Thomas Douglas Hall and Beatrice (Perrett) Hall

It must have been an exciting adventure and a great amount of curiosity that brought Douglas Hall to Canada. Douglas found a good opportunity to visit his brother and family by driving cattle from Manti, Utah, to Cardston.

Thomas Douglas Hall was born in Manti, Utah, Nov. 18, 1881, the fifth child of Richard Hall and Catherine (Jack) Hall.

When he first arrived in Canada he lived with his brother and wife, Joseph and May Hall, in Spring Coulee. Later they moved to Cardston. It was here he met Beatrice Perrett who had come from England with her parents.

Beatrice was born Aug. 20, 1887 at Bracebridge, Lincolnshire, England. Her parents were Henry Perrett and Eliza (Rawdin Crooks) Perrett. Her mother had been married before and had three children, Mary Ann Crooks, George Crooks, Fred Crooks. When they first arrived from England they lived in Paris, Idaho and Bear Lake. They came to Canada in 1891. Henry Perrett came first, then sent for his family. They came by train, arriving in Lethbridge in Dec. 1891. They were met by Andrew Archibald who took them to Cardston by team and wagon.

Friends of her parents were President and Aunt Zina Card, Brother and Sister Wight, Sam and Ann Eliza Leavitt Baker, and Emma and Ezias Myers.

Her mother died the 19th of Feb 1894 and was the first woman buried in the Cardston cemetery. While she was so
sick Beatrice and her brother Albert stayed with Aunt Zina Card, after her death Albert stayed with his half sister Mary Anne and Beatrice lived with Brother & Sister Myers. They treated her like their own child.

Their Father would visit them often. He herded sheep for Ephriam Harker and later went in business for himself. He then took his son Albert to live with him but Beatrice did not want to leave as she had grown fond of Sister Myers.

Some of Beatrice's playmates were Katherine Hendry, Mae Leavitt, May Peterson, Sarah Cooper and some of the Baker girls and many others.

She met Douglas Hall when coming from Sterling with her Father when he stopped to visit some friends at Spring Coulee, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hall. Douglas was there at the time.

After a little over a year's courtship, Douglas and Beatrice were married on the 26th of Feb. 1906 by Pres. E. J. Woods. To that union 8 children were born—Henry Perrett Hall, Albert R. Hall, Kenneth Douglas Hall, Vernon Hall, Charles Devene Hall, Beatrice June Hall, Emma Viola Te Hall, Merlin (Jack) Hall.

After their first child was born they went to work for Mr. Thompson in Spring Coulee breaking sod. They lived in a tent. Earnest Wynder, Sam Webster, William Leavitt, Jr. and Alfred Leavitt boarded with them.
The next spring they went back again but the rains came and they were forced to go back to Cardston. It rained so much Lee's Creek flooded and washed out the bridges so it was some time before they could go home.

Douglas decided there were prospects in the draying business and he started business for himself. He kept busy and it wasn't long they purchased a double lot west of town where he built a small 2 room house. Some of the happiest times of their lives were spent in that home.

During the time of the flu epidemic, all the family were down with it but Douglas. He took care of them all including Beatrice and made trips to the neighbors caring for them. He never had his clothes off for days. It was at this time their baby girl died just three days after birth, which was a tragic time for them all.

Douglas was a happy, jovial person and got a great deal of pleasure helping other people.

He had the contract to haul material to the Prince of Wales Hotel at Waterton and at that time there was only a dirt road. Douglas helped haul the Safe to the Hotel. It weighed five tons with the conditions of the road they had to put the Safe on skids and pull it, which took 32 head of horses, it took several days to get there.

Douglas also had the contract to haul material to the Roman Catholic School, the St. Paul School and the Indian Hospital.
On snowy winter days you would see him out early in the morning ploughing sidewalks so children could get to school. In blizzards he was always there with his team and sleigh to take the children home. He hauled many loads of sand and gravel in his lifetime for 25¢ a yard and had to shovel it all and as sure as it was a cold drizzly day, someone had to have coal and he would deliver it.

He did a lot of work with his teams building roads and breaking sod for new settlers.

Douglas died January, 1946
Beatrice September 7, 1967

Their children are:


Albert R. Hall — died at 5 yrs.
Kenneth Douglas — home.
Vernon — Gladys Caldwell Caldwell

Charles Daviess — Amy Louise Hugh
Beatrice June — married Lyle Violate and died April 11, 1919
Emma Viola — died June 25, 1948