



# The Dunsdon Brothers

SUMMERLAND MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

**Harry Dunsdon**



**James (Jim) Dunsdon**



Harry and Jim Dunsdon's trip from Harrow, England to Summerland.



# Why Did They Come?

Harry Dunsdon was one of many young men from Harrow, England who was encouraged by Bob Barclay to come and be a cowboy on his ranch in Trout Creek. Jim followed Harry.

**1891:** Harry arrived in Trout Creek

**1895:** Jim arrived in Garnett Valley



James Dunsdon (left) with Joe Liddell (middle) and William Simpson (right) standing in front of a greenhouse.



# How Did Harry Get Here?

He crossed the Atlantic by ship, came across Canada by train, and landed in Sicamous.

From there, he walked, hitched rides on horse and wagon, slept in the stairwell of a hotel, and walked to Kelowna.

He had to wait several days for Shorts Ferry, which would take him to Trout Creek.



Harry Dunsdon riding his horse in front of a log barn. Mr. Dunsdon settled in Garnett Valley in the 1890s.

# What Did They Do?

**1891:** At 17 years old, Harry arrived in Summerland and worked for James Gartrell on his orchard in Trout Creek.

**1892:** At 18 years old, Harry claimed 320 acres near Eneas Creek in Garnett Valley.

**1895:** When Jim arrived, he claimed the land beside Harry.

- They became ranchers and orchardists.
- They helped to build the first Garnett Valley Dam for irrigation.



1893-1895: The original Harry Dunsdon log home in Garnet Valley. Harry is chopping wood beside a large woodpile.

Garnett Valley was named after Edgar James Garnett and William Henry Garnett, pre-emptors, 1887

# They Became Ranchers & Orchardists

1900. First home and ranch of Harry Dunsdon (Pop Dunsdon) in Garnett Valley. The ranch was called Harrowdeen, which was named after the area in England that the Dunsdon brothers came from.





# Orchard Work

The truck used by White and Thornthwaite in their business. The truck has a load of apple boxes on it, and Jim Dunsdon is standing close to the cab. John Charles Blacklock and his grandson, Donald Blacklock, are also in the photo.





# Harry's Home



# Family Life

1904: Harry married Annie Stevens, whom he met in England in 1901.

- This was the first wedding in Summerland.
- They had one daughter and six sons.

1905: Jim married Hannah Hardy Osborn.

- They had three sons and one daughter.

Some of their  
descendants still live  
in Summerland!



1904, Harry Dunsdon and his bride Annie Dunsdon on their Wedding Day on June 1st 1904 in St. Peter's Church. It was the first marriage to take place in Summerland.

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Questions:

List as many things as you can in the Museum that they would have needed to:

## 1. Build their cabin called Harrowdeen

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Use on a cattle ranch

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. What would their main sources of transportation be around town?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Why did they come here?

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## 5. What types of transportation did they use to get to Summerland from England?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_



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