

FRANK AND STELLA GILHAM

Dreams, Dust and
Dedication

Stella Lennox and Frank Gilham were both born and raised in the Cavendish area. We received area most of our education in the little white school house. Frank worked for some ranchers for some years, then headed for the bright lights of Calgary. There he worked for the Big Chief Service. I worked in the store in Cavendish for some time. Then I too went to Calgary.

In January, 1939, we thought two could live cheaper than one so we were married. Our only child Patricia was born in 1941.

Frank joined the Armed Forces in 1941, and served overseas, returning in December 1945, and received his discharge.

I was now living in Carseland and working in the grocery store. Then we worked on a farm for several years until Frank started with the Western Irrigation District in March, 1952. We lived at the headquarters there.

In 1970, he was transferred to Strathmore and became construction foreman. In 1972, he became assistant manager, and in 1975 became General Manager and held that position until retiring in 1979. Since that time, we have enjoyed life the leisurely way.

Pat nursed in High River for several years where she met her husband Fred Randle. They were married in March 1961. They have two children, John, 15, and Shelly, 13. They farm and ranch.

My mother and father, Stewart and Agnes Lennox came from England in 1912 and farmed in the Cavendish area. Dad passed away in 1939 and Mum in March of 1983, just one month short of her 99th birthday. She enjoyed life at the Lodge in Strathmore for several years and also lived with us for some years. She enjoyed playing the piano almost to the last.

Frank's mother and Dad came from England in 1912 and farmed in the Cavendish area. They made their only return trip to England in November, 1952, returning in March 1953. They really enjoyed their visit.

In 1954, they retired to live in Strathmore. Dad Gilham passed away in 1963 and Mum in 1967.