

# Moses Ball



Moses and Sarah Ball with David and Beatrice.

Charles Miler: "Another early settler was Moses Ball, who had worked on building the railroad and who was farming in Ruskin by 1891. At a later date he logged for Heaps here. Moses Ball served as a municipal councillor in the course of time."

Brian and Isabel Byrnes: "Moses always had a cigarette in his mouth. Day was made for a person if Moses nodded in passing. He was well thought off; not full of mirth or given to needless chatter."

Moses Ball was a prominent member of the Ruskin community. He was born in Ontario in 1859, and in 1884 married Sarah Agnes Phillips from Nova Scotia. The marriage ended in divorce, leaving Moses with his oldest son, David.

Moses married again; his second wife was Christine Mitchell. Their adopted daughter, Marie Alice (Minnie) Ball became a teacher before she married Carl Nelson.

Moses Ball's oldest son, David Ball, who was raised by his father, became a train engineer and eventually operated on CPR No. 374, the same engine that had pulled the first intercontinental train into Vancouver in 1887.



Moses Ball (left), David Ball and his family.



David and Moses Ball