

# Footsteps of My Ancestors

A Special Message from Sharon Thompson



Sharon Thompson (left), with Kathy Macdonald and Julia Fitz-Randolph, enjoys her visit to Thompson Island.

Hi, my name is Sharon Thompson and I am a 12th generation descendant of David Thompson, the original owner of Thompson Island.

My Uncle Frank Thompson of Surrey, British Columbia spent many, many years researching and documenting the family history; however, it wasn't until after the death of my parents that I began reading the manuscript, which in no time had me totally captivated. It was then I learned of Thompson Island and Mendon, Massachusetts, of which John Thompson (David's son) was one of the original founders. It was my dream to someday visit these places.

Earlier this year I emailed Outward Bound and shared my dream, and asked if there was any way to visit the island. I was overwhelmed at the response—which was, “..Tell me when you are coming and we will make your dream come true!!” The excitement started to build and the flight was soon booked.

June 11, 2008; on a perfect summer day my dream was realized and what a fabulous experience it was. To be able to walk where my ancestors may have walked and to let my imagination run wild on how things might have been almost 400 years before was awesome, and for me the thrill of a lifetime. To walk the magnificent

trails of Thompson Island and to take in its beauty—it couldn't have been more perfect.

I am forever grateful to Outward Bound for making my dream come true and for giving me the opportunity, privilege, and freedom to explore this spectacular piece of my family history. There is no doubt in my mind my ancestors would be proud to see the island so beautifully maintained and put to such good use for the Outward Bound programs.

I have since learned that there may be other Thompsons in the area but have had no luck locating any. If there are any relatives that would be interested in communicating, I would be most interested in hearing from you. I can be reached by email at [slenterprises@yahoo.com](mailto:slenterprises@yahoo.com) or at #9 4401-37 Street, Stony Plain, Alberta Canada T7Z 1L2

Special thanks again to Outward Bound for making this all possible.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Thompson



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