

PRIVATE RINEHART AUGUST LADWIG

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Rinehart, born on February 19, 1895 in Mazeppa, Minnesota, was the 3rd oldest of William Ferdinand and Augusta Louisa (nee Meiers) Ladwig's four children. Augusta passed away while quite young and William eventually remarried.

Once Rinehart heard of the excellent opportunities for land ownership in Northern Alberta, he left Sumas, Washington and arrived in the Glen Leslie District in 1913. He subsequently filed a homestead application on SW 26-71-4-W6. In an effort to establish the farm, Rinehart found employment in sawmills and on farms in Southern Alberta. He also became a ferry-man for a period of time and also worked in road construction.

Rinehart served with the Canadian Army, 1st Depot Battalion Alberta Regiment in Calgary as of June 7, 1918. Private Ladwig was discharged on demobilization on February 10, 1919 and received the British War Medal.

Rinehart subsequently returned home to his homestead and purchased the SE 27-71-4-W6. A few years later, Rinehart married Mabel Helen Knight and they had four children; Morris (born in 1928 passed away in 1935), Keith, Arnold and Doris. In 1942, Rinehart built a new home for his family. Sadly, Mabel passed away in 1950 following which Rinehart married a widow, Sylvira Kimble in 1951. Rinehart continued to farm with the assistance of Arnold and Keith until 1961 at which time he sold the farm to them. In 1965, Rinehart and Sylvira moved to Grande Prairie where Rinehart thoroughly enjoyed wood-working and spent many hours in his workshop building toys for his grandchildren. As well, he built a boat and the two of them spent many enjoyable days fishing. Rinehart was very community-minded and served several years as a school trustee and assisted in the construction of the Glen Leslie Church. He was also the telephone-line man for the area for many years. On February 3, 1969, Rinehart passed away and was buried at the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

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