

From Old Hollywood to New Brunswick: The Surprising Life of Joan Crawford



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Joan Crawford was one of the biggest stars of Hollywood's Golden Age. She starred in over 100 films, won an Academy Award, and was known for her glamorous lifestyle and tempestuous personal life. But what many people don't know is that Crawford had a surprising connection to the Canadian province of New Brunswick.

In 1943, Crawford purchased a 100-acre farm in Sussex, New Brunswick. She named the farm "Crawford's Corner" and spent the next several years renovating the property and raising livestock. Crawford loved her New Brunswick farm and often escaped there to relax and escape the pressures of Hollywood.

Crawford's connection to New Brunswick went beyond her farm. She also donated money to local charities and helped to promote the province's tourism industry. In 1956, she was made an honorary citizen of New Brunswick.

Early Life and Career

Crawford was born in San Antonio, Texas, in 1904. Her early life was marked by poverty and instability. Her parents divorced when she was young, and she was raised by her mother and stepfather. Crawford began her career as a dancer in the chorus line of a Broadway show. In 1925, she was signed to a contract by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) and began her rise to stardom.

Crawford quickly became one of MGM's most popular stars. She starred in a string of hit films, including *The Unknown* (1927), *Our Dancing Daughters* (1928), and *Grand Hotel* (1932). Crawford won an Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in the 1945 film *Mildred Pierce*.

Personal Life

Crawford's personal life was as dramatic as her on-screen persona. She was married four times, and her marriages were often tumultuous. She also had a number of high-profile relationships, including affairs with Clark Gable and Franchot Tone.

Crawford was also known for her temper and her demanding personality. She was often difficult to work with, and she had a reputation for being cruel to her co-stars and staff.

Later Years

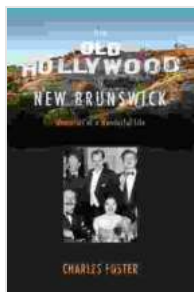
Crawford's career began to decline in the 1950s. She continued to make films, but they were no longer as successful as her earlier work. In 1962, she retired from acting.

Crawford spent her retirement years in New York City. She died in 1977 at the age of 72.

Legacy

Crawford is remembered as one of the biggest stars of Hollywood's Golden Age. She was a talented actress who starred in some of the most iconic films of the era. Crawford was also a complex and controversial figure, but her life story is a fascinating one that continues to captivate audiences today.

Joan Crawford's connection to New Brunswick is a surprising but fascinating one. It is a story that sheds light on a different side of the Hollywood legend and her love for the Canadian province.



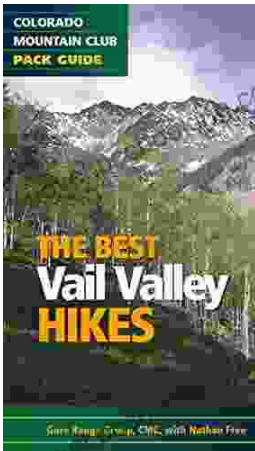
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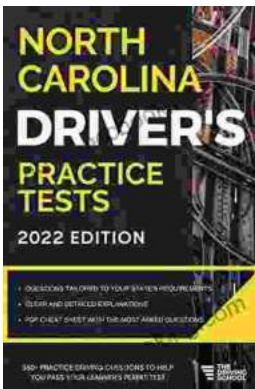
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