



Proudly displayed in Sam Scott's home is the riding crop carried by her Grandad Frederick Camm, during his tenure as Sergeant Major. Also seen here is the horsehair watch chain and other memorabilia.

*Photo by Kerry Ramsay*

Frederick Camm was born September 2, 1890, in Belton, England, and soon thereafter immigrated with his family to Canada. With only one year of service in the RNWMP, he was mobilized in 1915 to serve overseas in World War I. He received two gunshot wounds for which he was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal. Re-enlisting in the RNWMP, at Regina in 1919 (where Sam's future husband was also to enlist in 1967), Frederick Camm married Mary Blanchard a year later, in Fort William, and they had seven children. Frederick Camm served at various locations in Saskatchewan, including a period as an Instructor at "Depot" Division, then to Winnipeg (where Sam and her husband have also been posted), and in Ottawa (where all three generations have served). Frederick Camm was posted to the newly-constructed Headquarters building at Rockcliffe, where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major and where he served until his retirement in July 1945. His

many contributions are still acknowledged today. He was instrumental in creating the RCMP Museum in Regina, where some of his treasures are still exhibited today.

S/M Frederick Camm's dedication and pride were catalysts for his son Robert who, born in North Portal, Saskatchewan, in 1928, was to closely mirror his father's success. Joining the RCMP as a Special Constable in 1947 — too young to be sworn as a third-class Constable — Robert excelled in his recruit training by standing second overall, during his first recruit training phase in Ottawa, then first in his class during Part II Training in Regina.

The careers of father and son, both avid horsemen, were uncannily paralleled: Frederick was a member of the Musical Ride Contingent that attended the Coronation of King George VI. In 1948, Robert, became a member of the first, post World War II Musical Ride and proudly riding the wonderfully obedient and intelligent "Bobbie", he attended the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace,



S/M Robert Camm in the picture used in the RCMP Recruiting Campaign, as well as on the CP Rail dining-car menu for many years, and on typical "Mountie" postcards of the 50s, 60s and 70s.

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