

LANGTONS OF REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Arrival in Canada

Guy Langton is the patriarch of this family in Canada. This is the story of his family including his famous son Bruce...

Guy Langton was born between Oct-Nov 1875 in Maidstone, Kent, England. He married Alice Eliza Smith on 07 Nov 1898 in Tower Hamlets, London, England. She was born about 1878. She died in 1937 in Lumsden, Saskatchewan, Canada. Together they had 3 sons. Two were born in England and one was born shortly upon arrival in Canada in 1906. They settled in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Bruce Robert Wilson Langton was born on 03 Feb 1901 in All Saints Poplar, Maidstone, Middlesex, England. He died in 1970 in Lumsden, Saskatchewan. Read further on to discover his unwitting claim to fame.

Ralph John Langton was born on 18 May 1903 in Maidstone, Kent, England. He died on 29 Jun 1972 in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He married Catherine Murray MacLeod. She was born about 1903.

Daniel Russell Langton was born on 12 May 1906 in Toronto Junction, York, Canada. He married Jean Smith. She was born about 1906.

One hundred years ago, on June 30th, 1912 at 4:45pm, Regina Saskatchewan was hit by a category F4 tornado. Two funnel clouds converged south of the city and the resulting tornado tore its way north; destroying everything in its path with estimated wind speeds of 207 – 260 mph (333 – 418 km/hr). It was the first time that such a thing had ever happened in this frontier town, which was founded in 1882.

It was just before supertime and little Bruce Langton was canoeing on nearby Wascana Lake with his friend Philip Steele. As the weather took a turn for the worst, the two boys tried to paddle ashore. They were too late. They got caught in an updraft which lifted their canoe skyward. Philip was thrown from the canoe and was killed. Bruce somehow remained in the canoe and was found alive in a park hundreds of yards away, where a museum now stands. According to legend, "He was still clutching the paddle and couldn't remember what happened."

To this day, it remains the deadliest tornado in Canadian history. It claimed 28 souls, rendered thousands homeless and cost millions of dollars in damages. Residents of Regina refer to it as the "1912 Regina Cyclone" and to Bruce Langton as "the boy who rode a canoe through it."

There is no shortage of information on the internet related to the events of that day. Most interesting is a recent report called "Story of boy in canoe in 1912 Regina cyclone twisted over time", by Natalie Geddes of News Talk 650 CKOM. It includes testimony from Bruce's nephew Robert Langton, who provides a physical description of his uncle as observed later in life; "His whole leg was deformed, there was a hollow piece in his thigh and it was very thin." The complete report can be found at...

<http://www.newstalk650.com/node/63372>

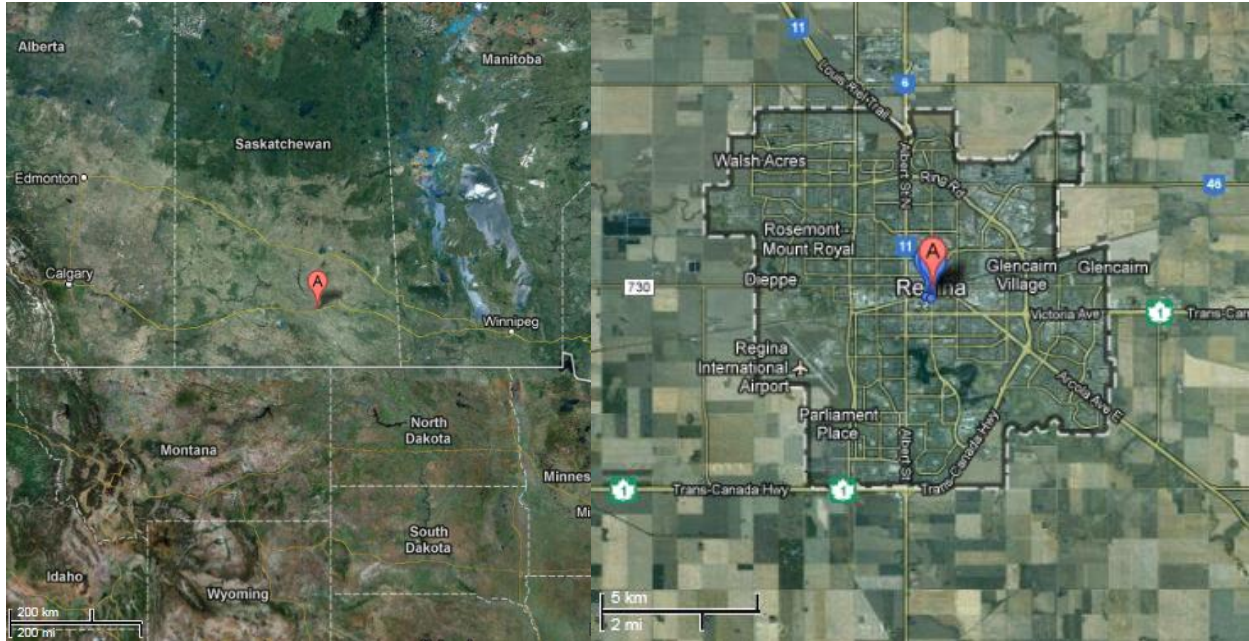
Also interesting is the related "VIDEO: 100 years ago, cyclone destroys Regina in minutes" at...

<http://www.newstalk650.com/story/video100-years-ago-cyclone-destroys-regina-minutes/63036>

Traced Location in Canada

Guy Langton and Alice Eliza Smith raised their three sons in Regina, Saskatchewan. According to the 1916 Census of Canada, they were Methodists.

The City of Regina, Saskatchewan



The Metropolitan Methodist Church was severely damaged by the 1912 Regina Cyclone



Traced Location in Country of Origin

The earliest known ancestor is Thomas Langton of St. Stephen's, Walbrook, London, England. This is his story...

Thomas Langton was born about 1548. He was buried on 29 Dec 1611. He married Joan Downes on 12 Apr 1567 in St. Michael's, Cornhill, City of London. She was born about 1545. All of their five known children were said to have been born in the City of London.

Guy was his 10th great grandson with the line of descent as follows:

- Thomas Langton* wife Joan Downes
- Thomas Langton wife Barbary Allen
- John Langton wife Unknown
- Walter Langton (Lunatic) and wife Margaret Unknown
- Walter Langton** wife Martha Brice
- Mayor John Langton wife Hannah Calib
- Ralph Langton wife Sarah Spratley
- Ralph Langton wife Judith Parker
- Squire Daniel Langton wife Eleanor Edmonds
- Gentleman and Master Thomas Langton wife Elizabeth Watney
- Daniel Langton wife Emma Wilson
- Daniel Wilson Langton wife Elizabeth Birrell
- Guy Langton wife Alice Eliza Smith

*Thomas Langton's uncle was William Langton of Bennington, South Lincolnshire, England. He was buried on 24 Jun 1596 at St. Bartholomew's, The Exchange, London.

St. Stephen's Church, 39 Walbrook, London



**The "Langtons of Regina, Saskatchewan" are related to the "Langtons of Pincher Creek, Alberta" thru their most recent common ancestor Walter Langton (wife Martha Brice). Guy came to Canada at about the same time as his 5th cousin 2x removed Lionel Alfred. Refer to my article "Langtons of Pincher Creek, Alberta" for details regarding Lionel Alfred Langton's Family.

Prosperity in Canada

Today, there are at least 12 individuals that still carry the Langton name (by birth). They live in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and British Columbia. This Canadian branch of the Langton Family Tree has 4 sons to perpetuate the name of Langton. There may be more, but little is known about Ralph; Guy's second born.

DNA – Haplogroup R1b (From descendant of “Langtons of Pincher Creek, Alberta”)

PATERNAL LINEAGE TEST RESULTS FOR DAVID GRAHAM LANGTON

Your DNA test results show that you belong to haplogroup *R1b*, The Artisans.



This map shows the likely migration pathways of your ancient ancestors, The Artisans (haplogroup *R1b*). Your ancestors may have been responsible for the first cave paintings, and probably lived in present-day England, France, Spain or Portugal. To use your test results to build your family tree, visit dna.ancestry.com and learn about other participants with genetic profiles similar to your own.

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- Robert Guy (Bob) Langton.

This article is dedicated to the memory of the late Daniel Russell Langton.

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