

# Rosenthal Ont School Pals Reunion, July 1, 1931 at August Summach’s Farm, Asquith, Sask

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## Forward by Rick Moffat:

On Wednesday, July 1 (Dominion Day) 1931 former residents of the Rosenthal district in Renfrew County Ontario gathered for a reunion at August Summach’s farm in the Avondale district south of Asquith, Saskatchewan. They had a photographer from the Gibson Studio in Saskatoon take a panoramic photo of the assembled group of families. I borrowed a copy of the photo from Colleen Hancharuk on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 so that I could have a copy made. She does not remember when her copy was made, or who has the original.



Notes from the back of Colleen's framed photo were provided by Harvey Summach. I have added some additional info from Uncle Ken in italics:

- Webbers – Pilgrims
- Sam Junop – Jim Smith (Ivan's)
- Wellwood – August Junop (Bill's dad)
- ? – Uncle Willy – Aunt Mary (hat) – Cecil & Harold
- Tom Johnson – Freds - Berger
- Ray Geisek – *Reuben* Briscoe
- A(unt) Minnie & August

**Family Groups**



### **Ernest Weber family group:**

Ernest Weber was the son of William Weber and Augusta Hartwig. He was born July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1888 in Hagarty Twp., Renfrew County. He married Nettie Margaret Hynes or Hein on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1925 in Renfrew County.

Their family included: Melvin, Erna, Erva and Helen.

### **William Pilgrim family group:**

William was the son of Gustav Pilgrim and Caroline Budarick. He was born Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1890 in Radcliffe Twp. He married Anna Weber, the daughter of William Weber and Augusta Hartwig on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 1916 in Radcliffe Twp., Renfrew County. She was born Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1893 in Radcliffe or Raglan Twp. (the registration page is for both townships.) Annie was a sister of Ernest Weber (see above.)

Their family included: Hazel, Grace, Esther, Viola and Frances.

### **Sam Junop family Group:**

Samuel Junop, the son of Christian Junop and Hannah Louise "Eliza" Luloff, was born Dec 23rd, 1893 in Raglan Twp., Renfrew County. Note that his military registration in 1917 gave his birth date as Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 1894, and his birth place as Rockingham, Brudenell Twp., Renfrew County. He married Lillian Helen Russell in 1918. She died in 1933.

Sam was a younger brother of Charles "August" Junop who is also included in the reunion photo.

Their family included: Glen, Gretta, Gerald, Richard and Raymond. Only the first two were born before the 1931 reunion.



**Jim Smith family group:**

**Tom Wellwood family group:**

**August Junop family group:**

Charles August Junop, the son of Christian Junop and Hannah Louise “Eliza” Luloff, was born Jan 22nd, 1880 or 1881 in the Rosenthal area of Renfrew County. He married Caroline “Carrie” Sophia Brown on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1914 although both the Asquith and Delisle family history books record that they married in 1916. She was born June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1891 in Radcliffe or Raglan Twp., Renfrew County.

Grandpa Fred liked to tell the story of the coffin that saved three men after their boat sank. The boat was the Mayflower, and it sank during a run from Barry’s Bay, Ontario back to Combermere on Nov 12, 1912 taking 10 lives. Robert Pachal, Carrie’s brother-in-law was on board, escorting her brother’s body (John Herman Brown) back to Ontario for burial. He accidentally shot himself near Yorkton on Nov 7, 1912. It was John’s floating coffin that allowed the three Mayflower passengers to survive the icy waters until they got to shore.



**Unidentified family group:**

**William Summach family group:**

**Tom Johnson family group:**

**Fred Summach family group:**

Grandpa Fred Summach was born Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 1890 in Rosenthal, Radcliffe and Raglan Twps., Renfrew County, Ontario. He married Esther Mary Martha Krieger on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 1913 in Palmer Rapids, Raglan Twp., Renfrew County, Ontario. She was born September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1890 in Palmer Rapids.

Fred was the brother of both William and August Summach. Esther was a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin of Mary Yourt, Mrs. James Smith.

- Tall - Em                      Delbert   Muriel
  - Mac
  - Grandpa                      Grandma
  - Baby Fred                      Baby Shirley
- Ken (tie) Estelle   Olive (Blonde)   Manley

**Otto Berger family group**

Otto was born in Eganville on Feb 24, 1884. His birth registration gives his name as John Otto Berger, while his obituary gives it as Otto Paul Berger. He moved west in about 1908, settling in the Delisle area



where he remained until his death in 1957. In 1916, he, his brother, Eddie and his sister-in-law, Martha were enumerated on the same page as the Fred and August Summach households, indicating they lived very close together. Otto was married to Clara Laverna (no known last name) sometime after 1916. According to his obituary, he was survived by his wife and one son, Robert Paul. There is no mention of other family members.

### **Ray Geisek family group**

#### **Reuben Briscoe Family:**

Reuben Francis Briscoe was born on Feb 9, 1892 in Renfrew County. In 1901, his parents, Brien and Rachel and family were living in Moose Jaw, and at the time of the 1911 and 1916 censuses they were living in the area. Sometime after 1916, he married Matilda Augusta "Tillie" Ristau, making him a brother-in-law of August and Minnie Summach. Matilda was the daughter of Mary Rosa Zummach, so she was also a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin of Grandpa Fred and August Summach. They were married in the Wiseton area, and in 1925 moved to Saskatoon. They had two children, Joy and Theodore Francis, who died in 1942. He worked for the City, retiring as Superintendent of Works. After his retirement, he worked with the Western Development Museum, and supervised the building of the museum in North Battleford. They named the main street of the museum in his honour. Tillie died in January 1971, possibly of injuries from when a snow plough struck their car during a snow storm. He died in September 1975.

#### **August Summach family group:**