

THE HISTORY OF SOUTH ROBILLARD

THE PEOPLE THE FARMS THE SCHOOLS

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FOREWORD

It is my intention to give the names of all the people who have lived on the various lots from 1912, and in a few cases before, until the present 1974. There are some lots in the extreme south and west parts of the township that I know little about. If there is something that I do not know about a lot I will say so. Any information that I give I will believe to be correct. But, on the other hand I cannot vouch for the correctness of all information, nor will I be sure of my spelling of names. If someone sees some information that is not correct, or a name spelled wrong, I can assure them that it is not done intentionally.

It is my intention to start at the shore of the Blanche River at the boundary between Dack and Robillard and work down the lots 1. Then I will come back to the river again and work down the lots 2, and so on across the township. Doing it this way, if any reader wishes to draw up a map of the township, with the owner's names marked on the map, they can easily do so.

When we look through a list of the lots and their owners, we will notice that many of the names that appear on the roll in 1912 disappear after a few years. We will notice that some of the lots have never been farmed; and that some have stood more or less vacant over the years. Perhaps I should explain something of the process of homesteading, and its abuses, so that the reader may understand the reason for this, and may get a better understanding of the situation.

In the early 1900's practically all of South Robillard was made open for homesteading. I do not know the exact rules as they apply to homesteading. However when a man homesteaded land he was required to build a house of a certain size, and clear a certain amount of land, in a certain length of time. While doing this he