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Naming Public Schools

The choice of a school name is thought to symbolize the community and what it stood for and many of these names “arise from our past and linger long after those who chose them”.



Teacher with students CPR's log school, Canmore, Alberta ca 1894 - Courtesy of Glenbow Museum NA-1909-2

Districts were formed based on the 3 miles walking or riding distances of the students and each school's name reflected the symbolic importance for those who built them. For many, it was the origins of the new settlers that tended to settle in groups in a region. Rural schools could have names that derived from Britain, Northern and Eastern Europe, Russia and Americas. These schools were the spirit of the communities and when economic downturns and urbanization emptied the land of people,

the buildings were moved and or repurposed and the communities died and the names disappeared.

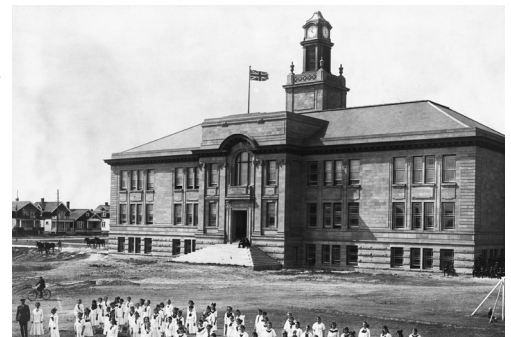


One-room school house with outhouse, six miles east of Calgary ca 1910 - Courtesy of Canada Archives PA-011720

The demise of the rural school also came with the improvement of roads and the yellow school bus bringing about consolidation and explosion of new schools built to educate the population of Baby Boomers. Many of the schools built in the 1950's, 60's and 70's were named after historical figures from all walks of life including former NWMP, like Colonel Macleod (1957), early explorers like Captain John Palliser (1963), Calgary's first farmer Sam Livingston (1972) and after the famous Metis scout, Jerry Potts (1971). A school was named after the first women teacher in Alberta, Elizabeth Barrett (Cochrane) and teachers who made a difference, Annie Gaetz (Red Deer). Schools were also named after those who dedicated their life to the community like Calgary's Fire Chief Cappy Smart (1978) and nurse Catherine Nichols Gunn (1972). Canada's Prime Ministers like John A. Macdonald (1967) and famous world leaders like Sir Winston Churchill (1968) were popular names used in many regions. This is just a snap shot of a few of the historical figures whose name are memorialized on public schools throughout Southern Alberta.

Building public schools and naming them has been consistent throughout Alberta's history and today like yester years, it will continue as our population grows and the demands for more new schools shows no signs of abating. Today, an extraordinary effort is taken in naming a new school to avoid controversies and to reflect or establish a culture and a sense of community of the individual school. One of the new schools recently open in Calgary Shawnessy was named after Southern Alberta Pioneer Samuel W. Shaw who settled in the Midnapore in 1883.

Public education was a top priority as pioneers settled Southern Alberta. The first public school was built in Fort Macleod in 1875 after the arrival of the NWMP. After the CPR railway was built, the small towns along the tracks were filled with the first wave of settlers who quickly built schools that usually carried the name of the town. As small towns turned into cities in the early 19th century, new schools were built out of brick and mortar lending a sense of solidity and permanence to the communities with the school's name becoming a statement and a connection to the past. There was a strong British influence on early school names like The Balmoral School in Calgary and Victoria Park School in Lethbridge. Others were named after notable early pioneers such as Colonel Walker.



Physical Education Class Balmoral School, Calgary 1915 - Courtesy of Glenbow Museum NA-2468-22

The Residential School

"The Queen wishes her red children to learn the cunning of the white man and when they are ready for it she will send school masters on every reserve and pay for them."



Cyprian's Indian Residential School, Peigan Reserve, Brocket, Alberta 1940 -
Courtesy of Glenbow Museum NA-5203-1ST

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario made the news headlines in the middle of August, when they passed a motion calling on school districts to remove Sir John A. Macdonald name from schools. Their reasoning was his administration created the reviled Residential School system and it was not a message that reflect today's school message of all inclusiveness. Whether one agrees or disagrees does not negate the fact that it is a shameful and painful legacy. The treatment of the First Nations people darkens the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. The two are inextricably linked.

The Canadian government was eager to expand its territory and to profit from the expensive purchase of the North West Territories from the Hudson's Bay Company. The First Nations people living in Western Canada were in the way. Moreover, the scientific beliefs at the time were that indigenous people would disappear within a generation or two and the government had no interest in their long term success. The Residential Schools that were established were in many cases essentially concentration camps for children, who were subjected to physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual abuse and

often received an inferior education. Alberta had the most residential schools in Canada.

The courage and tenacity of the First Nations people in Southern Alberta is incredible. They have in some cases repurposed the buildings that were established to eradicate their culture and way of life. These places are now being used as colleges and community centres to educate and empower the very people they were intended to destroy.

Jerry Potts

Jerry Potts was a legendary Metis who had significant influence on the NWMP, whisky traders, and chiefs, and was a key player in the peaceful development of the West.

Although he spent much of life in Southern Alberta, his roots began in Montana. He was very young when he lost his Scots father to murder in Fort Benton and his mother left him to return to her Piikani Tribe near Milk River. His childhood became difficult growing up with two different foster fathers. The first one had a brutal nature and abandoned him, the second one educated Potts and taught him how to trade. He became independent and tough and learned to survive in both of his parent's worlds during a brutal and aggressive period; a time of murder, theft, drunkenness, and exploitation. By the time he met up with NWMP Colonel James Macleod in Fort Benton in 1874, he was in his mid thirties, a successful and wealthy horse trader with a daunting reputation that was well earned.



Jerry Potts - NWMP Special Officer, scout, guide, interpreter and horse trader -
Courtesy of Canada Archives E008128924

The meeting was fortuitous, more so for Macleod than Potts, because he met the man that believed strongly in removing the hated Whiskey traders. His mother and young half brother were murdered by a man in her tribe who was in a drunken haze resulting in Potts having a personal war on all whiskey runners. This was the beginning of Potts twenty-two year career with the NWMP as a Special Officer. In his first year of working closely with James Macleod he helped establish many of the locations of the original forts. He rode with Macleod and others throughout the region as far north as Red Deer to "get the lay of the land," introducing them to the native chiefs and setting the groundwork for the signing of the Treaty in advancement of settling the prairies. In addition to educating them on the terrain he kept them alive in difficult conditions, from blizzards to sometime hostile encounters with different tribes.

He helped them establish law and order and at the same time organized protection for the Blackfoot Peoples. He was a diplomat and an enforcer, understanding both the white man and the various First Nations people that made the region their home. His knowledge of multiple languages English, Blackfoot, Cree, Crow, Assiniboine, Sioux, and Algonquin enabled him to translate the white man's words with the different chiefs like Crowfoot, Three Bulls, and Red Crow convincing the suspicious leaders to put faith in the redcoats.

He had a profound impact on the settlement of the west but has not enjoyed the historical recognition that was given to his contemporaries such as Colonel Macleod, Brisebois and others who had made the great NWMP march west in 1874 and stayed to pioneer the land. At one time his name was honoured on an elementary school in Calgary, but the school was sold to the Francophone Board in 2005 and his name was removed. The only public honour acknowledging his contribution to the peaceful settlement of the west is the Jerry Potts Boulevard in Lethbridge.

Historical Photo Display



Sheaves of wheat and an oil derrick opposite main street, Turner Valley, Alberta ca. 1936 Courtesy of Glenbow Museum IP-6D-1-12

text. Our newest committee member, Shelly McElroy, helped with the research and was a great all around help. Shelly has some good ideas for our next years display so stay tuned. John Hails, Susan's husband, did a lot of the computer entry to prepare the photos for developing. Joan Hampaul did most of the roster, filling 140 time slots and producing the letter that goes out to the volunteers with the passes attached.

A great big thank you to all for the time and energy spent to make the display a success again this year.

We received considerable "soft" financial support from the Calgary Stampede Western Showcase Committee in the form of display space, booth construction and take down and of course the gate passes they provide. Preliminary plans for 2018 will start in September.

Photo Display Committee, Dave Wake, Chair

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

Once again we thank the amazing 73 SAPD volunteers and the 20 Stampede Historical Committee volunteers that manned the booth for the eleven days (including Sneak-a-Peak). Several did multiple shifts and some filled in at the last moment.

It all started with our SAPD Display Committee, Susan Priel selecting photos and doing extensive research for the photo



British-American Oil Company fuel truck at airport, Lethbridge, Alberta 1940 Courtesy of Glenbow Museum NB-54-405

Annual Christmas Dinner



Saturday, December 02, 2017

at the

Memorial Building

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Adults: \$30

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Photo Display at Medicine Hat Exhibition, Roy Clark

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Peggy Barr's Memories of One-room School

My school from first grade to ninth grade was the Big Springs School built in 1926, situated half way between Cochrane and Airdrie in a small coulee. It was said the school was named after a bountiful (big) spring that flowed northwest of the school. It was a typical one-room school, measuring only 22' x 34' that dotted the prairies, with a barn and a fenced area for horses on 3 acres. The teacher had approximately 10 students in any given year ranging in age from 6 to 15 years.

The wall of windows on the east side of the building was all the light we had because there was no electricity. Kerosene lamps were used if an evening event was planned. We had no water well on the premises of the school, so it was the job of the older boys (with some help from the older girls) to walk down to the "Big Springs" creek and fill pails with water and return the buckets to the school.

Many of the students were like me and would ride to school every day. During the spring and fall months the horses were allowed to roam the schoolyard and in the winter months, our trusty steeds were stabled in the barn. On occasion the one gate on the property would somehow find its way open – and all the horses would disappear making their way home to their own barns. Those days I would have a long walk ahead of me (four miles). This is when I was reminded that many other youngsters unfortunately did not have a horse and had to walk many miles every day. As an interesting note I calculated the total number of miles I rode my horse to the school based on 200 school days per year. It totalled 1,600 miles a year riding eight miles each day and if you multiply that by the nine years I spent at the school, I rode a total of 14,000 miles on my horse.



Peggy Barr is on the right side of the pyramid with all the students attending the Big Spring School, S.D. NO# 4237, SEC 31 TS 26 R 2, 1948

One of my most vivid memories at Big Springs School was an event that happened when I was in grade two on the morning of November 10, 1941. I was watching out of the east windows and I saw a small plane hit an air pocket, lose altitude and crash into the top of the hill near the schoolyard and explode. The plane that crashed was a Tiger Moth from the No. 2 Wireless training school out of Calgary. I remember it was like watching a movie as I looked out of the east windows with the girls in the class, as the older boys rushed out to help the downed pilots. There was a lot of confusion with my classmates. These images were forever imprinted in my memory: the boys running, smoke from the burning plane, fire in the prairie grass, the older boys stomping out the fire that crept along under the light cover of snow. I remember the teacher's silhouette on the top hill waving her arms.

Along with all the other students who suffered through this hair raising experience I later learned how well the students of Big Springs School sprang to action when it was needed. One of the older boys from the school rode his bicycle several miles to the closest telephone and called the City of Calgary for an ambulance and made a second call to my mother who was a nurse, asking her to come to the school. Another student removed the bathroom door to use as a stretcher to carry the severely burned training pilot from the burning wreckage into the school as they waited for help.

Unfortunately Flying Officer James Robinson was instantly killed in the crash. The 18-year-old student pilot, Karl Gravel was transported by ambulance to the Colonel Belcher Hospital in Calgary where he would later die of his injuries. The George Cross was awarded to the teacher and in 1995 a memorial was placed near the crash site, but no mention was ever made regarding the heroic efforts of the students.

Even after this tragedy, World War II pilots continued to train close to the school in 1942. I remember riding my horse home from school and having the pilots, many who were from Australia and New Zealand flying low or "buzzing" my sister and myself. They might have thought it would be fun for us to see but when we saw the plane coming from afar and drop lower and lower from the sky, we became scared and rode our horses closer to the fence. Thinking in our young minds that the pilots would not fly lower in case the wheels of the plane hit the fence.

With the exception of these extraordinary events my memories of my time at Big Spring School were marvelous and I was lucky enough to have attended this wonderful little country school. In July 1950, a year after I finished grade 9, the building was moved and the land was sold. All the children were being bussed to larger schools in nearby towns.

Peggy Barr

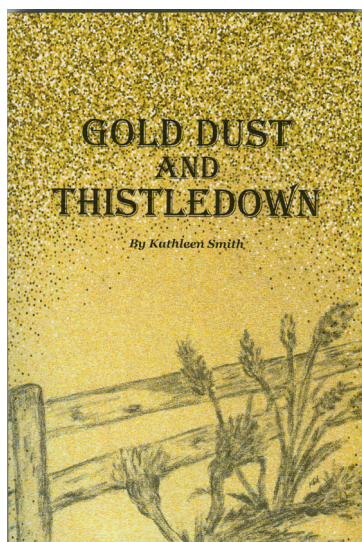
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Local Author's Personal Stories and Poems On Southern Alberta



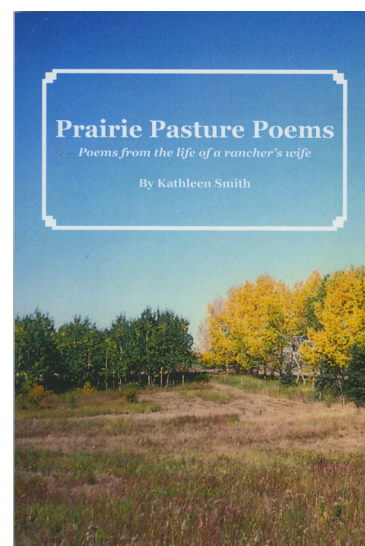
My name is Kathleen Smith, now in my 80th year, and I have written my life's stories and poems as I remember or as they were told to me by ancestors over many years. Publishing was never intended until my son, Dr. Kenneth Smith, DVM, who often came home to investigate my latest work and would quietly suggest writing a book. Ken passed away in 2014, and it seemed most appropriate then to share these tales in his memory. "Prairie Pasture Poems" reveal my love of nature, history and humor throughout, and "Gold Dust and Thistledown" is a treasure of the same and much more. Memories that shimmer like gold dust and others touched with the prickles of thistledown. These two books are rich in history of prairie schools and education, struggles and the simple pleasures of settlers and ranching life in Southern Alberta. Fond memories of the past for seniors, and for younger generations, it brings Alberta's Pioneer days to life. I find a touch of humor in even the worst of experiences.

A sample of early school years, page 60: "As previously mentioned, my mother kept me in dresses, and my first day in Big Springs School saw me in an immaculately

clean frock, long braided pigtailed tied with a ribbon, white socks and sandals. But these kids were not like the old-fashioned European types in grade one at Endiang. These rode horses to school, and I seriously doubt that some of the girls even owned a dress in the first place. The boys were rough and the girls stood up for themselves. I was a complete oddity. Well; when in Rome, do as the Romans do! I arrived home in a complete state of chaos. My braids were loose and the ribbons gone. The dress was torn and dirty, and I was anything but a happy little girl. All I can remember saying was, "I'm never wearing a dress again!" My mother echoed a phrase that I was already familiar with, "You should have been a boy!"

Kathleen Smith

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Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 pm

Free Program

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

**West to East 1886: Three Journeys to
Central Canada By Prairie First Nations
Leaders**

Don Smith

Emeritus Professor of History, University of
Calgary

Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 pm

Free Program

THE NAVAL MUSEUM
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**Passchendaele: Canada's Triumph and
Tragedy on Flanders Fields**

Norman Leach

Historian, Writer, and Documentarian

Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 pm

Free Program

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Pipes for All Occasions



Historic Calgary Week

The opening day of Calgary Historical week began at the Pioneer Memorial Building with a reading of the proclamation by Mayor Nenshi. The diverse audience of all ages enjoyed four speakers starting in the morning with Bob Rintoul's humorous and poignant family stories and pictures on Edward Burke family from Melrose District. Next, Peter Sherrington celebrating 25 years of "The Eagles Highway", spring and fall migration of the Golden Eagle and other raptors. In the afternoon David Ballard shared the adventures of his grandfather Joseph Moss of Pine Creek, Alberta with anecdotes, pictures and family memories. The remainder of the afternoon, historian James Istvanffy celebrated the 50th Anniversary of "The Beatles" by playing music and sharing trivia and details of the past 50 years of the Fabulous Four!



Bob Rintoul

Brand Contest Winner

The Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants and the The Rancho at Fish Creek Restoration Society would like to thank all those who took the time to enter our Brand Contest celebrating Canada's 150th. The winner is George Edworthy, registered owner of the brand Quarter Circle L.

Sam Livingston was the first owner of the cattle brand, Quarter Circle L, registered in the North West Territories (Alberta) in



George Edworthy in the middle.

1876. The brand was passed on to his eldest son George, who used the brand on cattle at the ranch Saddle and Sirloin in Bragg Creek. It was then passed on to George's son Arthur Livingston who ranches north of Fort St. John, BC. Arthur trailed his cattle in 1938 from Southern Alberta where he raised cattle and used the brand on his homestead, the North Pine.

The brand was passed on to my father George Edworthy in the 1940's. He raised cattle west of Calgary on the Shaganappi Ranch until 1963 when the City of Calgary purchased the Ranch and turned it into Edworthy Park – for all citizens to enjoy.

I now am honoured to have the brand, Quarter Circle L, register in my family name after my father passed the famous brand to me in 1976.

George Edworthy

2017 Stampede Parade



Linda Chudey
Roy (Honoured Pioneer Gentleman), Mary Christopher and Cindy Burke



Linda Chudey
Gary, Joan, Dean, Anna, Davy, Grayce, Stephen, and Sue Trimble (Honoured Pioneer Family)

What a great day: great weather, crowd, drivers, outriders, and most of all participants that represented our organization and their ancestors well. I am very grateful to all who contributed their time and expertise to make this event possible. Our honoured family this year was the Andrew Hill Trimble 1889 family.

On another note, at the end of January, Robin Arthurs informed me that he was retiring from his position on the parade committee. We wish to thank him for the many years of service given to this organization. Many thanks are owed to Robin over the years as well as recently when he again came to our rescue finding a replacement driver for one in our lineup who ended up in emergency and wouldn't be able to drive in the parade. At that late date it was difficult to find a driver who wasn't already engaged.

A special thank-you also goes out to Connie Volk, a descendant of John Godlonton, 1886, and Wendy Thon, our 2017 Trail Boss and an outrider for many years with our group. These ladies were very helpful in finding drivers and outriders.

Without the help and support of many volunteers this event would not happen. THANK-YOU ALL!

Linda Chudey



Linda Chudey
Trish Chesterman, Al Petrie, Audrey Petrie (Honoured Pioneer Lady), Leanne Bateman



Linda Chudey
John & Rhonda Hutching, Jane Neubolt, Ronald Moore (President) and Randall Mckay

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President's Report

Summer has pretty well gone for another year. The Stampede was a great event as usual and my thanks to all who helped make this so. The parade went off with no mishaps and the tea was very successful. Thank you to Linda Chudey, Pam Hilton and all the ladies.

Our display at Medicine Hat was a great success despite the excessive heat (we were in the air conditioned building thank god). Looks like we will be asked back in a couple of years.

Our project for the restoration of the Morley Cairn is on hold. The fire that destroyed the McDougall Memorial United Church in May (featured in May 2017 Newsletter) is a suspected arson case and became a crime scene, limiting our access to the Cairn. The RCMP has opened the site and I will follow up on the restoration.

Some of us attended the 112th birthday for Alberta at the Bow Valley Ranch. The Brand contest was a success and was won by our own George Edworthy — congrats George.

Please note the notices for the AGM next month and the Roundup in November.

Bye for now.

Ron Moore, President

Volunteer Appreciation



Sitting at the desk in front of the stairwell is Gwen Hanna, a familiar face, as members pickup tickets for events held at SAPD Pioneer Memorial Building.

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.



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Bill Murphy
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97th Annual Roundup



Saturday, November 4th, 2017

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.

Tables will be assigned as tickets are purchased

No tickets will be sold after October 25, 2016

The Palliser Hotel is offering a special overnight rate for the Round Up

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Contact Names for tickets (by mail or phone)

Gwen Hanna 403 279-5621 Maureen Hill 403 225-2397

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

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

Upcoming Social Events

Saturday, September 23,
10:00 – 4:00 pm
Doors Open Calgary
(Historical Committee)

Saturday, October 14, AGM &
Luncheon
Karen Clark 403-641-2106

Saturday, October 28, 10:00 am
Christmas Decoration Set-up
Joan Hampaul (403-282-8515)

Saturday, November 04, 5:30 pm
Round Up Palliser Hotel
Guy Cochrane (403-243-9905)
Kerri Fipke (403-271-9581)

Saturday, December 02, 5:30 pm
Christmas Dinner
Jeff & Maureen Hill (403-225-2397)

SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS & THEIR DESCENDANTS Annual General Meeting



Saturday, October 14, 2017 - AGM and Luncheon

12:00 to 3:00 PM

AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, Ron Moore

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 14, 2017**
- 2. Business arising from the minutes**
- 3. President's Report – Ron Moore**
- 4. Treasurer's Report – Eileen McElroy**
- 5. Membership Report – Maureen Peckham**
- 6. Committee Reports**
- 7. Election of Board of Directors for 2017/2018**
- 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.**

Membership

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IN MEMORIAM

Terence McDonough, Lona Hamilton,
Frank Togstad, Margaret Luft, Virginia
Holmes, Jeanette Sunderland, Joan
Davis, William Toole & Bob Rintoul

NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

Fran Copithorne & Sandra Wasylchuk

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dorothy Bernard, Descendant of A.H Lynch-
Staunton, Pincher Creek, 1878

Kathy Epp, Descendant of Rev. George
McDougall, Morleyville, November 1873

Evie Eshpeter, Descendant of George
Murdoch, Calgary, May 13, 1883 & Frank
Collicut, Calgary 1887

Shelly McElroy, Descendant of George
McElroy, Chestermere Area, September 15,
1890

Dianne Sheepy Descendant of Joseph
Sheepy, Midnapore, 1884

Lois McWilliam, Descendant of Lachlin
McKinnon, Calgary March 1886

Beverley Mokry, Descendant of Elizabeth
Sexsmith, High River, November 9, 1883

David & Stephan Trimble, Descendants of
Andrew Trimble, Calgary 1889

Gordon & Matthew Burke, Descendants of
Edward Albert Burke, Davisburg, 1889

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Susan Trimble & Cindy Burke

WELCOME BACK – Randall McKay

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Maureen Peckham, Membership

Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta

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Southern Alberta and the
Addendum of 96 pages of over
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Addendum: \$10.00

Dave Wake 403-288-5455

2017 Stampede Barbecue

In contrast to the past couple of years, Mother Nature blessed our event with hot, sunny weather. We were again fortunate to have the talented and genial Russell Moore volunteer to act as Master of Ceremonies and provide us with entertainment. Alpine Catering returned this year with another delicious meal, served with friendly efficiency by their able team.

Members of the Calgary Stampede Promotion Committee, including a fiddler, were on hand to greet guests as they arrived at the Memorial Building. We were honored to have the Stampede Queen Meagan Peters, Princesses Brittany Lloyd and Lizzie Ryman, and the Indian Princess Savanna Sparvier, attend the barbecue and mingle with our members and their guests. A number of people took advantage of the opportunity to have their photos taken with the lovely ladies.



Stampede Queen Meagan Peters, Princesses Brittany Lloyd and Lizzie Ryman and Dave Wake's Granddaughters-Halle and Lane Begalke



Stampede Indian Princess Savanna Sparvier



Stampede Barbecue Silent Auction

A new feature this year was the silent auction, ably organized by our efficient Past President, Pamela Hilton. The proceeds went towards offsetting the considerable expense of the dining tent, which is not completely covered by meal ticket and bar sales. Due to Pamela's efforts, we broke even on the BBQ this year. Many thanks to these generous donors: Whitehawk Ranch (Pamela Hilton & Del Huber), Beam Suntory (Kyla Hampaul), Hope Smith, Francie Hagedorn and the Southern Alberta Pioneers. Thanks also to those who bid on the auction items.

The barbecue could not be staged without our volunteer crew. On behalf of the Board and membership of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants, I extend my sincere appreciation to all the folks who made this event possible.

Thank you to all who pitched in to help make this years events a roaring success. Until next year,
Eileen McElroy, Convenor

Annual Pioneer Tea at the Rotary House

Our Pioneer Tea was held on July 08, 2017, at Stampede Park in Rotary House. We enjoyed wonderful weather, and large crowds to the park, as Canada, and the Calgary Stampede were celebrating Canada's 150 birthday.

We entertained more than 100 guests who were very well attended by our many servers most in period costumes creating a swirl of colour and the swish of long dresses harkening back over the years to our beginnings as the Southern Alberta Pioneers.

Our Musician played some joyful tunes and we were welcomed by our president Ronald Moore and several attending dignitaries spoke of our accomplishments and congratulated the group on the preservation of our history and traditions.

Sandwiches were prepared the previous day by a dedicated group of volunteers who came together and created the delicious repast, with many members contributing the fancy sweets that completed the fare. The cutting and plating of the sandwiches and dainties were handled in an efficient manner resulting in a delightful display and received many compliments.

Many, many thanks to the volunteers who make this event so enjoyable.

Pamela Hilton



Sandy Pedlar



Hilda Reiner

The Annual Pancake Breakfast

July 15th, a hot and slightly overcast morning. One hundred and thirty members, guests and general public were in attendance. A slightly smaller turnout than in 2016 in the rain, but the heat of Stampede week was probably a contributing factor.

Once again the crew of volunteers outdid themselves in providing a fantastic breakfast.



Rob Lennard, History Wrangler from Bow Valley Ranch

This year we served three pancake choices: Blonde (perfectly cooked), Brunette (slightly more cooked), and Blueberry. The Pioneer Lady, Audrey Petrie and the Pioneer Gentleman, Roy Burke, were on hand to say hello and mingle with the crowd. Rob Lennard, the History Wrangler, from the Bow Valley Ranch showed up and entertained the crowd with a short set of original songs and stories.

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers! JB Isaacs, Geoff Hill, Bill Jackson, Don Fipke, Guy Cochrane, Francie and Frank Hegedorn, Dexter Nelson, John and Rhonda Hutchings, Edith Morelidge, Trish Chesterman, Dave Wake and grandkids, Eileen McElroy. I apologize if I have forgotten anyone.

If any of our members know what year the Stampede Breakfast started, and if it has been continuous, please let me know.

Thanks

Steve Foote

Gold Card Tea

Despite a cool and blustery day, the Tea was very well attended. We had forty-four gold card members and their guests present. A total of eight-six people signed the guest book, a number of them being the volunteers who helped with the tea. A huge thanks you to all who helped with the clean up. There was great support from the SAP board. The help from everyone made the day a huge success.

Thank you to Audrey Petrie, Pioneer Lady and Roy Burke, Pioneer Gent for greeting everyone as they came into the building. Your presence is so special. Thank you to Maureen Peckham for looking after the registrations and Francie Hagedorn for making sure everyone had a corsage. We will make it easier next year, Francie! And thanks to our roving photographer, Rhonda Clark.

(To view more of her wonderful photographs of the Tea go to our Facebook page)

Karen Clark & Heather Van Hereweghe



Francie Hagedorn and Pioneer Lady Audrey Petrie

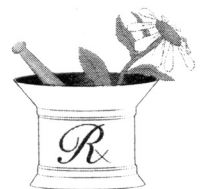


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Autumn

Autumn creeps on angel's wings,
Taunting seeds that fall to earth.
Hues of gold and orange cling,
While lineage waits for spring's rebirth.

Country air is still and warm,
A single leaf is heard to fall.
Leaving branches bare, to mourn,
Waiting now for winter's call.

Summer's birds have flown away,
Seeking nations far less cold.
Chickadees and snowbirds play,
Feeders filled with birds more bold.

The animals are changing coats,
Protection from the coming frost.
Farmers slaving, making notes,
And tallying this season's costs.

Fragrance fills the balmy air,
Anointing it with new bouquets.
Bushes red with berries bear,
But falling fast in sun's warm rays.

Alas! Now fall the softest flakes,
Muted by the clouded sky.
Warning all that winter breaks,
And brazen winds begin to sigh.

By Kathleen Smith

Prairie Pasture Poems
Poems from the life of a rancher's wife.

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Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives.
Francie Hagedorn, 403-243-3861
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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.

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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.

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

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