

Warden Roster PANP 1927 to 1970

The purpose of this document is to create a roster of Park Warden who served in Prince Albert National (PANP) between the park's inception in 1927 and about 1970 and to include some personal details about each individual warden. This roster was compiled by me from several different sources. For anyone reading this who can help me contact any of the warden's families or anyone who might be able to contribute additional details please contact me.

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1. An "Original List" that was sent to me by Bonnie Flatla. Bonnie's husband Larry was an RCMP officer at Waskesiu for several years. I'm not sure what the origin of the list is or who created it. This list was my starting point.
2. Andy Corrigan. Andy was both a Warden and Chief Warden at PANP. Much of the information about which districts wardens served and the years they served came from Andy's research. Thank you to his daughter Cathy Corrigan Herzog for sharing her father's handwritten notes.
3. Ron Davies. Ron's father George Davies was PANP's first Chief Warden. Ron was born and raised in the park and later became a warden himself. He grew up knowing many of the early wardens. Ron is no longer with us, but I had the great privilege of some long telephone conversations with him about the early days of the park and the wardens who served there.
4. My own personal experience. My father Ed Sipes was a warden at PANP for 29 years and I spent the first 20 years of my life in the park. I grew up knowing many of the wardens.

Notes:

1: I believe that at this point, June 2025, the list of names is complete and includes all wardens that served during the period. There are, however, many details missing about individual wardens.

2: The Original List included names of Assistant wardens. Park Wardens are designated Law Enforcement Officers in the Criminal Code. They are sworn in to conduct enforcement of the National Parkes act. Assistant Wardens are casual employees hired to assist the warden service in non-enforcement roles. They are often seasonal employees. I have excluded them from this

list.

3. I excluded names in the original list that were duplicates. E.g. Les Holden and George Holden are one and the same George Leslie Holden. Exception: Bill Shimmerhorne. Bill worked for the warden's service for years and was respected for the work he did, but may not have achieved warden status because he lacked the necessary education.

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George Davies

Born in Wales. Farmed at Sugar Hill. Served 5 years in British Infantry during and after WW1. He was employed by the Dominion Forest Service and transitioned to the PANP Wardens Service when the park was created in 1927. He was PANP's first Chief Warden. He retired in 1957.

Districts: Kingsmere, Meridian, Waskesiu

(Les) George Leslie Holden

From Dand Manitoba Served in WW1 with Lord Strathcona Horse Royal Canadians (Cavalry) Worked for the Dominion Forest Service and transitioned to the Wardens Service when PANP was created. 1927 to 1961.

Districts: Kingsmere, Waskesiu, Meridian

H D (Harry) Merril

1927 to 1937

Districts: Waskesiu, Crean

Bill Anderson

1927 to 1939

Districts: Meridian

B. Murry

1927 to ?

Districts: unknown

Samuelson

1927 to ?

Districts: unknown

St Denis

1927 to ?

Districts: unknown

Mark Melon

Rode to PANP on horseback from the US.

193? to 194?

District: unknown

Charlie Walrod

1927 to 1937

Districts: Rabbit, Bittern Creek

Roy Hubel

1935 to 1943

Districts: Waskesiu

Art Howard

Drowned in a canoeing accident at Crean Lake. 1930's

1930? to 1935

Districts: unknown

Freddy Russel

Died of Asphyxia while cleaning out well at Boundary Cabin 1927 to 1938.

Districts: Boundary

Robert (Bob) Arnold

1930's

Districts: unknown

George Moberly

193? to 1937

Districts: Kingsmere, Crean

Jack Hiltz

1946 to 1952

Districts: Crean

Emmet Lawson Millard

Emmet was born in Michigan. Later settled in Canwood SK. Served in Canadian military during WW1. Joined the Warden's Service and served his whole career in the Rabbit District. 1935 to 1961

Districts: Rabbit

(Cliff) Samuel Clifford Pocock

Originally from England. Served in the Military during WW1.

1930's to 195?

Districts: Silvergrove, Pine Grove, Kingsmere?

Frank Jervis

Born in England, immigrated to Ontario, Served with The Lord Strathcona Horse Royal Canadian Regiment during WW1 (Cavalry). Homesteaded at Hudson Bay, SK . Worked with DNR then joined the PANP Warden Service. Transferred to 1000 Islands National Park for 3 years and returned to PANP as Chief Warden. Retired in 196?.

Districts: Sturgeon Crossing, Silver Grove, Waskesiu

(Harry) Henry William Genge

Harry Homesteaded at Padockwood, SK. Joined the Warden's Service 1927 to 1929. Left to go diamond drilling and rejoined 1936 to 1964.

Districts: Montreal Lake Bittern Creek, Rabbit, Waskesiu, Kingsmere, Pine Grove, Boundary.

(Shorty) Harry Harrison

1940 to 1964

Districts: Kingsmere, Waskesiu, Silver Grove.

Bill Shimmerhorne (Relief Warden?)

1931 to 1942

H. W. (Bill) Jones

Served in the Canadian Navy during WW2. Suffered from PTSD and released from Wardens Service.

1947 to 1949

(Ed) Edmond Arnold Sipes

Badge # 41 Ed homesteaded at Loon Lake SK. Enlisted in the Canadian Medical Corps for WW2 and was discharged for medical reasons. He did not serve overseas. Worked for DNR at Loon Lake. Joined the Warden Service in 1943 to 1974.

Districts: Boundary, Sturgeon Crossing, Silver Grove, Waskesiu.

(Cliff) Clifton Mitchell Millard

Cliff came from Canwood, SK. Served in the Canadian Military during WW2. After his army service, Cliff was hired by Parks Canada and served as a Park Warden for forty-one years.

1946 to 1987

Districts: Boundary, Sturgeon Crossing, Meridian, Crean, Waskesiu

J.K. (Jack) Leader

Transferred to PANP Wardens Service from Penitentiary Service 1952 to 1969

Districts: Crean, Meridian

(Ed) Edward E. Gregson

Veteran of WW2 1952 to 1960

Districts: Pine Grove, Kingsmere.

Ben Roper

Came from Newfoundland in the 1960's. Served as Chief Warden.

1968 to 1970

Districts: Waskesiu

Gordon Gilroy

Served as Chief Warden in the 1960's

Districts: Waskesiu.

(Hal) Harold Barlow Shepherd

Hal originated from River Bend, QC. Served in the defense of Hong Kong during WW2. Captured by the Japanese and sent to a prisoner of war camp in Japan. Received the MBE Medal (Member of The Most Excellent Order of The British Empire). Joined the Park service in one of the Western Mountain Parks then transferred to PANP in 1965. Transferred to Yoho in 1972.

Districts: Kingsmere, Waskesiu.

Ron Davies

Badge #36 Served in Canadian Army during Korean Conflict. Joined the Warden Service in 1957 A second generation warden, his father George Davies was a Warden and Chief Warden at PANP. Retired 1990. Also served at Kootenay, Wood Buffalo and Nahanni National Parks.

Districts: Crean, Waskesiu.

Dean Shirritt Allan

Dean joined the Warden Service in 1951 at Riding Mountain National Park. He Transferred to PANP about 1957. He was a second-generation warden. His Father Joe Allen was Chief Warden at Riding Mountain. Also served at Cape Breton Highlands, and Riding Mountain National Park. Retired in 1985.

Districts: Sturgeon Crossing

Andy Corrigan

Badge # 328 Came from MacDowall, SK. Served as Chief Warden in the 1970's. Also served at 1000 Islands. 1959 to 1986

Districts: Waskesiu.

Luther Ferguson

Luther came from Mayview, SK. Served in Korea with the 3rd Battalion RCR on the Hook and then at Hill 187. Joined the Warden Service 1962 to 1988

Districts: Crean, Kingsmere, Boundary

Morris Tarr

1961 to 1968

Districts: Kingsmere, Rabbit, Waskesiu.

(Jack) John Crabtree Dickinson

Badge #40 From Carrot River SK. Served in Canadian Airforce for WW2. Flew 27 missions over Germany as a tail gunner. Wounded in action. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. 1960 to 1975.

Districts: Waskesiu, Sturgeon Crossing.

Sid Marty

Warden Service from 1966 to 1978. Served Banff, Jasper, Yoho and PANP. He left the Park Service to be an author, musician and cowboy poet. There is a brief description of his time at Boundary in his book "Men for The Mountains"

Districts: Boundary.

Mickey MacMillan (Weldon McMillan?)

1950's RMNP

Districts: Sturgeon Crossing:

Larry McGuire

Chief Warden 1966 to 1969

George Ewert (Evert?)

1968 to ???

Districts: Waskesiu.