



Mary Kilberg

(1905 -)

Mary Kilberg was born in New Orleans on Dec. 16, 1905. Her father, a Norwegian ship captain, moved the family back to Norway in 1907 where Mary resided until she graduated from High School.

In the 1920's she immigrated to Canada with her father where she helped him get established in Vancouver until her mother, sister, and brother could join them.

On August 21, 1927 Mary married Henry Otto Kilberg, a graduate of the Agricultural College in Sweden. In 1938 after saving enough money, they purchased 160 acres on the Fraser River in Deroche.

For the next 28 years, Mary worked alongside her husband to establish a thriving farm. She helped build a road into the property, construct a house and barn, plant fruit trees, and raise horses and purebred Aberdeen Angus cattle. She milked cows by hand, and sold milk, butter, eggs, fruit and wood.

Always ready to lend a helping hand when needed, Mary also played an active role in the community. In recognition of her contributions, she received an Air Canada *Heart of Gold Award*, a 25 year pin from the Mission Health Care Auxiliary Society, and, in 1997 was acknowledged for her "years of faithful and dedicated service to the Mission Branch of the Old Age Pensioners organization".

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