

Making their home in Fremont

What do Christina Boydston, a Fremont attorney, and Bhaswati Bandyopadhyay, a neuroscientist and pancreatic cancer researcher, have in common?

These two talented professional women live in Fremont. One is the descendant of immigrants from Scotland who made Nebraska their home in 1876. The other is an immigrant from India who made Fremont her home in 2008.

They are immigrants to Fremont, past and present, offering their talents and contributing much to Fremont.



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Christina Boydston is a Fremont attorney. She is a descendant of Scottish immigrants, who settled in Fremont.

A death brought Legge family to U.S.

Christina Boydston: Scotland 1876

Christina Boydston, of Scottish descent, practices law in Fremont. Her extended family has roots in Nebraska and a Scottish heritage. Boydston's great-grandfather and great-grandmother came to the United States in 1857, moving to Nebraska in 1876.

In Nebraska, her family successfully employed their cattle expertise from Scotland and became the first to import Aberdeen Angus and Galloway cattle to the Fremont area. Boydston's great-grandfather was educated in farm management at the Bell's Veterinary School in Edinburgh, Scotland, and her great-grandmother had a natural passion for cattle. Her great-grandfather became well-known for his knowledge of cattle and judged cattle exhibits in Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota state fairs.

But the Legge family's journey was long getting to Nebraska.

Boydston's great-grandfather, Alexander "Old Sandie" Legge (1829-1900) was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and her great-grandmother (her name sake) Christiana Lumden Fraser (1829-1893) was from Upper Drum Inn, Glenlivet, Scotland. They married on Oct. 28, 1852, and had two girls: Christiana L. "Tena" (1853) and Elizabeth (1857). Elizabeth, however, became ill after a trip and died during her first year after a trip. Boydston's great-grandmother was so distraught after the death that the family decided to move to America.

These immigrants from Scotland boarded the S.S. Edinburgh, a ship docked in Glas-



Courtesy

Christina Boydston's great-grandfather Alexander "Old Sandie" Legge was born in Scotland. They moved to the U.S. in 1857. The arrived in Nebraska in 1876.

gow on Oct. 20, 1857, and sailed to the United States. They arrived in New York City where the city processed their requests to enter the United States and become U.S. citizens. (Ellis Island did not open until 1892.) They traveled to Canada, then moved to Wisconsin where three sons were born.

The family moved to Nebraska in 1876, after Alex became bankrupt when a friend forged Alex's name on a bank note for \$8,000. Alex did not want the young man to go to prison so he accepted the responsibility. In Nebraska, the family joined a friend's operating partnership on a 2,000 acre ranch in Colfax County. Eventually, Alex was able to buy the Bulong farm and through his contacts back in Scotland, he imported the best Aberdeen Angus and Galloway cattle in Fremont area.

Research work drew her to U.S., Fremont

Bhaswati Bandyopadhyay: India 2008

Bhaswati Bandyopadhyay also had a long journey to Nebraska. She was born in Barrackpore, a small town close to Calcutta, India. Fremont reminds her of her hometown. She is impressed with how family oriented the town is, as well as Fremont's high standards, values and morals.

Bhaswati studied hard while in India and received a PhD in neuroscience from the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology in Calcutta.

In 2003, Bhaswati made the decision to leave her family in India and make the United States her new home. She decided to make the move in order to pursue better research opportunities in the United States. She completed her first postdoctoral research at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. She loved the diverse cultural and multinational aspects of NYC and felt at home.

Bhaswati moved to Columbus, Ohio, in 2005 to continue her research at Ohio State University where she found great success in researching Alzheimer's disease.

In July, 2008, Bhaswati and her husband moved to Fremont. Bhaswati continues her research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. She is now doing research on pancreatic cancer. She previously had worked on cancer while studying for her master's degree and is now motivated to continue that research on such "a deadly disease."



Bhaswati Bandyopadhyay buys flowers for the Hindu temple in Omaha. Each week, Bhaswati stops by Hy-Vee in Fremont.

Bhaswati also is interested in volunteering in community charities; she has participated in different fundraising activities for children. And she continues her personal skill development after taking the Dale Carnegie Institute's course. She was impressed with the curriculum's focus on striving for a meaningful life and learning practical strategies to achieve goals. She is interested in assisting others learn these strategies.

Fremont is home now and it reminds her of her hometown, Barrackpore near Calcutta. Bhaswati believes Fremont has huge potential to develop its young people motivated by values and goals. And she sees that this potential can be realized by having people of diverse backgrounds mentor our youth.

"Awareness of many different cultures can broaden the horizons and meaning of life for both young and old," she said.



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Bhaswati Bandyopadhyay shops at Hy-Vee Saturday morning in Fremont.

Ice dusting planned

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will conduct ice dusting starting Thursday morning in nine spots on the Platte River, north of I-80 to North Bend.

Due to a moderate to high probability for ice-jam-related flooding along the lower Platte River, the Army Corps of Engineers has recommended ice dusting. Dusting the ice with ash is intended to induce a controlled melting of the ice. A rapid thaw could cause large chunks of ice to break up and jam along the river.

TPA board meets Friday

Travelers Protective Association Post B will hold its monthly board meeting at 1 p.m. Friday in the Cabin Creek Room at the Clarion Inn (Wilderness Lodge) in Fremont. Members of Post B are invited to attend.

POLICE BEAT

Sheriff IDs crash victim

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Authorities have identified a woman killed in a one-vehicle rollover Monday morning west of Fremont.

Dodge County Sheriff Steve Hespen said 45-year-old Maria Socorro Gomez of Columbus was killed in the accident on U.S. Highway 30 when she lost control of her pickup and rolled over in a ditch.

Socorro Gomez was partially ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Teen jailed for false info

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A teenager who provided police with false information remained in Dodge County Jail this morning.

Andrew Espinoza, 19, of Fremont was arrested shortly before 5 a.m. Tuesday, Fremont Police reported.

Lt. Kurt Bortorff said officers were called to the 1600 block of East 23rd Street to check on the welfare of a man walking in the area.

When officers had contact with Espinoza, he gave them a false name. Officers also found a bottle of prescription pills for another person on Espinoza.

Espinoza was charged with false reporting, possession of legend drugs-no prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond is set at \$1,500.

Woman hurt in 2-car crash

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A Blair woman was transported to Fremont Area Medical Center Tuesday night following a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 19th Street and North Platte Avenue.

Fremont Police Lt. Kurt Bortorff said a 2003 Honda Odyssey van driven by 74-year-old Theodore Perry of Fremont collided with a 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by 28-year-old Rebecca Jones of Blair in the intersection. The accident was reported at 5:10 p.m.

Jones was taken to FAMC, where she was treated and released.

Bortorff said the accident caused \$3,000 damage to Perry's vehicle and \$5,000 to Jones' car.

1876: Christina Boydston's descendants arrive in Nebraska.

2008: Bhaswati Bandyopadhyay of India moves to Fremont.

1856 1870 1890 1910 1930 1950 1970 1990 2010

Periods of large immigrant arrivals throughout Fremont's history. ■ 1856-1890: Mostly northern Europeans; ■ 1900-1920: Mostly southern Europeans; ■ 1990-present: Mostly Latin American, Asians, Europeans.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.