

**Bathia Ross, UE  
And her "Overlander" husband  
Alexander Leslie Fortune,  
THE FIRST SETTLER IN THE NORTH OKANAGAN**

*Bathia Ross was the great-granddaughter of*

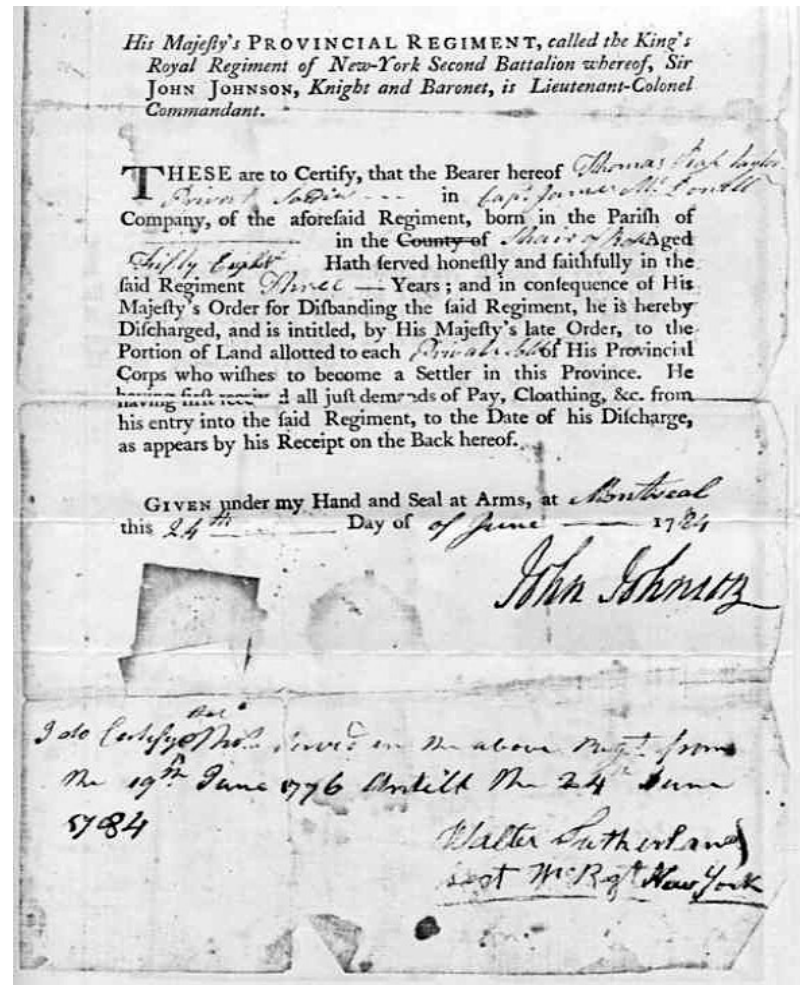
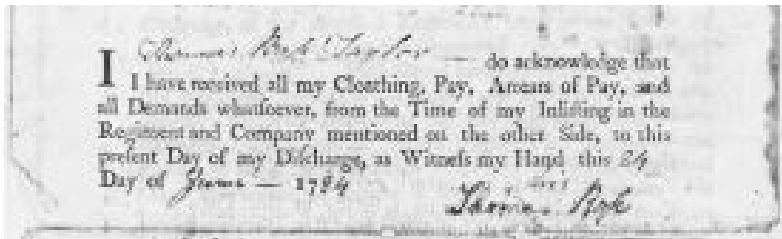
Loyalist, Thomas Taylor Ross

Thomas Ross (Taylor) is said to have served with the 78th Fraser Highlanders in the Seven Years' War (the war between Great Britain and France in North America 1754-1763) with Wolfe in Quebec in 1759.

In Scotland, he married Isabella (possibly Urquhart) where his sons were born in Glencalvie, in the Parish of Kincardine, Rosshire, Scotland.

The family decided to immigrate to America about 1772 and settled as tenants on Sir William Johnson's Kingsborough Patent in the Mohawk Valley, NY. (near what is today Johnstown, New York.)

When the American Revolutionary War began, Ross joined Sir John Johnson's, King's Royal Regiment of New York where he served till the end of the war. He was discharged 24 June 1784.



Copies of original documents now in possession of David Ross, a descendant of Thomas Taylor Ross's son Alexander.

His claim for compensation reads:

*Montreal, 15th January, 1788. 307. Evidence on the Claim of Thos. Ross, Tailor, Lat of Tryron County, N.Y. Province.*

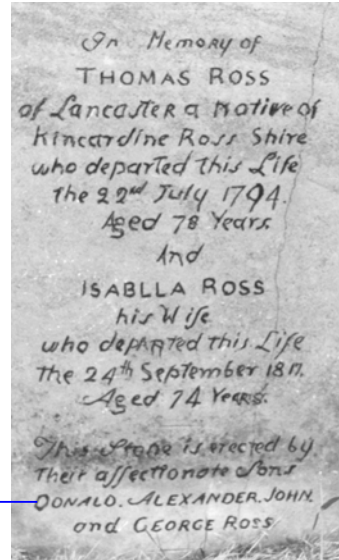
*Claimt. Sworn:*

- *He was at St. Laurent in 1783 on duty as a soldier in the 2nd Batal. Of Sir John Johnson's Corps.*
- *He is a native of Scotland and came to America in 1772. He settled on Sir John Johnson's Lands, and came to Canada with him in 1776.*
- *He served all the War, and now resides on River Raisin.*
- *He had 19 acres cleared in Johnston's, with House and Barn.*
- *He had 3 Cows, a Horse, some Furniture and Grain and Farming Utensils.*
- *Wits. Hugh Munro\* says he was his near neighbour and believes what he claims.*

*Thomas Ross's son, Donald married Christy Ann, the daughter of Hugh Munro, son of [Loyalist, Captain John Munro](#).*

In 1786, Thomas Ross was first granted land on Lot 28, 1st Concession of "Lake Township" (now [Lancaster, Glengarry County, Ontario](#)) where he settled with his wife and three children.

He is buried with his wife, Isabella in the Old South Cemetery, Lancaster Township, Glengarry County Ontario



## **BATHIA ROSS, UE**

Bathia Ross UE, was from good "stock". She is descended from Loyalist, Thomas Ross (Taylor) through his son, George and also from Loyalist, John Dunn through George's wife, Mary.



### **1862:**

Bathia Ross married [Alexander Leslie Fortune](#), son of Dr. Robert Fortune of St. Anicet, Huntington, Quebec. Four months later, Fortune joined the "[Overlander Party](#)" of approximately 138 adventurers headed by [Thomas McMicking](#) UE, to travel to the gold fields of the [Cariboo](#) in B.C. He would not see his wife again for 12 years.

## **A.L. FORTUNE**

Alexander Leslie Fortune was one of the most prominent early pioneers in the [North Okanagan](#) valley in British Columbia. He played an important part in opening up the [Enderby](#) district. His trying experiences and endurance of great hardships during his travels with the Overlanders brought out the strength and determination of character within him. Being a man of religious dedication, Mr. Fortune is remembered as one who had faith in his God and one who loved his fellow man.

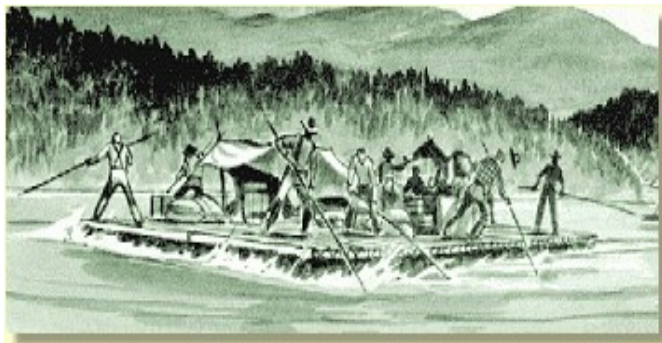


A.L. Fortune left Beaudette, Quebec in May of 1862. They travelled through the United States by rail and steamer to St. Paul on the Mississippi, by prairie coach to the [Red River](#), then by steamer to [Fort Garry](#). From there, they continued by oxen, horses, mules, and makeshift rafts until they reached the Cariboo in mid-September.

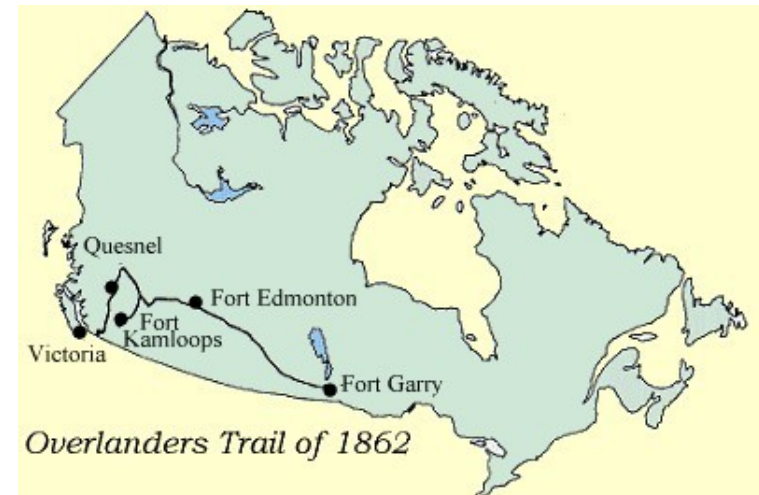


The Overlanders were on a precarious adventure and precautions were made for self-preservation. One very important rule was the “Sunday Rule”. Mr. Fortune was appointed the lay minister (he had studied two years at [Knox Presbyterian College](#) in Toronto, Ontario). Absolutely dedicated to his faith, he enforced the “Sunday Rule”

and removed any thoughts of violating it from the minds of protesters. If a man decided to travel on Sundays, his ox would be shot.



## **THE OVERLANDER’S JOURNEY**



Hearing unfavourable news of the conditions in the gold fields, Fortune and William Morrow, another Overlander, travelled down the [Fraser River](#) to Victoria and opened the Overlander Restaurant in Victoria.

### **1866:**

Travelling north up the Fraser River, Fortune, Malcolm, along with two other original Overlanders, Thomas Dunn and John Burns, explored the waterways of [Sicamous](#) and the surrounding area.

Fortune's group found [Mara Lake](#) on June 13, 1866. Greatly taken with the waterways of the [Shuswap](#), they ascended the river finding abundant wildlife and prime, untouched timber. They set up camp 6 1/2 miles upriver. On Monday, June 16th, they staked four claims in the names of Fortune, Malcolm, Dunn, and Burns about one mile East of what later was named Fortunes Landing (now [Enderby, BC](#)).



## BATHIA'S JOURNEY

Alexander Fortune

*Overlander separated from  
bride 12 years enroute here*

1874

Fortune returned to Lancaster, Ontario for his wife Bathia, who had been living the past 12 years with her father Murdock Ross and step-mother Margaret.

They travelled across the continent by way of the United States to San Francisco where Bathia probably visited with her brother, Dr. Thomas Ross, a graduate of [McGill University](#) who had relocated to Woodland, California in 1870. (By 1870, San Francisco had become the tenth largest city in the United States.) The U.S. [Transcontinental Railroad](#) ended the far slower and more hazardous stagecoach lines and wagon trains. They provided much faster, safer and cheaper (8 days and about \$65 economy) transport east and west for people and goods across half a continent. (The Canadian Pacific Railway was not completed until the [last spike](#) was driven by the Canadian Pacific Railway at Craigellachie B.C. 9:22 am on November 7, 1885).



From California they travelled by [steamer boat](#) to [Victoria](#), then by [river boat](#) up the Fraser River to [Yale](#).

*Picture: The SS Lillooet at Yale.*



From there, by wagon to [Savona](#).



*Picture: The Cariboo Road  
in the Fraser Canyon, circa  
1867.*

On the last part of the journey home, they travelled from Savona by boat on the Shuswap lakes to the point that is now known as Sicamous. Their journey then took them south through the narrow opening into Mara Lake and on down the Spallumcheen River (named by the local Indians meaning “beautiful”).

## HER NEW HOME IN THE SPALLUMCHEEN VALLEY

**August 1874:**

Travelling down the river on the steam vessel “Peggy”, Bathia noticed an unusual number of flags on the little craft and made a remark to Captain Tolmie:



“In the east from whence I have just come, I have never seen a boat so gaily decked unless there was a person of note on board.”

“Well, we have a person of note on board”, said the Captain.

“Who is it?” she asked.

“The first white woman to go into Spallumcheen” he answered gallantly (referring to Bathia herself).



Alexander Leslie Fortune had been the first settler to discover the opening into the Spallumcheen Valley from the north 8 years earlier.

After over 4,000 miles, Mrs. Bathia Fortune arrived at her new home at Fortune’s Meadow where she and Alexander would settle into their new life together.



## THE OKANAGAN

It is quite impossible to think of the development of the northern end of the Okanagan Valley without associating it with the name of Fortune.



Mr. Fortune was very much a churchgoing man. He considered it a privilege and pleasure to meet with the natives and spread the word of the gospel.



Although a Presbyterian, Mr. Fortune assisted the local Catholic priest with a Sunday school for the native children.

The Fortunes were never blessed with children and perhaps because of this, they loved and were loved by the local children.



## VISITORS

Life was not always easy for the Fortunes. They had to manufacture most of their implements and tools. However, they succeeded in growing fine crops. Sometimes food was so scarce, they had to subsist a whole winter on the wheat they grew. They roasted it to make coffee and bread, and fried it to make porridge for breakfast.

The Fortune's were accustomed to hard work and their lives of toil and honest and decent living were enriched by warm friendships. As new neighbours arrived, they were treated with the old homely Christian virtues of kindness and charity. Mr. Fortune always extended his friendship, assistance and sympathy to all who needed or asked for it without respect to race, creed, class or condition in life. This was largely the attitude of Mrs. Fortune towards all with whom she came in contact.

They were particularly helpful to the young men when they first arrived in the valley. When "those young fellows" visited the Fortune's home, no one could welcome them and make them feel at home with more graciousness, tact and kindness than Mrs. Fortune. Their home was a bit of eastern Canada transplanted to the west and the influence of their home extended far beyond the confines of its four walls.

Bathia recalls that the first white woman she saw after her arrival was not until December of that year. Two women living at Grande Prairie (Westwold) thirty miles away heard that she was nearby and made the trip by horse and buggy to visit her. They were Miss Kirkpatrick (later Mrs. Pringle) and Miss Pringle (Mrs. Newland).

The following May, a small party, including two white women from Kamloops travelled by boat to see her. The women were Mrs. [Catherine Schubert](#) (the only woman to travel with the Overlander party that had included her husband, A.L. Fortune) and Mrs. Thomas Greenhow (nee Elizabeth Coughlan) who was the niece of [Cornelius O'Keefe](#).

The Fortune home was for many years a hostel for travellers passing up and down the valley. Priests, Bishops and ministers of every denomination would stop for a cup of tea and an overnight stay. Among the visitors was Father Pendozi, the first white man to settle in the Mission (now part of Kelowna).

One distinguished visitor overnighing at the O'Keefe Ranch in Vernon, was the Governor-General of Canada, [John Campbell, Marquis of Lorne](#), who had married [Queen Victoria](#)'s daughter, Louise (for whom Lake Louise was named.)



*"One of the earliest cattle empires in the Okanagan began in 1867 when Cornelius O'Keefe and Thomas Greenhow drove cattle from Oregon to the north end of Okanagan Lake. In 1868 O'Keefe homesteaded 162 acres nearby, and within 40 years his cattle were grazing over 15,000 acres."* From BC Provincial Heritage Site marker at the O'Keefe Ranch.

## The Fortune's at home in 1911

*Courtesy of Enderby Museum and Archives.*



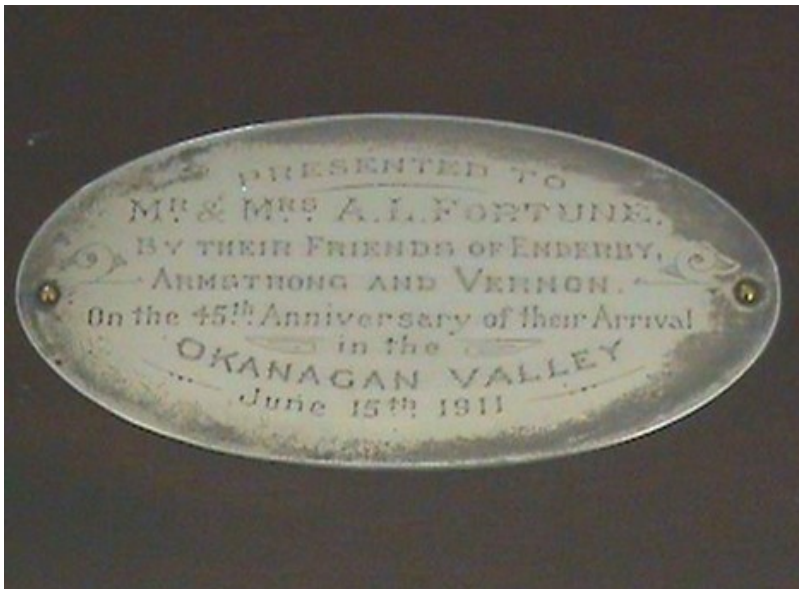


## HONOURED PIONEERS

In 1911, the people in the district, held a banquet to honour the 45th anniversary of the arrival of A.L. Fortune to the Okanagan Valley and to recognize the great service they had rendered as pioneer settlers of the Northern Okanagan.

At this banquet more than 225 of “the old timers” in the Valley praised the Fortunes for their steadfastness to principle coupled with their unselfishness and broad hospitality. On this occasion, they were presented with a beautiful silver tea service and mahogany tray on which is the inscription:

*“Presented to Mr. & Mrs. A.L. Fortune. By their friends of Enderby, Armstrong and Vernon.”*



When guests came to visit, Bathia always produced her silver tea service for their inspection.



This silver service now resides with family members and is passed down to the eldest daughter of each generation.

# Will Erect Monument to Memory of Mr. A. L. Fortune

**A.L.Fortune died July 15, 1915 at the age 85 years  
in Enderby, his most beloved town.**

*Obituary: Okanagan Commoner  
(in which is merged the Enderby Press and Walker's Weekly)*

*Enderby, BC. Thursday, June 7, 1923  
Vol. 16, No. 15, Whole No. 796.*

*Photo: Enderby and District Museum Society*



The life story of Mr. A. L. Fortune, the first white settler in the Northern Okanagan, was outlined by Rev. Lennox Fraser at the evening service in Vernon Presbyterian church Sunday last.

This great and good man sleeps in an unmarked grave in Landsdowne cemetery, and a movement is now on foot to appeal to all old-timers, and others to erect some simple yet fitting monument whereby his sterling character, hospitable heart, and influence for good may not be forgotten. Mrs. Fortune is still alive and is at present visiting at Vernon, says the Vernon News, and the hope is that some block of Okanagan granite, may be chosen, chiselled, and placed by the grave during her life-time.

Alexander Leslie Fortune was the eldest son of Dr. Robert Fortune of Huntington, Que.

Dr. Fortune was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, who married Isabella Leslie, who came with her parents to Canada from Inverness-shire.

Mr. A. L. Fortune studied for the ministry some two years at Knox College, Toronto, but his health failed, and he had to abandon all prospects of such a career.

In October, 1861, he married Bathia Ross, and in the following May, leaving Mrs. Fortune behind, he set out for the Cariboo gold fields, via Fort Garry, now Winnipeg, as one of the company of two hundred men, and one white wo-

man—Mrs. Schubert.

After many wanderings in search of the elusive gold, Mr. Fortune became the first white man to penetrate into Mara Lake and the beautiful "little prairie" lying between river and mountain, and now known as Enderby.

## No Roads Then

There were neither wagon roads, bridges nor trails. The nearest post office was at Ashcroft, 130 miles away, and the Hudson's Bay, Kamloops was their nearest store.

"We arrived," said Mr. Fortune, "at the season when God gives a finishing touch of glorious beauty to His own flower garden."

Gradually other settlers began to arrive, but of those who came between 1866-76, not one now remains alive. One by one those brave old pioneers left the plough in the furrow, the axe by the tree, and bid good bye to the ever-lessening list of the comrades of the western trail and now we have entered into their labors, and it becomes us to recall and commemorate their immeasurable contribution of personality and influence, of service and sacrifice to the past, present and future of the Northern Okanagan.

In 1874 Mr. Fortune went east to fetch Mrs. Fortune from the home of her father at Lancaster, Ontario. At the close of the long journey via San Francisco and Victoria by steamer and stage, Mrs. Fortune noticed an unusual number of flags bedecking the little steamer which was taking them up the Spallumcheen river and remarked on it to the captain saying she had never seen a boat so gaily decorated unless there was a person of note on board.

## First White Woman

"Well, we have a person of note on board," replied the captain.

"Who is it?" she asked.

"The first white woman to go into Spallumcheen," the captain answered gallantly.

Mrs. Fortune is still with us—active and alert to what is passing; erect and queenly of bearing, with such grace and charm as makes it a happiness to meet her, and a privilege to hear her tell of things that happened "in the brave days of old." Women of her stamp never grow old, they are always young at heart.

Mr. Fraser then went on to speak of the banquet tendered Mr. and Mrs. Fortune at Enderby on June 15th, 1911, the 45th anniversary of Mr. Fortune's arrival, and quoted as follows from Mr. Fortune's reply to the toast in his honor: "There are many pioneers in this district who are making their mark, yet they are not banquetted like this. Were I a genius who had given to the world some great and good work, or had invented some machine destined to be of untold benefit to mankind, then such an honor as this could be well understood. But, instead, here am I, a simple, plain, clod-hopper, and just because I have held to the work and love of Jesus—just my duty—you have shown me this honor."

Mr. Fortune died on July 5, 1915.

## His Many Virtues

Rev. Mr. Dow of Enderby in the course of his remarks at the funeral service spoke of the many virtues and outstanding graces of character which had endeared Mr. Fortune to such a host of friends and admirers. His life was a noble example to others. He taught the first Sunday school between Winnipeg and Victoria. He was a man of unbounded hospitality, invariable courtesy, and had a constant appreciation of the good in others. He was a Christian gentleman of the highest type. Around him all that was best in the life of the community clustered; he was indeed a king among men.

The pall-bearers to Landsdowne cemetery were Messrs. Geo. Bell, F. Assard, D. Graham, J. M. Wright, Schubert, and B. F. Young.

Mr. Fraser also quoted from the noble and glowing tribute from the pen of Mr. J. A. MacKelvie, M.P., which appeared in "The Vernon News" of July 8, 1915.

"Words straight from the heart," said Mr. Fraser, "which to attempt to alter or seek to improve would indeed be to pain the lily and pervert the rose."

The concluding portion of Mr. Fraser's address was as follows:

To live in grateful hearts in both viable and desirable, but—old men—and all of us who have entered into the heritage of the pioneers, I am seeking your sympathy and support towards the project now being launched in this way by the initiative of the presbytery of Kamloops for the purpose of erecting some simple and suitable monument at the grave of him who so faithfully and lovingly served his God and fellowmen.

## Asks Support

Contributions from Vernon and District may be sent to Mr. Leonard Norris who has kindly consented to act as local treasurer. The fund as a whole will be administered by the presbytery of Kamloops in co-operation with several of the old-timers.

Recently, Mrs. Fortune was ill, and we are seeking to have the monument up as soon as possible in order that she may have the joy of looking upon it before, once more, the living presence becomes the sacred memory. I do not speak to you of your duty in this connection, but do say that this should be looked upon as our high privilege and I feel this appeal shall not be in vain.

The cry of the human heart is ever to be remembered, but time blunts the edge of memory, and new interests crowd out the old, therefore, now, let love and gratitude be given "visibility and permanence," on that hallowed spot of which, long ago, he said with prophetic instinct: "I always look at that place when passing." From this year on, let others passing look and see that we have not forgotten him of whom we may so truly say:

"His life was gentle; and the elements So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up."

And say to all the world, "This was a man."

For surely such was Alexander Leslie Fortune, pioneer, peacemaker, and father of the Northern Okanagan.



**Bathia Fortune UE passed away 13 November, 1930 at the age of 96 years.**

*Obituary: Okanagan Commoner*

*Photo: Enderby and District Museum Society*



Okanagan's Grand Old Lady

Of Mrs. Fortune, the following appreciation is from the pen of a friend writing in the Armstrong Advertiser:

"If you have lived long in the Valley you will need no explanation, but if you are a new-comer before long you will have people say to you, 'Do you know Mrs. Fortune?' Happy indeed are you if you may say, 'Oh, yes indeed I do.' Up and down the Valley from one end to the other this gracious lady, who for fifty years has seen the summers come and go in the Okanagan, is known and loved by a host of friends. She came in the days when the Indians were frequent visitors and through all the changing conditions which the years have brought she still makes her home close to the banks of the Spallumcheen River at Enderby, where she first settled in this valley. She brought with her all the little delicate courtesies of the dignified days of Victoria. Her life and habits are unchanged and now in these later years wherever she goes throughout the valley she is the honored guest, the distinguished visitor, not only of

individual families but of the whole community at large. She has said that on that far off August day in 1873 when she landed from a boat, the first white woman to set foot in the valley, she repeated aloud the words of the old Psalm, 'Establish, O Lord, thine inheritance and make Thy dwelling place here among the children of men.' This, her prayer of consecration, has been abundantly answered through all the intervening years.

We saw her the other day riding in a swift motor car surrounded as always by a bevy of happy friends delighted with the opportunity of being with her. As she stepped from the car to pay a visit at the home of an old friend we were once again amazed at this "Grand Old Lady of the Okanagan." We secretly wished that the young girls of our physical culture classes could walk with that straight, graceful carriage. There was no evidence of the passing years or a relaxing to the indolence of a sloppy walk. Keen, kindly, this lady of the old school paid her visit and found time to gather a bunch of purple lilacs just in the glory of their blossoming time, and to visit the new tennis courts not far away. As we turned away, the chance spectator of this happy scene, we felt how the Okanagan was honored by this the first lady to come within its sheltering hills. Today busy towns and stretching farms cover what was once the unknown forest. She has lived to see her hopes realized and now in her happy home visited often by her friends from far and near she recalls the days of the past and recounts the stirring stories of pioneer struggles which she witnessed in the new land.

"Loved, respected, welcomed, she combines the activities of youth with the wisdom of the years and long may she continue to dwell in the Valley even as she now dwells in the hearts of its inhabitants—this Grand Old Lady of the Okanagan."



## FINAL RESTING PLACE

Headstone of Mr. & Mrs. A.L. Fortune



The Fortune's are buried next to their "Overlander" friends, the Schuberts.



Lansdowne Cemetery is located in the municipality of Spallumcheen.  
This cemetery served numerous settlements in the North Okanagan for over 100 years.



## REMEMBERING

What was first called "[Fortune's Landing](#)" Landing" is now called Enderby, BC.

Fortunes Creek, Fortunes Road and Fortunes Bridge are just a few places that have been named in his honour.

Friday, September 16th, 1966

### Founders of British Columbia



It is fitting that the Interior Provincial Exhibition, which begins its 66th year today, is also celebrating 100 years of established agriculture in Spallumcheen in B.C. Centennial Year, and honoring the memory of the man who, as the first pioneer and settler, laid a solid foundation for agricultural development in the North Okanagan . . .

#### ALEXANDER LESLIE FORTUNE

In its frontispiece tribute, the Interior Provincial Exhibition relates of the man who has been described by the Centennial Committee of British Columbia as a prominent contributor to "one of the most famous pages in British Columbia's history":

"On Monday, June 16, 1866, Alexander Leslie Fortune staked the first claim to land on the South bank of the Spallumcheen (now Shuswap) River at a point about one mile East of Enderby on land now forming part of the North boundary of the Municipality of Spallumcheen.

"Born at Huntington, Quebec, January 20, 1830, he studied for the Presbyterian ministry but ill health caused him to give it up. On May 2, 1862, shortly after his marriage to Miss Bathia Ross of Lancaster, Ontario, he left with a party of Overlanders for British Columbia and the gold fields."

**A.L. Fortune School** was built in 1913. The first floor was for elementary students and the second floor for high school students.



By mid 1950's it was overcrowded and a new elementary school was built keeping this building for grades 7 to 12. In 1975, a fire destroyed the top storey.

In 1978, a new [secondary school](#) school was built. Today, the old brick school remains as part of M.V. Beattie Elementary.



## St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



### 1886:

The first church in Enderby, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was built with the financial support of A.L. Fortune. He was at the fore-front of moral and social reform and was an advocate of temperance and total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The church was most likely named after [St. Andrew's Presbyterian \(now United\) Church](#), Williamstown, Glengarry County, Ontario where Bathia's ancestors are buried.

### 1877:

He served as Justice of the Peace and later magistrate.

### 1924:

A monument was erected in front of St. Andrews Church, the church he so dearly loved.



*IN HONOR OF ALEXANDER LESLIE FORTUNE  
1831-1915.*

*INTERRED IN LANSDOWNE CEMETERY*

*A MEMBER OF THE CARIBOO OVERLAND PARTY OF  
1862 THE FIRST SETTLER IN THE NORTH OKANAGAN  
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INDIAN AND WHITE*

*A GRACIOUS GENTLEMAN*

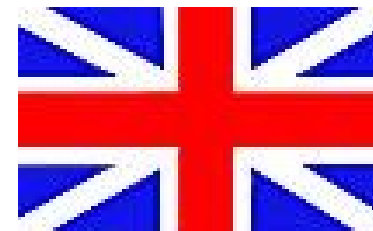
*"I HAVE HELD TO THE WORK AND LOVE OF JESUS -  
JUST MY DUTY"*

*ERECTED BY THE EARLY SETTLERS  
AND OTHER FRIENDS.*





In commemoration of Bathia Ross, UE  
on the occasion of the 96<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the  
United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Vernon, B.C.



## ANCESTORS OF BATHIA ROSS U.E.

Great-Grandparents

**Thomas Taylor  
ROSS**

*b: 1716 Parish of Kincardine, Scotland  
m: 1758 Glencalvie Parish, Kincardine Scotland  
d: 22 Jul 1794 Lancaster, Glengarry Co., On.  
Military service: United Empire Loyalist*

**ISABELLA**

*b: Abt. 1737 Scotland  
d: 24 Sep 1811 Lancaster, Glengarry Co., On.*

**John  
DUNN**

*b: Scotland  
Military service: United Empire Loyalist*

Grandparents

**John  
ROSS**

*b: Western Scotland*

**Bathia  
MCKENZIE**

*b: Western Scotland*

**George  
ROSS**

*b: Abt. 1770 Kincardine, Ross-shire, Scotland  
m: 10 Mar 1796 Williamstown, Ontario  
d: 05 Dec 1846 Lancaster, On.*

**Mary (Polly)  
DUNN**

*b: 1781 Lancaster, On.  
d: 11 Sep 1829 Lancaster, On.*

Parents

**Murdoch  
ROSS**

*b: 01 Apr 1802 Eddington Ross-shire Scotland  
m: 08 Feb 1832  
d: 17 Apr 1876 Bainsville, On.*

**Catherine  
ROSS**

*b: 01 Jul 1812 Lancaster, Ontario  
d: 09 Jul 1849 Williamstown, On.*

**Bathia  
ROSS**

*b: 26 Mar 1834  
d: 13 Nov 1930 Enderby, B.C.*

**Alexander Leslie  
FORTUNE**

*b: 20 Jul 1830 Huntington, Quebec  
m: Apr 1862  
d: 05 Jul 1915 Enderby, B.C.*

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*N.B. Those Loyalists who have  
adhered to the Unity of the Empire,  
and joined the Royal Standard  
before the Treaty of separation in the  
year 1783, and all their children, and  
their Descendants by either sex, are to  
be distinguished by the following  
Capitals affixed to their names  
U.E.*

*Alluding to their great principle  
The Unity of the Empire*

*N MC 12126-10*



## United Empire Loyalists' Association Of Canada

*This is to certify that*

**Bathia Fortune (nee Ross)**

*Has provided acceptable documentation proving descent from*

**Thomas Taylor Ross, KRR NU**

*A United Empire Loyalist*

*Given under our hands at  
The Dominion Office of the  
Association, Toronto*

*This 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010*

*Frederick A. Daymond*

President

*L. J. J. J. J.*

Secretary