

# WHITLOCK LUMBER COMPANY

The following picture and history of the Whitlock Lumber Company were sent in by Mrs. Muriel Beach of Strathmore, Alberta.

The Whitlock Lumber Company was formed after the First World War by Frederick John Whitlock and two other partners. They operated the company until 1950 when it was purchased by Ellis Stone and Wendell Greene. Wendell Greene's son Gordon advised us that in 1956 Wendell Greene, Gordon Greene, Ronald Greene and Gil Montpetit bought out Ellis Stone's interest in the company and finally in 1968 Wendell Greene sold his shares to the remaining shareholders.

Whitlock Lumber carried on in the retail lumber business until 1988 and we are advised it is still an active company and is presently in the process of remodelling the building for another, unspecified type of activity. Interesting to see that forty years after the last Whitlock was involved with the business, the name carries on.

Mrs. Beach advised that her father was also involved in another Whitlock Lumber yard in Oyen, Alberta. This was 1920 and the partners were Mr. M.M. McDonald (son of a lighthouse keeper at Ripley, Ontario on Lake Huron), his brother Donald, Mr. Frederick John Whitlock and Thomas Moore McGarry (son of a Colonel in the British Army).

(Mrs. Beach's father Frederick John Whitlock was the son of George Whitlock, a Conductor on The Grand Trunk Railway in Ontario and brother of my great-grandfather, Fredrick Whitlock.)

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