

# RUBY CREEK



**R**uby Creek is a small rural community in southern British Columbia. Its significance in the annals of sasquatch research is second only to the Patterson/Gimlin film. It was an incident at this location in 1941 that convinced John Green to seriously pursue sasquatch studies—a journey that would last 60 years.

The incident involved the Chapmans, a Native couple and their three children, who lived in a little house on the banks of the Fraser River. While Mrs. Jeannie Chapman was alone with her children a sasquatch approached the house. Jeannie quickly gathered her children together and fled to fetch her husband, George, who worked nearby on the railroad tracks. Jeannie told him that a sasquatch was after her, which she later said was about 7.5 feet tall.

George and other men went to the house and found large human-like footprints about 17 inches long. The tracks led to a shed connected with the house where a heavy barrel of fish had been dumped out. The tracks then led to a wire fence that the sasquatch evidently just stepped over and then went up into the mountains. A deputy sheriff, Joe Dunn, from Bellingham, Washington went to the house immediately and made a cast of one of the footprints.

The family continued to live in the house, but was bothered by strange howling noises and their agitated dogs, which appeared to sense an unusual presence. Within a week the Chapmans vacated the house, which fell into ruin.

In 1957 John Green heard of and investigated the Chapman's claims with René Dahinden. John knew and respected the Chapmans so was convinced that what they said was true.

The poster photographs from left to right show:

1. The Chapman house in 1957 from a distance. Note the twin fir trees.
2. Close-up of the Chapman house showing the shed the sasquatch entered.
3. Deborah Schneider, a relative of Mrs. Chapman. Deborah inherited the property.
4. The Chapman house from an elevated position (likely a tree).
5. A tracing of the cast made by Joe Dunn (the cast broke and was discarded).
6. René Dahinden on the fence that the sasquatch simply stepped over.
7. New house built on the property by Deborah Schneider and her husband David (about 1993). Note that the house is on the other side of the twin fir trees.