

Yakym and Josepha
Chmelyk
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Ukrainian Immigrants
Palatia
May 13, 1898



Yakym Chmelyk, Josepa Chmelyk nee Yuzda, son Mykolo age 2, Kindrat Chmelyk and Harysym Yuzda arrived in Halifax Canada on board the Hamburg Amerika ship Palatia on May 13, 1898. They were part of a group of Ukrainian immigrants promised a better life in Canada. They were to proceed to homestead in the Strathcona area in what was then the N.W.T. There was an attempt made to settle this group of immigrants in Fish Creek, Saskatchewan instead. They rebelled and were then allowed to continue their journey to their promised land. The family originally homesteaded in Beaver Lake - Edna/Starr - Krakow/Hilliard Alberta. Raised a family of 5 surviving children and for all their lives thought there was no other place on earth like their Canada. The homestead still stands, with some of the original items still standing. Unfortunately no other artifacts or pictures have survived. We will always be grateful for our grandparents courage to attempt a new life in a New Country.