



# SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

## AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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### The Clarks' Crowfoot Creek Ranch

My great granddad and my great grandmother left Scotland in 1875, came to Eastern Canada and were there until 1883. John Clark Sr. and his three boys - John Clark Jr., Duncan Clark and James Clark - came as far as the railway (which was around Swift Current) in the spring of 1883. John Sr. and Duncan followed the railway as it was being built. They got into Crowfoot Creek in April of 1883.

John Jr. (Granddad) and James went down south, to Helena and back up through Fort Macleod and Blackfoot Crossing. They all met up where they first homesteaded south of here right along the railway tracks. My grandfather came back here and homesteaded here. He also homesteaded a piece out on the Red Deer River and that's what he sold to John Ware.

In the early days, there was a prairie fire from north of Gleichen all the way to the Red Deer River, and the only thing that was saved was the house. Everything else was lost - feed, corrals, barns - the whole works. They hastily built up a barn to get through the winter and managed to carry on somehow. Grandma was a little woman. She stood in the creek holding one of the big prize Clydesdales covered in blankets to save him, while everything else was lost.

When my granddad died in November of 1929, Gramma, and Dad as a young man, managed to do all the things they had to do to keep the place and survive the 1930's.

So my children are now the 6th generation of Clarks to raise cattle on the Crowfoot Creek.

Roy Clark, as told to Lyn Cadence



Roy Clark (left) is showing us family pictures at his Crowfoot Creek Ranch. Above is the sign outside his place, below that is a Wells Fargo container for messages, and a spitoon.

# President's Message

**M**EMBERSHIP! We, as the families of the founding fathers of Southern Alberta, and the Southern Alberta Pioneers, need to get our generation signed up for membership and expand our volunteer base. Our organization is functional but our volunteer base is so small that it taxes the strength of the core of people that keep the building looking beautiful and rentable and the business of the Foundation and the Association running. We need new members, your children, and grandchildren to become involved and excited about their history and their part in it. By doing so we can access their talents and use their expertise to make our organization stronger and more relevant to their generational needs.

There has been talk about changing the membership date from 1890 to 1900+ to allow more families access to membership. I, personally, do not feel this change would be in keeping with the original pioneers' request as they themselves chose December 31, 1890 as the start date. Many "old timers" active in the association when it was loosely formed in the early 1900's were excluded when the first organization was formed. We will be considering this change in the next couple of years if we do not increase our membership and volunteer base.

As the end of summer approaches and my year as president winds down, I would like to thank the many people who made my term so enjoyable. I would especially like to thank Roy Clark for his unwavering devotion to the Southern Alberta Pioneers. A huge thanks to Kerri Filpke, Kathleen Rogers and Joan Hampaul for their advice and confidence.

No president goes it alone and the members of the board were invaluable. Many thanks to my conveyors who so cheerfully accepted their positions and carried out their duties so successfully.

Please mark on your calendars and attend our AGM on Saturday, October 15 and the Roundup on November 5 which will feature a live band, dance and a silent auction at the Palliser Hotel.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Pamela Hilton, President

## More from Crowfoot Crossing



Above is a tobacco cutter from 1890, a selection of irons, foot warmers, a wagon and a rake and a livery stable fully stocked with tools and implements collected over the ages.





## Upcoming Social Events

Sunday, September 11, 2016, 2:00 pm  
Social/Pot Luck, Champion Park  
Fran Copithorne 403-271-1972

\* This year we are returning to a traditional pot luck for all dishes. Meat will not be provided.

Saturday, September 24, 2016  
Doors Open Calgary  
Kerri Fipke, 403-271-9581

Saturday, October 15, 2016, 12:30 pm  
AGM Luncheon  
Karen Clark, 403-641-2106

Sunday, October 29, 2016, 10:00 am  
Christmas Decorating, Memorial Building  
Joan Hampaul, 403-282-8515

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 5:30 pm  
Round Up at the Palliser Hotel  
Pamela Hilton 403-934-2637

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 5:30 pm  
Christmas Dinner  
Jeff and Maureen Hill, 403-225-2397



## PIONEER HISTORY RECORDS UPDATE

The History Committee is working on a project to have all members update their pioneer (direct line) records.

The History Committee is in the process of recording all our pioneer records on the computer. We want to make sure that all of our information is accurate and up to date on each pioneer.

I am asking for every member to help with this project. Forms have been made available on line through Maureen Peckham (membership), email address: [membership@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:membership@pioneersalberta.org) and also at the Memorial Building in the front office.

Please fill in each generation starting with 001 generation and on down the line.

I am asking for your help to make this project a success with all the pioneer names and their direct descendants completed.

Thank you for your help,

Shirley Simmering, History Committee

## Pot Luck Social

**Sunday, September 11, 2016**  
**Champion Park**  
**2:00 p.m.**

### Traditional Pot Luck

(aka Jacob's join, covered-dish supper, bring & share, pitch-in, dish to pass, fuddle and carry in.)

- This might include casserole, salad or dessert
- Please bring a side of meat you and your family might wish to eat.
- SAPD will not be providing meat due to the cost.
- Bring fishing gear and games.

## Membership

Membership fees for 2017 are due January 1, 2017. Watch for a notice in the next newsletter.

This newsletter can be read and printed at [www.pioneersalberta.org](http://www.pioneersalberta.org).

If you would like to discontinue receiving the paper copy of the newsletter, please send a notice to Maureen Peckham at [membership@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:membership@pioneersalberta.org).

### IN MEMORIUM

Patricia Skene, David Copithorne, Frances Mooney, Ethel Barnes & Harvey Buckley

### NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

Stuart Bradley, Ronald Laycraft, Anne Fitzpatrick & Dr. Michael Wasylchuk

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Margery Hawkins, Descendant of Peter Talbot, Ft Macleod, 1890

Daniel & Katherine Fipke, Kyle Graham, & Meagan Pedlar, descendants of Thomas Henry Andrews, Davisburg, 1884

Carolyn Preston, Descendant of James Walter Ockley, Priddis, 1883 & Samuel Stirling Brogden, Midnapore, January 1889

### NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Garry Toews & Robert Pedlar

### WELCOME BACK

Deborah Corson

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

E-mail [membership@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:membership@pioneersalberta.org) or phone 403-271-5483.

Maureen Peckham, Membership

## Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta

Reprint of **Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta** and the Addendum of 96 pages of over 800 new names.

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## MEMBER NAME TAGS (Magnetic)

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# SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS & THEIR DESCENDANTS

## Annual General Meeting



Saturday, October 15, 2016 - AGM and Luncheon

12:00 to 3:00 PM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, Pamela Hilton

### **AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 17, 2015
  2. Business arising from the minutes
  3. President's Report – Pamela Hilton
  4. Treasurer's Report – Eileen McIlroy
  5. Membership Report – Maureen Peckham
  6. Committee Reports
7. Election of Board of Directors for 2016/2017
8. Introduction of the Incoming President
  9. Incoming President's Remarks
10. Adjournment

Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants Foundation Meeting  
to follow AGM to appoint Directors to Foundation Board.

# 96th Annual Roundup



Saturday, November 5th, 2016  
Alberta Ballroom, Palliser Hotel  
Cocktails 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

An evening to visit with family and friends and celebrate who we are!

## **LIVE BAND, DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION**

Tickets - \$85.00 each

## **ALL MUST BE PURCHASED & PAID FOR IN ADVANCE**

Cash or cheque only please.

If cheque please make payable to the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants.

Mail cheque to Gwen Hanna 7048 – 22A St. SE Calgary, AB T2C 0X2

Tables will be assigned as tickets are purchased

No tickets will be sold after October 25, 2016.

Early Bird draw; tickets purchased by October 15th, 2016 (drawn at the AGM)

Contact Names for tickets (by mail or phone)  
Gwen Hanna 403 279-5621 Maureen Hill 403 225-2397

The Palliser Hotel will be offering a special overnight rate for the Round-Up of \$99.00 + GST

Many outstanding door prizes will be handed out at the party.



# Pancake Breakfast, July 16

It was an overcast morning with a good chance of rain. The coffee was perking, the grills were heating, and the small army of volunteers were setting up for the guests.

The Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants are a hardy bunch, so a good turnout was expected in spite of the weather. After all they had been showing up since the first one was organized by the Oldtimers Association back in the 1920's.

Beryl Sibbald, Ken Thompson and Pamela Hilton were all on hand to greet the guests and mingle. Between 9AM and 11AM we served approximately one hundred and fifty hungry people. A new addition to the menu this year was fresh fruit and it was very popular. Bill Jackson who came up with the idea is now a very big fan of Costco. Having never set foot inside the store before, when he went to pick up the fruit, he spent more time visiting with friends and neighbours than shopping!

There were numerous compliments on the pancakes, sausages and breakfast as a whole. Many thanks to the cooking crew! The weather cooperated until about 11:30 am, so only the cleanup crew got wet. Finally a huge SAPD thank you to all the volunteers who helped with set up, cooking, serving, kitchen, batter mixing, coffee and juice and cleanup. The volunteers in no particular order (all tasks were equally important) Jeff Hill, Don Fipke, Roy Burke, Robin Arthurs, JB Isaacs, Dave Wake, Buster Schweiger, John Sibbald, Edith Morlidge, Joan Hampaul, Pamela Hilton, Del Huber, Jon Hilton and Craig Hope-Johnston (for his past convenor advice and knowledge).

Steve Foote and Bill Jackson

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# 2016 Stampede Barbeque

As was the case last year, this year's edition of the annual Stampede Barbeque was marked by a dramatic visit from Mother Nature. We won't soon forget the sight of our stalwart MC, Russell Moore, entertaining the assembled crowd as sheets of rain poured off his shelter! Fortunately, the rain subsided before dinner and all were able to enjoy food and fellowship without further disturbance.

Members of the Calgary Stampede Promotion Committee, with a fiddler in tow, were on hand to greet guests as they arrived. We were once again fortunate to have the Stampede Queen, Princesses, and the Indian Princess attend our event and mingle with our members and their guests.

Alpine Catering team returned this year with another delicious meal, served with friendly efficiency by their able team. On behalf of the Board and membership, sincere thanks to all the volunteers who made this event possible. Ticket sales: Gwen Hanna. Morning set-up crew: Mark & Heather McMillen, Vern & Kathy Pointen, Kent Clayton, Todd McBride and the ever-knowledgeable Dave Wake. Afternoon set-up crew: Paul & Joan Hampaul, Roy, Karen & Kathy Clark and Bill Jackson. Master of Ceremonies: Russell Moore. Stampede Royalty Liaison: Dave & Betty Wake. Beverage ticket sellers: Wayne & Leanne Bateman, Robin Arthurs and Terri MacInnes. Merchandise sales: Pat Rodriguez. Beverage service: Carla, Lane, Halle & Gage Begalke, and Gerry & Bonnie Halford. Bartenders: Roy & Kit Clark and Pam & Chelsea Nicholls. Thanks to all who pitched in to help with clean up. Happy Trails and we'll see y'all again next year!

Eileen McElroy  
Convenor



Pamela Hilton and Paul Hampaul



Jill Coroy and Patricia Cox



Pamela Hilton, Stampede Queen & Princesses



The crowd gathers..



Lois and Ross Ward and guests, Catherine Toews



Barb Nelson, Maureen Hill, Bill Nelson, Jeff Hill



Ken Thompson



Russell Moore and Eileen McElroy



Stampede Queen & Princesses



# The 104th Annual Rotary Tea

Our Rotary House Tea on July 12 2016, was a very successful event - inspite of the weather. Our Honored Pioneer Lady (Beryl Sibbald), and Honored Pioneer Gent (Ken Thompson) helped resident Pamela Hilton, and I receive our guests and members. Joan Hampaul was on the alert for our VIP guests. Mayor Nenshi once again brought greetings from the City of Calgary. This year he was able to enjoy all the delicious home baking, so it was a bonus year for him! We had quite a turnout of VIPs . Always interesting to speak with our elected representatives.

The food was amazing and put toget her by our wonderful team of volunteers. Countless goodies were donated to the Tea by our members who really outdid themselves in terms of quality and quantity of baked goods. There were so many things to choose from, I don't think anyone will be able to say they sampled everything. Way to go bakers! I also owe a huge thank you to all the sandwich makers who showed up at the Memorial Building on Monday to start putting it all together. Another impressive group and some (most) overlapped in volunteering to bake, plate and serve at the tea as well. Thank you to Marion Krzywda and Mary Ellen Gosselin for their performances at the event.

Lorraine Toews



Iona Shaw, Susan Priel, & Marion Krzyda, piano



Patricia Cox and Kerri Fipke



Hilda Reiner, Naheed Nenshi, Joan Hampaul, and Lorraine Toews



Pat Chudey, Iona Shaw, Hilda Reiner



Beryl Sibbald, Naheed Nenshi, Ken Thompson



Maureen Hill, Lorraine Toews

## Building Committee

The SAPD Building Committee is reaching out to our membership for volunteers to assist us in the long term building management and growth of the Memorial Building.

Can you help with:

- Building improvements and construction?
- The preparation and implementation of grant /funding applications?
- Overall building maintenance and upkeep?
- Administration of maintenance records?

Please contact Joan Hampaul at [sap.office@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:sap.office@pioneersalberta.org) for details.

## Building Report

It is the mission of our dedicated volunteers to have our building available for more public and community programs such as open Doors Calgary, Jane's Walk and Annual Historic Calgary. We bring local interest groups, seniors and schools here to share our history and stories. If you know of any programs that would be interested, please send an email to [sap.office@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:sap.office@pioneersalberta.org), it will be forwarded to our Heritage Committee.

The Memorial Building had some interesting challenges in 2016. The building was vandalized in the spring, which caused substantial damage to the alarm system and minor damages to the doors. Fortunately there was no further damage to the building and the damages are covered under our insurance.

The Building Committee is working closely with the City of Calgary to obtain funding for projects outlined in the 2013 Capital Renewal Plan. Through this funding the City of Calgary and our executive will ensure that the building is kept in good repair.

The building rentals are down due to the economic climate and our mandate to rent to clients that will respect the community and our hours of operation.

Joan Hampaul, Building Committee Chair

# Calgary Stampede Exhibit 2016

Our exhibit grows and evolves every year because of the tremendous amount of commitment, energy and involvement from our membership. Each year our exhibit tells a story about the impact of the Southern Alberta pioneers on the development of this province, a history our organization is committed to preserving.

The focus of the 2016 SAPD photo exhibit was the history of the development southern Alberta's early roads. Our feature presentation was on pioneer women and their contribution to the prairie culture.

Alberta Pioneer Women seized opportunities, challenged cultural and political dogma and created a social bond of community that greatly influenced the development of this province and Canada as a whole. Their passion, perseverance and hard work gained them the right to vote in Alberta on April 19, 1916.

Once again we thank the amazing 95 plus SAPD and Calgary Stampede Historical Society volunteers that manned the booth. There were 100 plus scheduled time slots covering the full 10 days of the stampede. The feedback from visitors and volunteers alike was amazingly positive, with each volunteer adding their own perspective to our show.

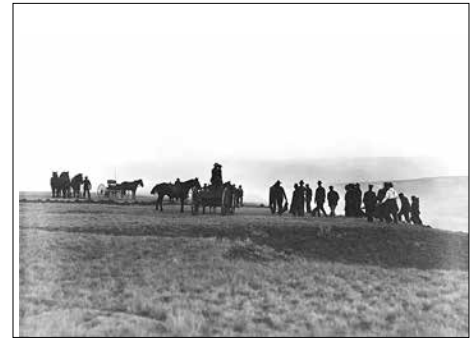
A huge round of applause goes out to Dave Wake for his tireless efforts to ensure that our show is all that and more; from preparation of the behind the scenes events, working in conjunction with the Calgary Stampede Board, the Calgary Stampede Historical Society and the Remington Museum to the collection of photos. He is the first off the mark early in the year, keeping us all on track and on schedule.

Another round of applause goes out to Susan Priel and her husband John Hails for their tireless hours of remarkable creative contribution. They were crucial in so many stages of the event; from the research and development of the story line, the acquisition, research and verification of the history of each historical photo, and their commitment to the preparation and installation of the exhibit.

Each volunteer hour was critical to the remarkable success of our exhibit. This year we had a few faithful long-term volunteers who unfortunately could not participate, but we had several new member volunteers willing to take up the baton. We look forward to working with all of you again next year.

So mark your calendars folks, March 2017 is when the scheduling begins.

Kudos to all! Joan Hampaul, SAPD Photo Exhibit Organizer



Lethbridge Fire, ca 1910



Bennett buggy, ca 1930



Drying meat, Siksika reserve, 1900



Hogge Ranch, Davisville, 1895

These and other images from the Stampede Display are being circulated through our Facebook and Twitter feeds.



# 2016 Stampede Parade

A beautiful, sunny Calgary morning was the backdrop for the 2016 Stampede Parade and the pioneer contingent was resplendent in its finery!! We were in the capable hands of experienced teamsters and enjoyed a safe trip around the downtown. I am sure the minds of some were transported back to the days when this travel was commonplace for our ancestors!

Thank-you to all our members and others who made this possible: our breakfast crew who beat the birdies up to send us off fed and watered; the drivers who bring in their teams and safely transport us around a potentially hazard-filled route; the outriders who are our line of communication and defense within our unit that in my memory have been seen to untangle lines of harness, or, in one case, gallop ahead, bail off a horse, and throw themselves in front of a team to stop it before it went into the crowd. YOU are the backbone of this display! Finally, we have our participants who go to great effort to reproduce the look of the era. You were amazing ambassadors for your city, your organization, your family, and the crowd loved you. Your enthusiasm was infectious!

Linda Chudey  
SAP Parade Coordinator



Honorary Pioneer Family, Descendants of Thos. H. Andrews, Davisburg, 1884. Kerri Fipke & Sandy Pedlar's families. Presented with a plaque from Calgary Stampede, Pioneer Family of the Year, 2016.



Pioneer Gent Ken Thompson and Descendants of J. H. Connell 1889



Joan Hampaul at Stampede Grounds



Pamela Hilton and Family



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## Christmas Dinner

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**\$25.00**



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Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

### Newsletter Deadline

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 occasion a meeting may be cancelled if the hall is booked for another function. Please call Dave Wake 403-288-5545 or Joan Davis 403-251-4915.

### Sick and Visiting

Please notify Peggy Barr 403-246-2843 of any illness or death in your family or if anyone has need of a hospital visit.

### Board Meetings

1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (except July & August). All members are welcome.

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