



Hargrave Ranch 125th Reunion Registration Package

Greetings!

We are thrilled that you and your family are attending the Hargrave Ranches' 125th Reunion on August 10th, 2013. Included in this Registration Package is everything you need to know about the day – from the meal plan to how to get to us! At the end of the package is the **Registration and Merchandise Form** for you and any other individuals you will be registering for. The deadline to submit your registration to attend the Reunion is **July 1st, 2013**. Any questions about the Reunion can be forwarded to Elizabeth Hargrave - e.j.hargrave@hotmail.ca, (403) 937-2228. Extended additional information and maps as well as a digital version of the registration package can be found at www.hargraveranch125.com. If you have access to the internet, we strongly recommend that you check out the website. We are looking forward to seeing you!

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Date: August 10th, 2013

Location: The Hargrave Ranch
Walsh, Alberta

Time: Registration opens at 9 AM

GENERAL SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

9 AM – 11 AM:	Registration
11 AM:	Welcome by James and Elizabeth Hargrave
11:30 AM:	Lunch (Menu listed below)
Afternoon:	House Tours, Group Photos, Games, and visiting at your leisure
6 PM:	Dinner (Menu listed below)
7:30 – 8 PM:	Speeches by family members
9 PM:	Music and Dancing

WHAT TO BRING:

- Hats
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Warmer layers for the evening
- Ball glove and running shoes if you (or your kids) would like to join in the ball game and other games
- Blankets and/or lawn chairs
- Bathing suits for children to play in the sprinkler
- Musical instruments (guitars etc.)

Worried that you won't know your way around the home Ranch once you get there? No problem! Once you arrive on Saturday we'll have maps as well as lots of other details waiting for you at the Registration table.

HOW TO GET HERE:

We are located approximately 40 minutes east of Medicine Hat and 25 minutes west of Maple Creek. As you make your way through Walsh, look for signage and balloons that will be directing you toward your destination.

Coming from Medicine Hat:

Hop on the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1) heading **EAST**. Follow the highway past Irvine until you see signs for Walsh. Turn **LEFT** into Walsh, across on-coming traffic. You will pass a gas station on both your left and your right as you enter Walsh. Follow the main road through town. You'll follow the road around a sharp left that will take you to a T in the road where you'll then turn right onto the gravel road and immediately

across the train tracks. Follow the gravel road over two big hills – about 10 km – until you reach the Hargrave Ranch sign on your right hand side. Turn here and follow the driveway into the main yard.

Coming from Maple Creek:

Hop on the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1) heading **WEST**. Follow the highway until you see signs for Walsh. Turn **RIGHT** into Walsh. Follow the main road through town. You'll follow the road around a sharp left that will take you to a T in the road where you'll then turn right onto the gravel road and immediately across the train tracks. Follow the gravel road over two big hills – about 10 km – until you reach the Hargrave Ranch sign on your right hand side. Turn here and follow the driveway into the main yard.

For your convenience, we have included a map at the end of this form, and have also posted them on the Reunion Website: www.hargraveranch125.com

ACCOMODATION:

While we only list two options here, there are many other places to stay in and around Medicine Hat. For simplicity's sake, we have reserved a block of rooms at the Medicine Hat Lodge.

1. The Medicine Hat Lodge

1051 Ross Glen Drive Southeast, Medicine Hat, AB T1B 3T8

Ph: (403) 529-2222

<http://www.medhatlodge.ca>

- **Rate:** \$135 Per Night until July 9th, \$160 after July 9th
- This rate applies to rooms with either two queens, or a king with a pullout
- The price of the room includes complimentary breakfast for a family of 4
- When booking, state 'Hargrave Family Reunion' and the Group Reference Number: **552582**
 - The rooms have been blocked off for both August 9th and 10th
- *The Lodge is great for kids! It has a wonderful pool and waterslide!

2. Eagle Valley Park Campground [Maple Creek]

Box 2108, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, SON 1N0

Ph: (306) 662-2788

Email: eaglevalley@sasktel.net

eagle.sasktelwebhosting.com

Eagle Valley Park Campground is about a 25 minute drive from the Ranch. We have had many friends and family stay here in the past and they have all really enjoyed it.

ON THE MENU:

With so many food intolerances, allergies and restrictions these days, we are trying our best to make sure everyone has something to eat on the day of! Here is what we are planning. We give you an opportunity to list any allergies or food concerns you have when you fill out the registration form. GF denotes gluten free.

Lunch:

Hamburgers + Fixings (GF), Potato Salad (GF), Coleslaw, Tossed Salad (GF), Cookies (regular + GF), Fruit and Veggies

Dinner:

9 oz Rib eye Steak (GF), Baked Potatoes (GF), Ceasar Salad, Tossed Salad (GF), Garlic Bread, Pie (Regular and GF), Ice cream (GF)

*Available throughout the day will be: fruit + veggies, popsicles, water, juice, tea + coffee

** Registration fee includes two drink tickets (age applicable)

JH 125th REUNION REGISTRATION + MERCHANDISE FORM

DEADLINE TO REGISTER + PURCHASE MERCHANDISE FOR THE REUNION IS JULY 1ST, 2013

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Save the completed form and **email** it to Elizabeth Hargrave (e.j.hargrave@hotmail.ca)
- **Mail** the completed form to Elizabeth Hargrave at Box 99, Walsh Alberta, T0J 3L0



THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO PAY:

Please pay at the same time as registering or we will not be able to process your registration.

- Visit our website (www.hargraveranch125.com), select the 'Registration Tab' and follow the listed link to the **Paypal website**. You can pay by credit card here for a small additional fee.
- **Mail** a cheque, made out to Elizabeth, with your registration form to Elizabeth Hargrave at Box 99, Walsh Alberta, T0J 3L0

We've provided space below to register up to four people. If you need to register more than four, **you can print off an extra registration sheet from our website.**

Name (First, Last):	Maiden Name (If Applicable):
Address:	City, Province:
Postal Code:	Home Phone:
0 – 5 Years: <input type="checkbox"/> 5 – 12 Years: <input type="checkbox"/> 12 and above: <input type="checkbox"/>	← Check which age applies
Food Allergies/Intolerances:	

Name (First, Last):	Maiden Name (If Applicable):
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City, Province:	Postal Code:
Home Phone:	0 – 5 Years: <input type="checkbox"/> 5 – 12 Years: <input type="checkbox"/> 12 and above: <input type="checkbox"/>
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MERCHANDISE:

Since the Reunion is only one day, we've come up with a few options for you to remember the day by. A memoir book, ceramic mugs, t-shirts as well as another book on Hargrave History. Both t-shirts and mugs **MUST** be pre-ordered (there will only be a few available on the day of), and while you can place an order for the memoir at the Reunion, we strongly encourage you to pre-order your copy as requesting multiple printings increases the price. All merchandise that is pre-ordered will be ready for you when you arrive on the

day! Please be reminded that there is more detailed information about the merchandise on the website including images and examples of what you would be ordering.

1. MEMOIR BOOK

The memoir book is a soft covered book that is being produced especially for the Reunion, and for you and your family to enjoy for years to come. It will include an overview of the history of the Ranch, personal memoirs from all of the descendants of Tom and Mary (4 generations), tributes, stories, recipes and photos. It will be approximately 200 pages. As mentioned above, we strongly suggest that you pre-order your copy of the memoir as requesting additional printings from our publisher is expensive. If you are interested in seeing a preview of the book, a few pages for example will be uploaded to the website for you to view. **Cost: \$35.00.**

2. CERAMIC MUGS

We will be ordering blue ceramic mugs with the JH Logo on them. Access the website for a picture of them. **Cost: \$5.00.**

3. T SHIRTS

T-shirts will be available for all ages and sizes. Their fit is unisex, and sizing is almost an exact match of a standard Fruit of the Loom t-shirt, except for being a bit longer in the torso. They will be a very soft cotton. Access the website for pictures of the design as well as sizing charts. **Cost: Adult/\$15, Youth + Infant/\$10.**

4. The Bear and the Bone King book by Malcolm Sissons

Malcolm Sissons, a descendant of the JH's first generation – James and Alexandra – has edited and published a book detailing stories of Will Hargrave and others. Includes many photos and maps from the Medicine Hat archives. **Cost: \$20.00**

COMPLETING YOUR REGISTRATION:

Step 1: Confirm and review registrant information

Step 2: Total your registration fees and merchandise selections

REGISTRATION FEES (age at the time of the Reunion)	MERCHANDISE
0 – 5 Years: _____ x \$0.00 = \$0.00	JH Memoir: _____ x \$35.00 = _____
5 – 12 Years: _____ x \$25.00 = _____	Reunion T-shirt (Adult): _____ x \$15.00 = _____
12 and above: _____ x \$50.00 = _____	Colour: Grey _____ or Blue _____
	Size (select or circle one): S M L XL XXL
	Reunion T-shirt (Youth): _____ x \$10.00 = _____
<i>**If ordering more than one TShirt, please specify size</i>	Size (select or circle one): XS S M L XL
<i>and number in the space below:</i>	Reunion T-shirt (Toddler): _____ x \$10.00 = _____
	Size (select or circle one): S M L
	Reunion Mug: _____ x \$5.00 = _____
	Bear and the Bone King: _____ x \$20.00 = _____
Total: _____	

Step 3:

- Email or mail the completed registration form to Elizabeth Hargrave
- Complete your payment online via the Reunion Website (www.hargraveranch125.com; 'Registration' Tab), or mail a cheque with a hard copy of the completed registration form to Elizabeth Hargrave
- **PAYMENT** for the Reunion **MUST** be received at the same time as submitting your registration form, or your registration will not be processed
- **NOTE:** If you are emailing your registration form as well as completing your payment online, we will receive an email confirmation of your payment once it has been submitted.

Step 4: Wait for an email confirming your registration and arrive on the 10th ready to enjoy the day! We can't wait to share the Ranch with you at the **Hargrave Ranch's 125th Reunion!**

Have some extra time during your visit to Medicine Hat? There are lots of interesting historic points of interest around the 'Hat that pertain to Hargrave History. Locations and descriptions are listed below.

HARGRAVE FAMILY POINTS OF INTEREST AROUND THE HAT

WALSH

JH RANCH

Established in 1888 north of Walsh, it is actually the third Hargrave ranch in the area. James' first ranch was on Riverside, followed briefly by a second ranch on the Little Plume Creek. The long established JH Ranch is now operated by James and Elizabeth Hargrave. It incorporates the (Dan/Frank) Sissons' ranch and the Mullins' (Elizabeth Hargrave) homestead. Directions: from Walsh on the TransCanada, drive through the village to the tracks, turn left, then first (and only) right over tracks. Follow gravel road due north 10.1 km to entrance sign for ranch.

RIVERSIDE IN MEDICINE HAT (north side of river, use Finlay Bridge. Note that from 1883 until 1908, the Hargraves had to cross the river daily for school, church or work by ferry, the CPR bridge, or on the ice).

HARGRAVE PARK at Division Avenue and 4th St. NE

Hargrave Park, part of the original ranch, is a quiet treed park just west of where the Hargraves had their home. Note the stone commemorative arch. At the west end of the park is where the cattle crossed the rail line to pasture on the hillside above the CPR. There is a natural spring on the hillside that provided fresh water.

MURRAY HOUSE at 7 - 4th St. NE

Tom and Heather Murray lived in this house until Alexandra (Lexie) died, and they moved in with James, and returned to it in 1948. The block between 3rd and 4th St. and Division to 1st Ave. NE was James' and Lexie's garden (a big one in the early days!).

HEATHER'S COTTONWOOD TREE

The big old Cottonwood tree in the parking lot behind the former Riverside Presbyterian Church was planted in honour of Heather's birth in 1888. It is all that remains of the Hargrave home (called Altawana) that used to sit where the parking lot is now. The tree is recognized as a Heritage Tree of Alberta. The Hargrave barn sat closer to the tracks, about where Phoenix House is today.

TOM HARGRAVE HOUSE at 3 - 2nd St. NE

This brick two storey house was Tom and Molly's "town house" and allowed their children to attend school in Medicine Hat.

JACK HARGRAVE HOUSE SITE (behind St. Joseph's) at 156 3rd St. NE

In early photos of Riverside, there are two houses side by side, the James Hargrave house (built of moulded concrete simulated sandstone block) and his son Jack's red brick house. In recent times, this house was incorporated into St. Joseph's and nothing left. Enjoy the brick sculpture garden next to St. Joseph's and the Heritage Elm tree.

DOWNTOWN AND HILL LOCATIONS

HARGRAVE & SISSONS STORE (now Inspire Cafe at 675 2nd St. SE)

The brick store replaced the original wooden store in 1901 and is now a Municipal Heritage Resource (see plaque). Open Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday. Go on in and have a meal or a tea or a glass of wine and soak in the atmosphere, imagining James at his work, with a big bearskin tacked on the back wall. The kitchen area walls have been added but the upper windows, exposed wooden posts and floor are original. "The Bear and the Bone King" is for sale here along with lots of local artwork.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (AND WINDOWS) at 504 - 2nd St. SE

James was an elder at St. John's and very strict in his religious observance. The current church (a replacement of the first wooden church that also served as first school) was built in 1902, with addition in 1953. It is a registered Municipal Historic Resource. The windows in the sanctuary were donated by various member families, including Hargrave descendants. One of the exterior brick sculptures was donated as a legacy by the Gordon Sissons family. Church service is Sunday at 10:30 AM.

MITCHELL HOUSE at 234 1st St. SE

After serving as a doctor's home and office, the house became the town house of Jim and Queenie Mitchell, with Mel Hawke and Helen Mitchell also living there. Allan and Nora (Mitchell) Gunter built the house to the east, most recently lived in by the Tom Sissons family. To the west was a town house built by Hargrave and Gwen Mitchell.

FRANK SISSONS HOUSE at 5 - 1st St. SE

Frank (aka F.O.) Sissons was the son of Dan Sissons (brother of Lexie) and James Hargraves' original business partner. After his father died, Frank took over his father's interests in the store, the Sissons ranch at Walsh, and worked at real estate and other business interests. Appointed Colonel of the 3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles, he raised the regiment and took it overseas in WWI. Unfortunately, the house has fallen on hard times.

HERB AND LISSA SISSONS HOUSE at 363 Cambridge St. SE

After the acquisition of the Medicine Hat Brick and Tile in 1929, Herb and Lissa moved from Redcliff to this house in Medicine Hat. It is built of "clinker" brick, overburned brick that have to be broken apart. Gordon, Tom and Jack Sissons grew up here.

HILLSIDE CEMETERY Gershaw Drive (Hwy 3) at 10th Avenue SW

Many Hargrave family graves can be found (Cecil Hargrave was the first one to be buried there). On the web at <http://www.medicinehat.ca/index.aspx?page=1093> you can search for the exact location of members of your branch who might be buried at Hillside. James and Lexie's graves are located at A 31.

MEDICINE HAT BRICK AND TILE (I-XL) Porcelain Avenue over Corbin Bridge off Hwy 41A (Industrial Ave.)

Brick making began on this site in 1886 and continued until the flood of 2010 immobilized the plant. The Redcliff Pressed Brick Company (James Hargrave, President) acquired it in 1929 and Herb Sissons and his descendants operated it until the flood. It has since been donated to the Friends of Medalta and became an Alberta Heritage Resource in 2012. It will be open for tours on a limited basis in the summer of 2013, inquire at Medalta.

REDCLIFF

CARL HARGRAVE HOUSE at 716 Broadway Avenue

Built originally as the Manager's Residence for the Redcliff Clay Products, young Carl Hargrave and his bride Aimee Woodcock lived there for many decades until they sold to Rod and Joan McMillan.

REDCLIFF PRESSED BRICK (I-XL) KILNS Mitchell St. (turn south on Mitchell from Broadway Avenue) The brick kilns and chimneys are what remains of the original I-XL plant, built in 1912-13 (100 years ago) and operated until 2003 when production was transferred to the Medicine Hat Brick and Tile. A press is on display but the site is only viewable from street.

[Points of Interest compiled and written by Malcolm Sissons]

Map to the JH Ranch 125th Reunion

