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President's Message

As I write this message, the family and I are getting ready to enjoy the Christmas Season and all the festivities that entails. As you read this missive, hopefully you will have enjoyed family and friends over the holidays and are embarking on 2016 with enthusiasm and optimism.

This year our historical display will feature pioneer women and transportation. Both are fascinating subjects which promise to make this display exceptional. Many of you have photos in your family collections which might be of interest to display. Our historical committee meets on Mondays at the Memorial Building from 10 until 2ish. Bring a lunch and enjoy the comradery; share your family pictures and history.

I have always been fascinated with the stories of life and hardship for the pioneer woman – women who often left lives of privilege to travel with fathers or husbands who sought to claim their place in history by coming to the West. Their lot was mostly hard and unforgiving. Little social interaction, and sometimes lack of even the most basic amenities were daily reminders of what they were missing. Some rose to heights not attainable in their previous situation. Most were wives and mothers who would birth a new generation who would be the face of the new West. Few can contemplate without a sense of exhilaration the splendid achievements of these pioneer women,

as on every front they faced adversity and restrictions but triumphed in life in the untamed west of pioneer Alberta.

Our building committee is again hard at work with the preservations and upgrades so necessary to keep our building in top shape. Any help is always welcome, and keep in mind our building for any rentals, as we need the funds to continue our restorations.

Our Digital Memories Project is also full steam ahead with new computers. Please fill out the new forms so that we can maximize the impact. We should have our new web page up and running soon with many improvements.

We are always looking at ideas to improve our membership experience. We are hoping to organize outings to various venues of historical merit. One of these ideas is a visit to the museum at Crowfoot Crossing, the home of our past president Roy Clark, whose personal collection of family history artifacts is a must-see. Other venues are being considered.

Members are always welcome at our monthly meetings where new ideas can be explored. We are still in need of volunteers. Get involved as you can, we need the help!

Finally, I hope that 2016 brings you happiness and hopefully more time to enjoy your membership in the Southern Alberta Pioneers.

Pamela Hilton, President



INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND WINE

Saturday, February 20
7:00 pm
SAP Memorial
Building

Tickets
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403-279-5621

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Upcoming Social Events

Sun, Jan 17, 2:00 pm
Social/Games/Pot Luck
Kerri Fipke, 403-271-9581

Sun, Feb 7, 2:00 pm
Social/Games/Pot Luck
Linda Chudey, 403-225-0698

Sat, Feb 20, 7:00 pm
International Food and Wine
Kathleen and Brian Rogers, 403-242-1850
Maureen and Jeff Hill, 403-225-2397


Sun, Mar 13, 2:00 pm
Social/Games/Pot Luck
Eileen McElroy, 403-272-3841

Sun, Mar 20, 2:00 – 4:30 pm
New Member Orientation
Roy Clark, 403-641-2106
Pamela Hilton, 403-934-2637

Sun, Apr 10, 2:00 pm
Volunteer Appreciation
Pamela Hilton, 403-934-2637

Sat, Apr 23, 10:00 am
Building & Yard Clean Up
Joan Hampaul, 403-282-8515

Sun, May 1, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Gold Card Tea
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The position of Secretary is now available. You would be required to take minutes at the monthly Southern Alberta Pioneers board meetings and circulate the minutes in a timely fashion.

Interested?

Contact Kerri Fipke at
403-271-9581 for
further information.



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IN MEMORIUM

William Lewis, Audree Medhurst, Jared Paisley & Moira 'Teen' Nolan.

NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

Virginia Holmes, Fran McTaggart & Lionel Singleton

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Eugene Blakley, descendant of Joseph Fisher, Millarville 1884.

M. Lynn Hoosier, descendant of Thomas Edgar Jackson, Calgary 1885.

Shawn Hendry, Chad Hendry, Jill Hendry & Scott Hendry, descendants of Samuel Shaw, Fish Creek, 1883 & R. C. Thomas, Calgary 1881.

Cyril Jensen & James Jensen, descendants of Nathaniel Wright, Poplar Grove (Innisfail), 1887.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

James Hendry

WELCOME BACK

Lynette James & Lee Pickett

Thank you for notifying me of any changes, address, phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

E-mail membership@pioneersalberta.org or phone 403-271-5483.

Maureen Peckham, Membership

Historical Committee

We are in the process of converting pioneer and family histories to the computer.

Please help by filling out the GENERATION forms with your pioneer and descendants history.

We will send you the instructions along with the forms.

Contact membership@pioneersalberta.org

Chinook County Historical Society

Calendar of Events 2016

January 26, 2016 7:30 pm
Fort Calgary, Burnswest Theater
750 - 9th AV SE
Roland Gissing – The People's Painter
Kori Gregory (granddaughter)

Roland Gissing was Alberta's most famous artist by the time he died at age 72.

February 23, 2016 7:30 pm
Fort Calgary, Burnswest Theater
750 - 9th AV SE
Paying it Backward: The John Ware Story
Cheryl Foggo

Cheryl Foggo shares her research on the legendary cowboy and rancher John Ware, and the impact he has had on her own life in Alberta.

March 22, 2016 5:00 pm
Danish Canadian Club
727 - 11th AV SW
CCHS AGM
United States-Canadian First Special Service Force (The Devil's Brigade)
John Hart

John Hart is the son of WWII Veteran Geoffrey Hart of the Special Service Force. John has followed his father's footsteps through Norway, Italy and France. John will speak on the history and the legacy of this highly decorated American-Canadian unit.

April 26, 2016 7:30 pm
Ranchmen's Club
710 - 13th AV SW

125 Years of the Ranchmen's Club
(1891 - 2016)
Jennifer Cook Bobrovitz

Join Club Archivist/Historian Jennifer Cook Bobrovitz for an inside look at the history of one of the oldest private clubs in western Canada. It is an action-packed story with a cast of characters and a plot that will surprise. Jennifer will take us on a breathtaking ride through club history from the first unofficial meeting in a boxcar too the present day. This is the story of a 125-year journey through good times and bad.

Pioneer Logo

You may give a lasting tribute to your descendant of a pioneer family by inserting the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Society's logo into your loved one's obituary.

The logo is a copyrighted feature of the Pioneers Society.

Our logo is available at the *Calgary Herald* and the *Sun* newspapers.

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Stampede Display 2016

The SAPD photo exhibit at the 2016 Calgary Stampede in the Western Oasis in the BMO Centre will focus on the history of southern Alberta's transportation network and its development. We will also be doing a feature on pioneer women, their contribution in building the region and how it impacted their roles in Alberta society. Women garnered the right to vote in Alberta provincial elections on April 10, 1916. This year is the centennial.

The history of European settlement in southern Alberta is relatively short in comparison to other regions of Canada. It began in 1870 when a fledging Dominion of Canada government pushed to develop the region into an agricultural frontier even though reports by John Palliser in 1859 stated that southern Alberta was unsuitable for farming. With the exception of the NWMP and large cattle ranches that were established to feed the First Nations people after the demise of the buffalo, there was very little European settlement in southern Alberta in the late 1870's. This would change with the coming of the CPR Railway in 1883. It provided transportation to and from the east to the frontier to help establish settlers into the southern Alberta region.

The route from the east prior to the railway was difficult and arduous, traveling over water on lakes, rivers, and using Red River carts to Fort Edmonton (established in 1795) and then heading south. Or they would travel along the US waterways to Fort Benton, Montana and work their way north using the first nation trails like the Old North Trail (Macleod Trail) that was used by the US whiskey fur traders.



Mrs. Harry Denning of Lineham Alberta 1917.
Dan Denning of Turner Valley is her grandson



The view of Calgary from the south in 1917. Notice the roadways.

Like eastern Canada, most existing trails were established by the first nations peoples and later converted into roadways or used as trunk routes for the rail lines.

The rail lines facilitated the rapid changes and advancements in industrial growth throughout southern Alberta between 1900-1916 even though the motorcar arrived in southern Alberta as early as 1903. With the introduction of the motorcar, new demands on transportation routes were needed but were slow to develop outside of major centers. The local roadways and market roads were given priority with no connection to major arteries. The advent of the First World War slowed the progress in the development of a comprehensive road system.

The grueling economic times between 1915-1930 took a heavy toll on settlers and the horse and buggy remained a major mode of transportation for many until the late 1930's. Indeed, the Bennett-Buggy was a symbol of how difficult times were with people converting their model T Ford into a horse drawn car because they could not afford repairs, fuel or have them replaced. The railway was the major mode of transportation until the 1950's and it was not until 1960 that a person could drive across Canada on a major highway.

The pioneer women's arduous journey to southern Alberta in the late 19th century began their transformation from traditional women in the household, to strong independent women with steel backbones needed to survive pioneering the unforgiving environment of southern Alberta. The women traveled in extreme weather through harsh terrain and endless prairies. Many of these earlier pioneer women were in their childbearing years and had the additional rigors of pregnancy when travelling, and also tended to the traditional work of cooking, household tasks, and childcare.

Stampede Display 2016, cont'd

A new respect for their abilities would be tested further when on arrival on their desolate prairie land a need for shelter became their first priority. Working along side the family, every hand was needed and the women would assist in clearing the land and help build a new home, which for many on the prairie would be a one room sod hut cut out of the virgin land. Also, for many the raising of chicken, pigs, milking cows and growing their own food was outside of their experience and they had to learn fast or they did not survive.

After the arrival of the CPR rail line, trains made the journey to Southern Alberta less arduous for thousands of women from all walks of life as they immigrated with their families. Once they arrived however, life on the land was extremely difficult with every hour of every day focused around chores just to survive. As they helped build the communities throughout Southern Alberta, life settled, and the pioneer women began to change the roles of women in society. They used that pioneer determination and independence spirited thru the Suffrage movement to change the status of women and obtain the right to vote in Provincial elections. It says much for these prairie pioneer women as it was the Prairie Provinces; Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta that first obtained this right in 1916.

To complete the SAPD story we ask all members to dig deep into the personal family history for stories or photos of their pioneer women. Please contact any of the SAPD historical members.

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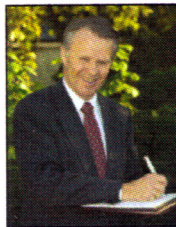
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First Impressions of Calgary, September 1889

Henry George

We were more or less prepared for Calgary from what we had seen of the towns along the CPR we had passed on our journey westward. We reached Calgary in the small hours of the morning and of course it was too dark to see much except that the station was a small wooden building and there were no porters in uniform as we were used to seeing in England – only a station agent and the train crew. The NWMP were always on duty to search the trains for liquor as they came in. It was prohibition and no one could have liquor without a special permit.

When I saw the town in daylight, I was struck with the wooden houses and raised wooden sidewalks, the number of saddle horses with the lines thrown over their heads and trailing on the ground. [And there were] the cowboys, with their big felt hats, coloured handkerchiefs and chaps and belts with revolvers. These they were allowed to carry if they were exposed and not hidden.

The Royal Hotel was the largest at that time. The Alberta was building; the Queen's was quite a little place. St. Mary's Cathedral towers were building and there was a long stretch of prairie between it and the railway.

Cowboys would ride into town and race up and down Steven Avenue and a man would mount his horse to ride 100 yards up the street. Though it was prohibition time there were nineteen bars. People would get permits and hand them over to barkeepers so if the police came around they would have enough to cover their stock of liquor.

The old stage coach ran a couple of times a week from Calgary to Edmonton, also one to McLeod. There were no waterworks but telephones and electricity were installed. There was no hospital except the one at the NWMP Barracks and it was only for police and prisoners. The first hospital was being built at Medicine Hat, Doctors Oliver and Calder being in charge. They were doctors to the CPR. Dr. Lindsay and I have the next division to them, our pass running from Medicine Hat to Donald. Dr. Lafferty and Dr. Rouleau were also practicing in Calgary and Dr. Aylen was the Police Doctor at the barracks.

There were two town policemen – Dillabough and Barber. The N.W.M.P. did no town duty unless they were specifically called.

(taken from "First Impressions of Calgary" September 1889 by Henry George, an addendum to *Memoirs of a Pioneer Mother* written in 1924 by Barbara Mary George and excerpted here with permission from the family)



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95th Roundup 2015

The annual Roundup was a great event as it has been for many years. There were 127 people in attendance. The guest speaker, local historian David Finch, was enlightening and entertaining. There were over 20 door prizes handed out and the Fairmont Group provided some very nice two night vouchers for their Banff and Lake Louise Hotels. Robin Arthurs won the free night at the Palliser Hotel the night of the Roundup. Michele Tyrrell and the Palliser Hotel staff did an excellent job ensuring the venue was outstanding as well as the excellent food and beverage services. Thank you to all that attended and also to the many volunteers that donated door prizes and their time to make this event possible.

David S. A. Mackie

What History is Not, According to David Finch

What History is Not! was the subject of David Finch's talk and using examples of historic events from 1914, 1931, 1936, 1971 and 1980 he proved that history is not boring or irrelevant. Still, history does not provide easy answers to the tough questions we face today. And, we may not agree on historical events or what they mean. Here are Finch's assertions:

Since 1931 the oil companies have been paying twice as much – on average – royalties, taxes and other fees to the provincial government as individuals pay in personal income tax. Sounds fine, until we realize that the money they give to Alberta politicians should actually go to each and every person in the province because the resources belong to the people – not the government!

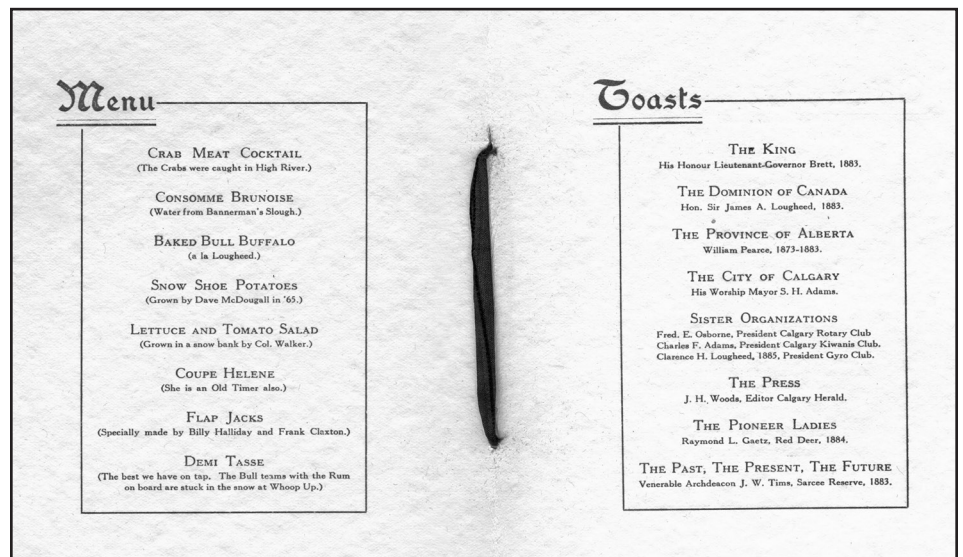
In 1936 Alberta had a provincial sales tax, for a year. And Alberta's boom and bust economy would be better managed if the province had a sales tax today. All other provinces have sales tax, as does the federal government! It's time for Alberta residents to smarten up and demand that this province have one too.

Radical change in government surprised us all in the last year – at the provincial *and* federal levels. But radical change is not new to Alberta. In 1971 the Peter Lougheed government brought in a much more extensive set of changes than anyone imagined, including an almost four-fold increase in the royalty rate on natural resources.

Finch also mentioned the much despised National Energy Program and several other topics. Not everyone in the room agreed with his comments – some loud "boos" from the back of the room proved he was keeping his dissenters awake. In any event, the speech was not dull and it pointed to historical events which may help inform today's political challenges. History is much more than a collection of facts. It demands thought, opinion and even response.



Palliser Hotel, 1915



The menu from the Roundup dinner of 1922

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The ability to pay with PayPal has been put on hold as the SAPD website will be getting a major overhaul in the coming months.

Not too much of interest to report on the financial side as everything seems to be running fairly smoothly. Rental bookings are down, which may be a reflection of the current economic situation in Calgary.

Thanks to our manager and bookkeeper, Pam Nicholls, for all her efforts.

Eileen E. McElroy, Treasurer



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Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives.

Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

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Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be emailed to Lyn Cadence at lyn@cadencepr.ca by the 15th of the month prior to publication. The newsletter is printed in January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Regular weekly meetings are on Mondays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. On the rare

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