

Endre & Josef Csavossy

Hungarian nobility don't usually ranch in Alberta's Bow Valley.

Displaced when their estates were ceded to Romania after the First World War, the Csavossy brothers wanted to leave Europe. Having seen a cowboy show in London, England, they were convinced that their future lay in Canada. Aristocrats and dandies, they met the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway who wanted to attract blue blood and encouraged them to come west.



Barons Ender and Josef Csavossy at Bow River Ranch, Cochrane area, Alberta
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The wide vistas and mountains persuaded the brothers that they had found a home. They fell in love with Alberta. Land was cheap because no one could afford to pay taxes during the depression in the early 1920s. So, they bought the Bow River Horse Ranch in the Springbank/Cochrane area.

The ranch was a mess. The cattle had knocked down the door and stumbled through the house, a foot of water sat in the basement and the outbuildings were tumbledown. The brothers converted the ranch to a thriving mixed farm, beginning with horses and mechanizing quickly to tractors and a six-bottom plow.

Their elegant paintings, silver and china, transplanted to the foothills of Alberta, echo the ghostly and long-lost Austro-Hungarian empire.

Baron Endre Csavossy - Born: 1894 – Died: 1979

Baron Josef Csavossy - Born: 1897 – Died: 1981



Additional Resources

- **Alberta on Record**
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