

Anderson Building Movers



The newly installed Chief Elected Official (CEO) of the International Association of Structural Movers (IASM) is "Prime Minister" (instead of President, it's a Canadian thing, you know) is William Johnson of Prince Albert, SK, Canada. Well, that's his mailing address. He really lives 25 miles away on a farm in the resort community of Christopher Lake. Prince Albert is in the Province of Saskatchewan, one of 10 such Provinces and three territories in Canada. To quote the title of a well-known movie, it's a "Big Country", but with less than a millions residents. From the southern border of the Province with the United States at Montana and North Dakota to the northern border with the "Northwest Territories" is a distance of approximately 1,200 miles, the northern half of which is populated mostly by "fly-in" communities with very few roads. United



Parcel Service, FedEx, DHL, etc. won't deliver to Christopher Lake, only to Prince Albert. So, when you wish to contact William (the Prime Minister) over the next 12 months during his term as CEO, you may wish to use the postal service, phone or facsimile.

How William arrived as a co-owner of a structural moving company (wife Janis is the other co-owner) is interesting. His background has been extremely varied yet, in a strange sort of way, one can recognize an interesting parallel between each temporary vocation and his ultimate choice of employment.

His great grandfather, also named William, was born

Newly installed CEO
of IASM, William Johnson

Moving a log cabin in Paddockwood, SK, 1996



Relocating a log cabin in Glaslyn, SK, 1996. Crewmember Derek Stroh is in the foreground.

in Hemstead, England in 1871 and worked as a groomsman for the London Southwest Railway. Arriving in Canada as a teenager of only 15 in 1886, he worked as a farm laborer until three years later, at age 18 in 1889, he took claim to a homestead in Silverwood, Northwest Territories, which is now the province of Saskatchewan.

William's grandfather David was also a farmer and lived in the same area. The family's first hand exposure to structural moving was in 1940 when granddad David and his brothers moved a two-story house 18 miles over snow covered fields for their neighbors using a 22 x 36 International Harvester steel wheeled tractor for power and four sets of bob sleighs. The move was completed in



A 26' x 40' hip roof barn was moved in Meath Park, SK, 2003



The Johnson Clan: Mother, Marion (rear), Lyle, Dad, Don, William & Robert



Co-owners Janis & William

four days.

Father Don and Mother Marion continued the farming tradition, also in the Silverwood area, and even expanded their income by showing pure-bred cattle until 1977 when they sold their farm and became managers of the Circle T. Ranch and showed cattle for the owner. Don and Marion birthed three sons: William in 1962, Lyle in 1963 and Robert in 1977.

In his early years young William and his brother Lyle were...

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