



“The Village of Tomorrow”

Nestled in rolling hills where parkland meets the foothills, Cremona is a charming village in the south-west corner of Mountain View County in South-Central Alberta.

History of Cremona

Cremona had its beginning in 1906 when pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Jackson, opened a store and post office 1.5 miles east of the village’s present location. Smith’s brother Squire, who had a homestead in the area, wanted to call the new post office Honely after the Jackson’s home in Yorkshire, England but the name was rejected by the Calgary office because it was too similar to Hanley, Saskatchewan. A fellow pioneer, Mrs. Joseph Reid had been reading an article on the Stradivarius violins of Cremona, Italy and she and Mrs. Jackson decided that “Cremona” would be the ideal name for the new community. When the railway came through in the 1930s, Cremona moved to its present location and was incorporated as a village in January, 1955.

Team Connection: Smith Jackson passed away from tuberculosis in 1909. Mrs. Jackson (Lillian) sold the store in 1910 and married Percy Bird and settled on his farm east of Cremona. Lillian and Percy were great grandparents of Coach Bruce Bird and great great grandparents of #11 Jenny Bird.