



The Jacko Family

Of note on the history of the Ajax project area is the presence of Phillip Jacko and his family. According to Hudson's Bay Company journals from the 1850's and 1860's Alexander Jacko lived around the Jacko Lake area, working as a packer and running a herd of horses. Before his death in 1862 Alex had a son Phillip Jacko. Phillip Jacko and his wife were both Tk'emlupsemc as was his family which was clearly shown in historical documents included the 1881 Canadian Census.

Phillip Jacko tried to maintain control over the areas surrounding Jacko Lake and Peterson Creek following his father's death in 1862. In 1939 the Kamloops Daily Adviser stated that, "Although Jacko in earlier days would fish along the

creek and hunt back to its source at Jacko Lake, about 12 miles southwest of Kamloops, apparently his claim was narrowed down in 1866 to the ten acres along the river and by 1868, Peterson's claim to the land on both side of the creek was recognized."

Phillip Jacko did manage to keep a small parcel of land immediately opposite Tk'emlups at the mouth of Peterson's Creek (i.e. Lot 233) which Peterson later claimed he had purchased lot 233 but when he couldn't produce a bill of sale or legal deed Peterson gave the lot to the City of Kamloops as a graveyard (Pioneer Cemetery).

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Phillip Jacko ("Jago") second from right (www.mccord-museum.qc.ca)

