

Edith Herron

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Edith Herron's laundry boiler was pressed into service as Stewart Herron's collection barrel when he first separated wet natural gas from a mud puddle on Sheep Creek in southern Alberta.

But Edith Herron lent more than laundry tubs to Stewart's scientific investigations and business ventures. She served as office administrator, bookkeeper, and general manager of Herron Cartage, one of Stewart's businesses. To help make ends meet, she ran a boarding house for single women in the teaching and nursing professions. R.B. Bennett, future Prime Minister of Canada, often joined the Herron's in their parlour on Sunday afternoons.

A widowed schoolteacher and nurse when she and Stewart married and came west, Edith was the diplomat who smoothed the way with investors and associates, supporting Stewart's many, and sometimes financially insecure, business interests.

Edith and Stewart's son Harold was the first registered birth in the new province of Alberta in 1905.

Born: December 12, 1837 – Died: August 16, 1950

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