



Streets of Swift Current

Aberdeen

Kem Aberdeen was a schoolteacher from 1931-c.1971. Possibly from Lord Aberdeen, Governor General of Canada from 1893-1898.

Alexander

Harold Rupert Leofric George Alexander, Earl Alexander of Tunis who became Governor General from 1946-1952.

Ashford

Fred Ashford, City Clerk from 1936-1956.

Begg

Mr Begg was a lawyer in Swift Current.

Bell

Charles Reid was a prominent merchant and one of the developers of the Ashley Park area. He would have a daughter named Bell.

Bray

C. Edwin Bray was in the real estate and insurance business from c.1913-1949.

Chaplin

It is likely named after the Henry Chaplin, Viscount Chaplin. He and Sir Frederic Johnstone hunted bison in the Chaplin area in 1859, accompanied by a guide. The guide named the nearby lake Chaplin Lake and the larger lake to the southeast Johnstone Lake. These can be found on John Palliser's map of 1860.

Cheadle

Dr Walter Butler Cheadle arrived in Quebec City in July of 1862 from England as part of Lord Milton's Western Canada expedition. He and a companion, William Fitzwilliam, travelled across the continent, wintering near Fort Carlton before reaching Victoria, British Columbia.

Dahl

Robert Clarence Dahl was born in Swift Current and attended Central School, Swift Current Collegiate, and studied accounting at the University of Saskatchewan. He went to work for City Hall in 1934 as the accountant for the Utilities Department. The following year he began working for WW Cooper, who had recently taken over the Swift Current Bottling Works. In 1939 he bought the bottling works, modernized the plant, and acquired the Coca Cola franchise for the region.

R.C. Dahl was an alderman from 1952-1955 before becoming Mayor in 1957 to 1962 and then again from 1967-1973. During his tenure, the City paid off its debt, built the long-awaited

overpass to the south side, built a new civic centre, swimming pool, and museum. Between being a Councilor and Mayor, Dahl served 19 years.

His personal interests included music and led him to play in the citizen's, Elks, and the 14th Canadian Hussars Regimental band. He was also a clarinet instructor for the Swift Current Boys Band in 1957. From 1950-1951 he was President of the Indians Hockey Club and spent 2 years on the Union Hospital Board.

Dodds

J.T. Dodds held many important positions in the community. He was a teacher in Swift Current's first school, school board secretary, Justice of the Peace (1903), first secretary treasurer of the Swift Current Local Improvement District, and later a homestead inspector (1906).

Dufferin

Believed to be named after the Earl of Dufferin who was Governor General from 1872-1878.

Elgin

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Friesen

J.E. Friesen was a lawyer and judge in Swift Current. From 1936-1939 and 1943-1948 he served as an Alderman before serving as Mayor in 1953-1954.

Gibbs

Harry Gibbs was an Alderman in Swift Current from 1936-1944. From 1944-1956 he was the MLA for the area and part of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

Gladstone

Possibly named after a British Prime Minister or local Gladstone Kelly. Mr Kelly was one of the earliest auto mechanics in Saskatchewan, having begun to tinker with the first cars in 1906 as a youth. He came to Swift Current in 1910 as a projectionist for the Unique Theatre. In 1912 he went to work at the Lyric Theatre. When the Princess Royal opened, he became the stage manager. After WWI he operated in the Eagle Theatre. His early mechanical skills led him to become a mechanic for the Great West Implement Company in 1921.

Greenblat

James Greenblat was born in Winkler, Manitoba in 1895. Orphaned at a young age, he moved to Swift Current in 1907 to live with an uncle. Greenblat was studying to be a lawyer when WW I broke out which led him to serve overseas in 128 Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force. After the war he worked for a while at the Canadian Guaranty Trust Company, before working for the Swift Current Herald and ultimately becoming editor of the Swift Current Sun.

Grey

Albert Henry George Grey, the 4th Earl Grey who served as Governor General 1904–1911.

Lorne

John George Edward Henry Douglas Sutherland Campbell, Duke of Argyll, known by the courtesy title Marquess of Lorne. Served as Governor General from 1878 to 1883.

McIntosh

John McIntosh was an Alderman in Swift Current from 1941-1942, 1945, and 1948-1949 before becoming Mayor from 1955-1956. In 1958 he was elected as MP for the area and served with the Progressive Conservative party in the House of Commons until 1972.

Powley

Hoffman C. Powley built the Alexandra Hotel, now the York, in 1907. His magnificent house was built for him family Lorne Street East, now the Swift Current Funeral Home. Mr Powley was an alderman on the last town council and first city council in 1914.

Railway

For the railway running along it in the downtown of Swift Current.

Rutherford

Ken Rutherford was a teacher, later a principal at Oman School. He served as alderman and then as mayor when he resigned his position at Oman School to go into private business. As mayor he was involved with the establishment of the co-operative horse processing plant and was a driving force within the Kinetic Club.

Scott

Thomas Walter Scott was born in 1867 in Ilderton, Ontario. He moved to Portage La Prairie in 1885 to work as a journalist with CJ Atkinson. Mr Scott followed Atkinson to Regina where he worked for the Regina Journal before buying half of the Regina Standard and the Moose Jaw Times. In 1895 he bought the Regina Leader and became involved in land speculation. When the province was formed in 1905, Scott became the first premier of Saskatchewan.

Walker

L.J. Walker was an Alderman from 1963-1965 and 1969-1973.

Winnie

The local Kinetic Club bought a pedigreed bulldog from Toronto, named Winnie after Winston Churchill. The dog, along with \$1,000 in war bonds was the grand prize for a raffle organized by the Club. The Kinetic Club bought Winnie back from the winner and in 1943 gave him to the minesweeper HMCS Swift Current as a mascot. Unfortunately, in January of 1944, Winnie lost a battle with an ox while in port. He was buried at sea with full military honours.

Yates

Colonel W. Milwarde Yates was a Boer War veteran and WW1 officer. He had a ranch on the Swift Current Creek, about 32km Northeast of Swift Current. During a Dominion Day celebration in 1904 Mr Yates met B.F. Merton, owner of the Swift Current Sun and Maple Creek Signal. Soon after Mr Yates became editor for both papers.