Comments received after the publication of the first Women Pioneers of Saskatchewan book:

"We are extremely excited about this project. WE thank you for all your effort in making the stories and facts as correct as possible and appreciate your time and dedication. I have no relations, ties or know anyone in the first book; however, have read every story and now feel like I do. That is my all-time favorite book, and I bet I will enjoy the second one even more (now that my Grandmother is in it)! Her story will be forever alive, left to the wonderment of generations to come..."

Jamie Tilley, 30 May 2012 email

"... I just published a book for the Minnesota Historical Society on my great-grandfather (Verna (Maywood) Rome's father-in-law) who was a famous wooden boat builder, so I know oh, too well how much work it is to put a book like you're doing together, but THANK YOU for putting in the effort, time and energy because it is SO important for posterity. It was sad to me that in contacting all the genealogy buffs in the Maywood family, most of them said, "No, I have no pics. No, I don't know anything about that." Your book will help fill that vacuum."

Lori Cherland-McCune, 12 September 2012 email "What seemed to them once a foreign soil has long ago enfolded them and sent its prairie grasses to blow above their graves. Their descendants skim the once empty province in high-powered automobiles today, basking in warmth and music though they may travel through a snow-encrusted landscape. They come home to thermostats and automatic washing machines.

"The sod shanties, the dugouts, and the unbroken miles exist only in memory. But Canada would be poorer today had it not been for Rosalea, Oksanna and women like them who, having no bridge for return to the Old World, stubbornly faced and withstood disaster in the New."

[Armstrong, Patricia G. "No bridge across the ocean". *Folklore, Vol. 28 (Autumn 2007).* Regina: Saskatchewan History & Folklore Society. (p7)]



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## Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS)

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# WOMEN PIONEERS OF SASKATCHEWAN Book 2



Beulah Funk, 1926, with the team of horses she drove. Photo courtesy of Pearl Danroth, her daughter.]

"We are losing them one by one, those wonderful pioneer women to whom we owe such a tremendous debt in that they laid so truly and well the foundations of a fine and upright national life here on the prairies. The finest memorial we can offer them is to keep alive the traditions they established."

[MacEwen, Grant. ...and mighty women too, stories of notable western Canadian women. Saskatoon: Western Producer Prairie Books, 1975. (p66). Written at the end of a tribute to Jessie McEwen in the Farmer's Advocate, June 23, 1920, after her death.]

#### About the book

Women Pioneers of Saskatchewan, Book 2:

- Contains approximately 300 pages of stories and facts about more than 180 Women Pioneers in Saskatchewan.
- Some of these women were born in Saskatchewan.
- The majority of the stories are of women who immigrated to Saskatchewan between 1903 and 1917.
- Some came to Saskatchewan from elsewhere in Canada.
- Some came to Saskatchewan from the United States.
- Many emigrated from "The Old County".
- One woman, Paraska (Bodnar) Drebit, was born on board the ship that brought her family to Canada.
- The earliest birth date is 1826, the year Jane McGillivray was born in Scotland. She immigrated to Canada in 1889 and settled near Pense.
- The birth years range from the earliest born in 1826 up to 1931
- There is a story of a First Nations woman, Elizabeth Blondeau, and one of a Metis woman, Emma McBey.

 The story of Elizabeth Brown (born in 1853) who came to the Pheasant Forks area of Saskatchewan in 1881 is the earliest immigration date in this book.



Katherine Sagan with son Arthur delivering grain to an elevator in Cana. Adam Sagan is in the background with his team and grain wagon. [Photo courtesy of Helen Audrey Sagan Norman, daughter.]

Pre-publication price: \$45.00 After November 15, 2014: \$50.00 (Plus cost of mailing)



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