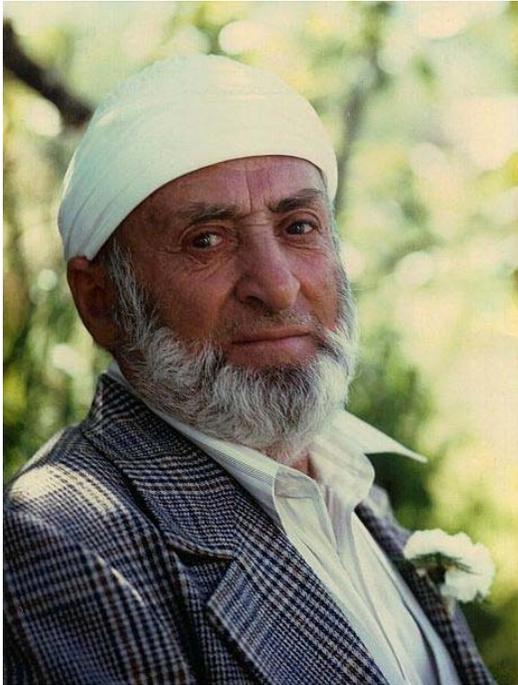


Biography of Hassen Mahmoud Taha and Family



Hassen Mahmoud Taha migrated from Kherbet Rouha, Lebanon to Canada in the year of 1951. The main reason for this great venture in life was to seek a better way of life for him and his family. Hassen Taha was raised by his mother, along with his three sisters. His father, Mahmoud Taha, left Lebanon for South America when all of his four children were under the age of six years old. Something had happened to him after he arrived in South America, as his family never heard from him at all. There were no contacts, letters or messages to his family. His family had tried to locate him to where they thought he would be, but there was no trace of him, and up to now...no one knew what happened to Hassen M. Taha's father.

Hassen M. Taha came to Canada because his sister Lutfia sponsored him to come to this country. She was married to Mohammed Mustapha Fyith; also known as "Mike Fyith" or "Abbo Atta."

Hassen M. Taha was married to Wafra ElMoghrabi and they had eight children together – two boys and six girls. After working for three years, he started bringing his family – a group at a time. He did this, because he could not afford to bring them all at once. In 1954, he brought the oldest daughter, Ameerie and his eldest son, Mohammed. In 1956, he brought two girls, the second oldest one, Lutfia, and a younger daughter, Zienab. Then at the beginning of 1958 he brought the rest of the family, his wife, and the three remaining girls – Fatime, Amnie and Halemie and the other son – Ahmed.

Hassen Taha had already enlarged the house that he was living in to accommodate all of the family and had already started a mink ranching business, which was in full operation by the time all of his family had arrived. Just like the other fourteen Lebanese families, in Lac La Biche, they were all in the mink ranching business and everyone helped each other at all times.

Hassen M. Taha was very handy in anything that he wanted to do; from carpentry, butchering, repairing anything, the peacemaker, under-taker, - anything that he could do; he did very well. He was a well-known man, and was

well liked by everyone. He retired from mink ranching in 1968 and by this time most of his children were married and they all lived in the same town we are in today.

Hassen M. Taha passed away at the age of 99 years old.