIBED HEREIN

ALDIE	FEICA	PAULENCU
ANDRIETZ	FRUMOS	PETRANIUK
AXANI	GONGOS	PIELLA
BALAN	GORDA	POROZNI
BANDUR	GORDEI	PREDY
BASARABA	GORINIUK	RAVLIUK
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CREISON	KELBA	SIMINIUK
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DARDA	LUTIC	SOPROVICH
DAVID	MATEI	STEFANITZ
DELITZOY	MIHALCHEAN	STEFOREAK
DENELIU	MORGOCHE	SWEKLA
DORISH	MOROZ	TKACHUK
DUBITZ	MOSCALUK	TOMA
DUMITRASCHUK	MURARIU	TOMASKY
DUMITRASH	MUSURANCHAN	TRASCAU
ESAK	NEICA	VISITEW
EUCHUK	NIKIFOR	YURKO
FALKA	NICHIFOREAK	ZAHARICHUK
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