



# SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

## AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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### From the Vault

#### EXCERPT FROM JOB REED'S LETTERS, LIFE IN LETHBRIDGE 1886 -1906

Job Reed, born in Somerset England in 1841, immigrated to Canada in 1882, settling in Irvine, 20 miles east of Medicine Hat, in 1883. He worked for the CPR as part of the section gang based in Irvine. He subsequently moved his family to the Lethbridge area where he had purchased land with the intent of farming and raising vegetables.

My dear friend,

April 16, 1887

Again I have found time to write you a few lines and take pleasure in doing so because I have the good news to tell you that I have at last found the very place I have been looking for so many years – that is, a home of my own in a good healthy country.

I intended to move into Lethbridge in the spring but men were scarce and the Superintendent told me I could put my son on to work at a dollar and a quarter a day, which I did, and stayed there till August. I sowed some vegetable seeds and planted potatoes by the road but the summer was too dry to make anything that way. The cows did splendidly, and I sold all my butter for forty-five cents a pound, and raised calves from the skim milk.

In August I resigned leaving my family there while I came to town to buy some land and build a house. The Alberta Railway & Coal Company's land agent showed me over the place for a while and I bought two lots. They are the two outside lots of a block of fourteen lots are not regular. That is they are wider on the north end than on the south end. One is scarcely an acre and a half and the other a trifle less. I got two lots for eighty dollars but the regular acre lots were fifty dollars a lot. I built a frame

house twenty four feet long and fourteen feet wide divided into rooms and high enough to make two bedrooms over; the outside is finished but we will have to finish the inside later on.

My family came in from Woodpecker in September and a short time after, two young Englishmen who were working out there came in; one was a fitter and worked in the Company's shop and is boarding with us. My eldest son also went into the shop as an apprentice and is getting a dollar a day. I also went to work for the Company and got two dollars a day.

In December the mining got slack and many men were laid off and early in January I was laid off and have not worked since, and do not intend to do very much more except for myself.

From your sincere friend,

Job Reed



The Reed farm, home and garden to the left, built in 1886 and the Stone duplex at 1252-1254 6 Avenue South, Lethbridge built in 1890 by Job Reed.

# President's Message

This association has just always been there in the background of my life, probably like many here. When young it was where Grandpa went, which was great because during Stampede he had free passes for everything. Later I took Mom to the clubhouse for the activities and when I was older I joined because it was the natural thing to do.

Mostly I think I'm here because I'm supposed to be.



I am descended from George M. McDougall (arrived in Southern Alberta in 1873) through his son John, who was one of the original members of the Old Timers and was the guest speaker at the first meeting in 1901.

Here I am speaking to you 115 years later.

Excerpt, 96th Roundup speech, 2016.

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope you had a Merry Christmas and are surviving the cold weather. We have things going well and smoothly in the association and the committee heads have the programs under way for the year. We are looking at a couple of projects to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation but have not settled anything yet. We will keep you informed. See you at the meetings and activities.

Ron Moore.



## Twenty-Third Annual INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND WINE TASTING

Saturday, February 25, 2017

7:00 pm

SAP Memorial Building

Tickets

Gwen Hanna  
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\$35. each

Convenors:

Brian and Kathleen Rogers  
Jeff and Maureen Hill

This event sells out quickly  
"Limited to 60 people".

# Historical Committee

## TREASURE HUNT!!

### 1. UPDATING TREASURES FROM THE VAULT

- There are many unidentified people in undated photos in our collection.
- Please come for a trip down memory lane as we solve the mysteries.
- Mondays, from 10:00 am onward.
- Bring your lunch.
- Coffee, tea, and treats provided.

### 2. UPDATING

- Many family histories have not been updated for a very long time.
- Please come to the building on Monday mornings and review your family history and tree, and make any necessary corrections and additions.

### 3. HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE ARCHIVES

- We are happy to accept historic photo contributions from our Southern Alberta Pioneer families.
- PLEASE ensure that all photos/albums are dated and that people/places are identified.
- Should we accept materials for our archives, they must be dated and accompanied by a relevant story.
- We ask that you understand that not all materials may be accepted.

## Upcoming Social Events

Sat, Feb 25, 7:00 pm  
International Food & Wine  
Brian & Kathleen Rogers, 403-242-1850  
& Jeff & Maureen Hill, 403-225-2397

Sun, Mar 12, 2:00 pm  
Potluck & Games Night, Memorial  
Building  
Eileen McElroy, 403-272-3841

Sun, Mar 19, 2:00 – 4:30 pm  
New Member Orientation  
Ronald Moore, 403-533-3737 &  
Guy Cochrane, 403-243-6438

Sun, Apr 9, 2:00 pm  
Volunteer Appreciation

Ronald Moore, 403-533-3737 &  
Guy Cochrane, 403-243-6438

Sat, Apr 29, 10:00 am  
Building & Yard Clean Up  
Joan Hampaul, 403-282-8515

Jane's Walk  
May 5, 6, or 7 TBD  
Steve Foote  
Lyn Cadence, 403-465-2345

Sun, May 7, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
Gold Card Tea  
Karen Clark, 403-641-2106  
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IN MEMORIAM  
Edwin Hamilton

### NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

Virginia Schumacher, Sheila Conn  
Marian Benner, Rosamond Sanderson,  
Shirley Wilds, Dr. Donald Moore &  
Rae Trimble

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Catherine Roussel & Glen Laycock,  
descendants of John Glenn, Fish Creek,  
1873

Catherine Foote & Kate Frank,  
descendants of Joseph Henry Connell,  
Gladys Ridge, 1889

Patrician Sharkey, Arlene Segin, & Suzette  
Millar, descendants of R.C. Thomas,  
Calgary, 1884

Nicole Brenauer, descendant of Mary  
Haynes, Gleichen, May 1889

Wendy Roggema, descendant of John  
Cook Warren, Millarville, 1886

Anthony & Victoria Devasahayam & York  
Shaw, descendants of Samuel Shaw, Fish  
Creek, 1883

Catherine Clynch, descendant of Albert  
Edward Burke, Davisburg, 1889

David McKinnon & Sarah McLellan,  
descendants of Lachlin McKinnon,  
Calgary, 1886

Elaine Thomas, descendant of Ephriam  
McAllister, Cochrane, 1890

Frank Hagedorn, descendant of Joseph  
William Short, High River, 1883

### NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Debbie Laycock, Daryl Van Hereweghe,  
Chris Devasahayam & Brenda Shaw

### WELCOME BACK

Judy Bergeson & Jack Black

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

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Maureen Peckham, Membership



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are due

January 1, 2017

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# Chinook County Historical Society

## Calendar of Events 2017

**Tues, January 24th, 7:30 pm**

Free Program

FORT CALGARY, OFFICER'S MESS  
740-9th Avenue SE

– By Word of Mouth: Annie McDougall  
and the Writing of *Latch String Out*

George Colpitts

Professor of History, University of Calgary

A rare tribute to one of Alberta's first female pioneers, Annie McDougall. *Latch String Out*, by Eleanor Luxton offers a rich record of stories collected directly from family members and the region's earliest pioneers.

**Tues, February 28th, 7:00 pm**

Free Program

LOCATION: TBA

– *Elders in the Making*

Chris Hsiung

Producer and Director

*Elders in the Making* is a local award-winning feature documentary film exploring the forces of history, large and small, that have led us to where we are today.

**Tues, March 28th, 5:00 pm**

Tickets Required

DANISH CANADIAN CLUB

727-11th Avenue SW

CCHS AGM

– Stories from the Glenbow

Doug Cass

Director, Library and Archives, Glenbow

Doug Cass will share acquisition stories such as how Glenbow came to acquire the 1871 Pacific Scandal document.

**Tues, April 11th, 7:30 pm**

Free Program

CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY, Central Library,  
John Dutton Theatre, 616 Macleod Trail SE

– The Battle of Vimy Ridge

Stephane Guevremont

Military Historian Stephane Guevremont will talk about the battle of Vim Ridge, the Canadian Corps and the Alberta battalions.

**Tues, April 25th, 7:30 pm**

Free Program

CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY, Central Library  
John Dutton Theatre, 616 Macleod Trail SE

– Saving the Hanna Roundhouse

Chris Moorhouse

Intern Architect

Sandra Beaudoin

President, Hanna Roundhouse Society

The CNR's Hanna Roundhouse, designated a Provincial Historical Resource in 2015, was built in 1913. Inspiring story of saving an important community heritage asset.

## 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.

The cost to insert our logo is included in the column inch charge for your loved one's obituary.

Bill Murphy

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## MEMBER NAME TAGS (Magnetic)

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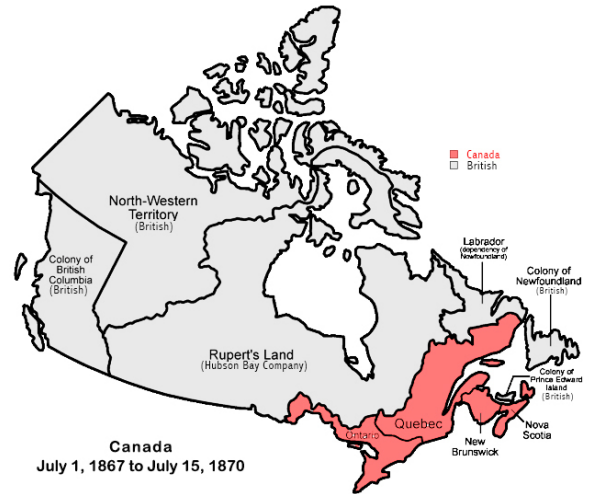
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# Stampede Display 2017

This year we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada and resulting development of Southern Alberta. In 1867, the map of the Dominion of Canada depicting the country's boundaries bears no resemblance to a map of today. For the first three years of Confederation, the new leaders negotiated with the British government to ensure political control over the British colonies in North America. The American Government's interest in the region was troubling to the new country as they worked towards building a nation from "sea to shining sea". The southern region along the eastern slope of the Rockies owned by the Hudson Bays Company (HBC), called Rupert's Land, was especially troublesome, because it was dominated by the American whiskey trader's forts that sold guns and whiskey to the First Nation's people throughout the area. At Canada's request the British government compelled HBC to sell the land to the Dominion in 1870. To solidify political control over the region, the next step taken was immediately forming the International Boundary Commission to establish the official boundary between the United States and Canada.

The first settlement established in Southern Alberta was Morleyville in 1873, but until the North West Mounted Police arrived in 1874 to establish law and order and until the creation of reserves for the First Nations people in 1877, there were no serious attempts to attract settlers to the regions. With the demise of the buffalo, large corporate ranches dominated southern Alberta until the CPR railway arrived in 1883. Southern Alberta expanded with every rail line laid, with settlements built every ten miles as settlers slowly populated the region. A steady flow of new immigrants throughout the last 150 years, built thriving and diverse communities and dynamic cities.



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# CHRISTMAS DINNER

One hundred three adults and six children attended our Christmas dinner this year; it was basically a sold-out event. Members enjoyed six-degree Celsius weather outside and a very festive atmosphere inside. Pioneer Lady Audrey Petrie and Pioneer Gent Roy Burke greeted guests at the front door before they signed the guest book and touched base with Gwen Hanna, our ticket master. Guests visited with each other both upstairs and down until dinner was called, many enjoying the Christmas cheer prepared by Wayne and Leanne Bateman. Cheryl Hendry said grace upstairs while Catie and Connor Clynch were commandeered to say grace downstairs. Alpine Catering prepared a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Once the upstairs was put in order after dinner, a sing-song took place with Herm Thielen leading, accompanied by Cheryl Hendry on the piano. Thank you to those who contributed to making this a memorable event: Pat Rogriguez, Gwen Hanna, Francie Hagedorn, Robin Arthurs, Heather Van Hereweghe, Bill Murphy, John Hutchings, Pam Nicholls, Jeff and Maureen Hill (convenors) in addition to those who assisted impromptu on the night of our party.

December 3, 2016

Maureen Hill



Ron Moore- President - Christmas 2016



Cheryl Hendry playing piano Christmas 2016



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# 96<sup>th</sup> Roundup 2016

Our 96th Annual Roundup was held November 5th, 2016. It was a huge success and tons of fun for all who joined us at the Palliser Hotel. The head table was piped in and the evening commenced with the introduction of the head table. After a fabulous meal we listened as our new president Ronald Moore spoke of his family connections and their arrival into Southern Alberta. The Northern Alberta Pioneers President was introduced and brought greetings. Past President Pamela Hilton introduced her family and thanked SAP for the opportunity to serve as their president. Roy Clark announced the associate members of the year to be Lyn Cadence and Del Huber. Congratulations to both recipients.

We hosted a silent auction and after lots of friendly bidding-wars, many members went home extremely happy with their spoils. More than \$5000.00 was raised for SAP. We danced the night away to the wonderful sounds of the 6-piece band of Larry Vannatta. Many thanks to all who helped make this exceptional night possible.

Pamela Hilton, Past-President



Pamela Hilton & Joan Hampaul



Donations for our successful auction

## Commemorating Rev. John McDougall

1842 – 1917: A Century Later

with special guests:

Don Smith, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Calgary; Bill Snow, Stoney Nakoda Nation;  
Sarah Harvey, McDougall Stoney Mission Society & Hugh Dempsey, Editor of *Alberta History*

A short presentation and film with discussion to follow



Photo courtesy of Glenbow Archives NA-1571-1

**Monday, January 16, 2017 at 12:30 pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, McDougall Centre**

**455 6<sup>th</sup> St SW, Calgary, Alberta**

This is a free event but pre-registration required via email to [halyna.kinasevych@gov.ab.ca](mailto:halyna.kinasevych@gov.ab.ca)



Larry Vannatta's 6 piece band with Iona Shaw and Daughter

## Treasurer's Report

We now have a hand-held payment device to accept debit and credit card transactions. Members can make use of this service at the office or over the phone.

Our rental bookings are down 15% compared to last year which is likely attributable to the ongoing economic downturn in Calgary. As a result, we have needed to withdraw funds from our investments to cover the Memorial Building operating costs.

I would like to thank our administrator, Pam Nicholls, for her assistance to me and for her efforts on behalf of the membership.

Eileen McElroy, Treasurer



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## To a Prairie Trail

The heavy covered wagons,  
That wore this winding trail,  
Have vanished into the distance,  
Behind a mystic veil.

No wind can erase those markings.  
They're worn from shore to shore,  
They're marked with the sweat and the  
yearnings  
Of the hardy pioneer of yore.

No rain can erase those markings,  
They're used to the salt of tears,  
They're marked by graves and by  
heartaches,  
By sorrows, by shadows, by fear.

No cloud can efface their glory,  
No sunshine make them more bright,  
They're peopled by mysterious shadows  
When the stars come out at night.

A meadowlark breaks my musing,  
I start at the depths of my thoughts,  
I marvel at the price of conquest,  
With which this country was bought.

Was this country bought, but not paid  
for?  
Have they left us to pay the fee?  
We must work, we must sweat, we  
must suffer,  
If like them we wish to be free.

By Nola Rintoul (nee Cooper) at age 9  
with her father Fred Cooper

## THE NOTICE BOARD

### Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be  
entered in our archives.  
Francie Hagedorn, 403-243-3861  
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### 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  
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if the hall is booked for another function.  
Please call Dave Wake 403-288-5545.

### Sick and Visiting

Please notify Peggy Barr 403-246-2843  
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1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
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