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# PART 21: VETERANS OF THE WORLD WARS AND KOREA FROM BOIAN, ALBERTA

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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
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**\*\*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



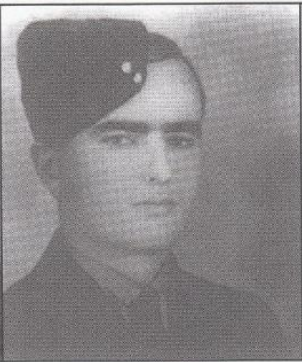
**George Darda**  
Army, 1940-43



**John Darda**  
Army



**Peter David**  
Army

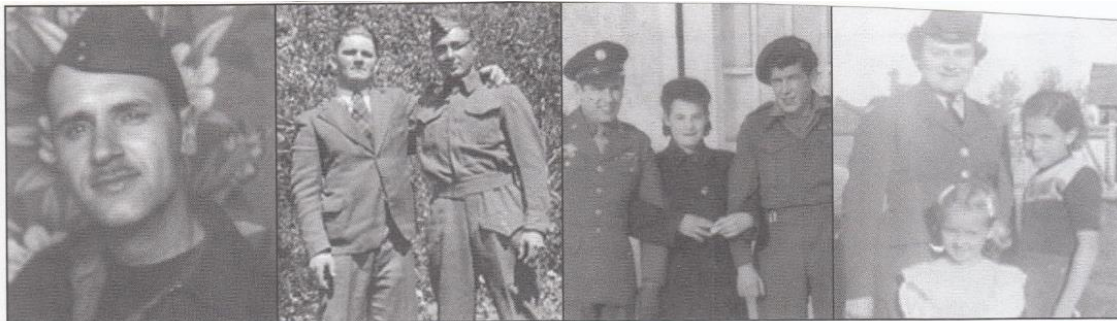


**John Dorish**  
RCAF



**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.





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# PART 22: ABOUT THE AUTHOR, LES LUTIC

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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.



## **ROMANIAN PIONEER MUSEUM**

*Boian, Alberta*

Les Lutic

Romanians of Boian

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Mom Leonard Leslie Dad.



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



Bunica Sanda T. Toma 1918







































































Kylie, Kasen, Clayton Hutschal















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# PART 23: THE CANADIAN ROMANIAN SOCIETY

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## **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!

## **BOARD OF MEMBERS**

President: George Moss

Vice-President: Cristian Patilea - Casino Chair

Secretary: Mihaela Esanu

Treasurer: Andra Bob - Finance Chair

Director: Les Lutic - Museum Chair

Director: Dan Tapoveti - Heritage Chair

Director: Maria Bob - Cultural Chair

Director: Adrian Diaconasi - Technical & Membership Chair



















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# PART 24: THE ROMANIAN PIONEER MUSEUM OF BOIAN, ALBERTA

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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	PIPELLA
BALAN	GORDA	POROZNI
BANDUR	GORDEI	PREDY
BASARABA	GORINIUK	RAVLIUK
BEZOVIE	HAUCA	REWEGA
BIDULAK	HARASIM	ROMANKO
BOBOCEL	HENATIUK	ROPCHAN
BOTA	HNETCA	RUSS
BUDNITSKY	HRENIUK	SANDULAK
BUMBAC	HUTZCAL	SCRIMBITZ
CHIBREE	IFTODY	SEGIN
COHAN	IONETZ	SERBU
COJOCAR	KACHUK	SHUHANY
CREISON	KELBA	SIMINIUK
CUCHERAN	KOKOTAILO	SIMINOVICI
CUTSUNGHEVICI	LACUSTA	SKIRKA
DARDA	LUTIC	SOPROVICH
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DELITZOY	MIHALCHEAN	STEFORAK
DENELIUK	MORGOCH	SWEKLA
DORISH	MOROZ	TKACHUK
DUBITZ	MOSCALUK	TOMA
DUMITRASCHUK	MURARIU	TOMASKY
DUMITRASH	MUSURANCHAN	TRASCAU
ESAK	NEICA	VISITEW
EUCHUK	NIKIFOR	YURKO
FALKA	NICHIFORAK	ZAHARICHUK
FEDORAK	ONCIUL	ZUK

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