



# SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

## AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

**H**ello again,  
Since our last Newsletter in January, we have been busy with our Social Events and Historical activities, as well as planning a major capital expenditure to preserve and enhance the Memorial Building.

**We have recently had our Vice President permanently resign, so we are again in need of candidates to step up and make themselves known to any of our Board Members.**

Our organization runs on Volunteerism - and without it, we are not as strong or resilient.

The Social Events that we have organized or attended since the Christmas Luncheon were, in order:

- the Casino
- the 26<sup>th</sup> International Food and Wine Tasting event
- the Spring Cleanup, and
- the Gold Card Tea

I believe that all these events were very well organized and attended. I so appreciate all the Convenors and Volunteer Workers. An excellent job was done by everyone. Special thanks to the Convenors/Organizers:

- Gene Blakely
- Bev Prieur
- Moe Hill
- John Hutchings, and
- Karen Clark.

We are now in the planning stages for all the upcoming Stampede events and even the November Roundup.

The Historical Committee has been very active in a number of different areas as follows:

- the regular Monday meetings at the Building
- Jane's Walk (with over 40 attendees)
- External Presentations
- Facebook Page, and
- the ongoing Stampede Display



**David Mackie**  
President Southern Alberta Pioneers'  
and Their Descendants  
2022-2023

This group is doing many great things and working hard to preserve our History and bring it to the Public for their enjoyment and information. A big thanks to all of you!

It was a long, cold snowy Winter, so we should all get out and enjoy some sunny outdoor activities. I wish you all the best for the Summer ahead and hope to see you at one of our upcoming Stampede Events.

Thank you for all your support.

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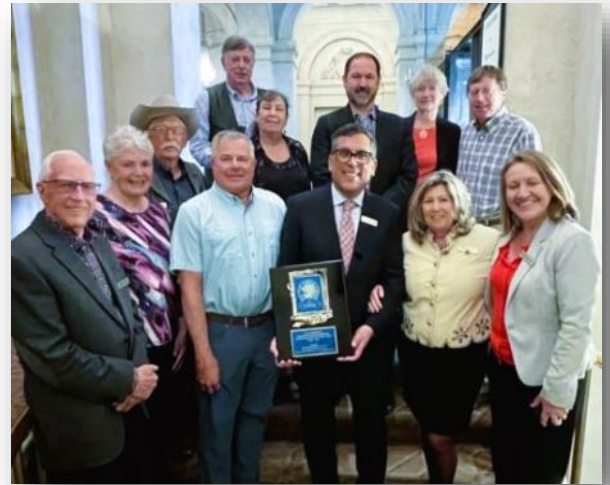
# Commemorative Plaque Partnership with Palliser Hotel

by Pamela Hilton

Our commemorative plaque celebrating our 100 year partnership with the Calgary Palliser Hotel was dedicated on May 3, 2023.

Ken Flores, General Manager, and Michelle Tyrrell of the Palliser Fairmont hotel accepted the plaque on behalf of the Hotel and it was placed adjacent to the front lobby.

A reception was held in the Hawthorn Room following the dedication and was enjoyed by our members present.



Front L-R : Dave Wake, Lynn Hoosier, David Mackie, Ken Flores (GM Palliser Fairmont), Pamela Hilton, Michelle Tyrrell (Sales, Palliser Fairmont)  
Back L-R: Roy Clark, Martin & Lana Jones, Shawn Hendry, Kathleen & Brian Rogers



The lovely plaque was created by Lana Jones at Etch a Memory in collaboration with a group of Southern Alberta Pioneers past presidents including Shawn Hendry (2021), Lynn Hoosier (2020) and Pamela Hilton (2016).

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## Historic Fairmont Palliser

Spurred by the increase in early tourists headed for the mountains via his Canadian Pacific Railway, president William Van Horne decided to build a luxury hotel in Calgary at a time when 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue had few cars. The hotel was named after Irish Capt. John Palliser, who spent almost three years exploring the unchartered regions of Western Canada.

At eight storeys tall, the building was the tallest in Calgary c1914. It was magnificently dressed out in oak panelling, crystal candelabra, marble columns

and floors, handmade rugs, and public art. In 1926, four floors were added with additional renovations and additions in the following years. Ken Flores, general manager of the hotel since January 2021, and his 270 employees recently celebrated refurbishing and refreshing of the hotel's 20,000 square feet of meeting rooms.

Last November, SAPD celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Palliser's Crystal Ballroom, which is radiant with its brighter colours and three magnificent crystal chandeliers.

# Membership Report

by Sharon Hoiland  
Membership Secretary

**M**embership update since the last newsletter.

## Welcome to New Members!

### Descendant

- ◆ Leigh-Anne Bryant - Descendant of Thomas James BRYANT, Calgary 1888
- ◆ Mitch Jacques - Descendant of Bernt John & Mathea THORPE, Calgary 1886
- ◆ Benjamin Kazakoff - Descendant of William Cameron PATERSON, Calgary 1882
- ◆ Karen McQueen - Descendant of William Cameron PATERSON, Calgary 1882

### Friend

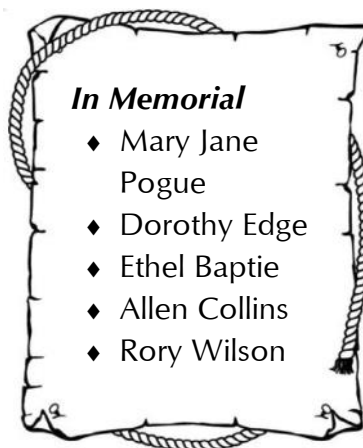
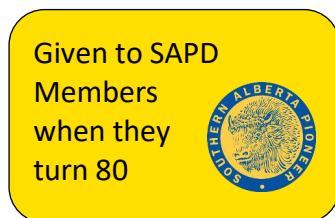
- ◆ Manfred Baum
- ◆ Leon (Chris) Armstrong
- ◆ Sylvia Szabo

## Welcome Back to Returning Descendant Members

- ◆ Nancy Thompson - James Stuart & Grace MACKIE, Calgary 1886
- ◆ Gerald Halford - Samuel & Helen SHAW, Calgary 1883; Francis & Evelyn GOUGH, Okotoks 1882
- ◆ Nancy Townshend - Col. James F & Mary MACLEOD, Belly River 1874

## New Gold Card Members

- ◆ Eleanor Danielson
- ◆ Judith Thompson
- ◆ Michael Brown
- ◆ Stephen Brown
- ◆ Roy Clark



We'd like to belatedly mark the following members who passed away prior to 2022, and were not previously noted:

- ◆ Roger Hendrickson
- ◆ Doreen Lougheed

## MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AS AT APRIL 30, 2023

- ◇ Descendant members – 250: Gold Card – 116
- ◇ Associate members – 30: Gold Card – 29
- ◇ Friend members – 12
- ◇ Honorary members – 5

**Total: 442**

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Please notify any member of the Membership Committee of member deaths, changes to your mailing or email addresses or to phone numbers.

We can be reached at [membership@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:membership@pioneersalberta.org).

The current membership committee is made up of

- ◆ Sharon Hoiland (Chair and Membership Secretary)
- ◆ Joan Christianson (Telephone Tree)
- ◆ Lynne Marquess (Cards and Remembering)
- ◆ Megan Ballard (Administration) and
- ◆ Maureen Peckham (Guidance and Wisdom)

Thank to everyone who has paid their 2023 Membership Dues!

BUT ... for a few of you, **your 2023 Membership Fees Are PAST DUE**

The 2023 Membership Fee is \$40.

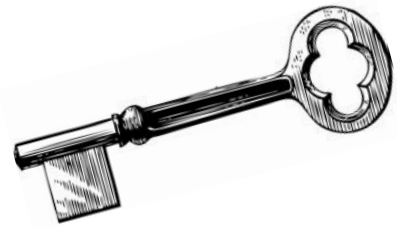
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# From the

# VAULT



They say, “where there’s smoke, there’s fire” and, similarly, where there is gold dust and washings, there should be a gold-mine! That is why the Lost Lemon Mine is both tantalizing and mysterious, and why, in searching for it, five men have lost their lives and hundreds have been disappointed. The search still goes on.

The locale for this tale of murder and mystery is somewhere in the mountains southwest of High River, between the Oldman and Highwood rivers. Whether there is gold in “them thar hills” or not, the story has melodrama, insanity, frustration, and the curse of the Lost Lemon Mine, to boot.

Sir Cecil E. Denny, who was an early inspector with the North-West Mounted Police, picked up a Mexican outlaw and whiskey trader in 1875 who claimed to have a cache of gold dust hidden in a rock cleft in the mountains. He directed the skeptical police to a spot where his story of murder and gold seemed justified, for they found two skeletons, and a buckskin bag in poor condition. Scattered on the ground were

several hundred dollars in gold dust. The man was fined for breaking the law; he paid up and disappeared.

In 1879, a man known as Joe Lemon, with his partner Black Jack, found the mine, so they said. The two had a disagreement and Lemon murdered Black Jack. Later, Lemon led a group from Montana into the district, and then went mad. When he regained his sanity, he was sentenced to be hanged for murder, but cheated the gallows by dying of smallpox.

These violent stories have *hung fire*<sup>1</sup> for many years during which hundreds of men have searched fruitlessly for the lost mine. A Southern Alberta pioneer, Lafayette French, is said to have found the Lost Lemon, but on his return trip to High River with maps, his cabin on Willow Creek took fire, and he and all his possessions were destroyed.

These tragic events have led the local Indians to regard the mine as accursed, and to feel that the white man’s gold will only bring trouble.

The Lost Lemon Mine may be as fabulous as King Solomon’s Mines, but gold will always draw men into the wilderness to fight and die for its possession.

**There are many other resources you can read about this mine. Here are just a few:**

Alberta Energy published a 67-page document that includes extensive narratives in Appendix C and *The Ballad of the Lost Lemmon [sic] Mine* by Alfred Bains. Find them at [https://content.energy.alberta.ca/xdata/MARS/MAR\\_20110018.pdf](https://content.energy.alberta.ca/xdata/MARS/MAR_20110018.pdf).

French’s story, which was published in the *Alberta Folklore Quarterly* in 1946, can be found on the *Mysteries of Canada* website. To read *The Legend of the Lost Lemon Mine*, go to <https://mysteriesofcanada.com/alberta/the-legend-of-the-lost-lemon-mine/>

Native Albertan Ron Stewart wrote two books: *The Lost Lemon Mine: An Unsolved Mystery of the Old West* (part of the Amazing Stories series); and *The Mystery of the Lost Lemon Mine*.

Author Dan Riley wrote *The Lost Lemon Mine*, Frontier Book No. 4 in *The Greatest Mystery of the Canadian Rockies* series.

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# Coming Social Events

**NOTE:** *SAPD Social Events are for SAPD Members and Invited Guests only*

## ANNUAL STAMPEDE BBQ

**Memorial Building | Saturday, July 8, 2023**

Cocktails: 5 PM | Dinner: 6:30 PM

Traditional BBQ Beef with all the Fixings

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### TICKETS

**Adults: \$45 | Children: 6-12: \$20**

**Under 6: Free**

**Deadline** to purchase tickets is **July 3, 2022**

Tickets: Not refundable | Must be bought in advance.

Pick up at the BBQ; tickets will not be mailed out.

### **Two Ways to Purchase your Ticket**

1) **e-transfer** to [events@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:events@pioneersalberta.org);  
indicate payment is for the BBQ.

2) **Cheque** made payable to  
Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants  
Either mail to Rhonda Hutchings  
125 Hallbrook Dr SW, Calgary, Alberta T2V 3H8  
Or leave cheques at the Memorial Building by July 3.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Brian Rogers at 403-863-0048 or  
Rhonda Hutchings at 403-252-2428

or by e-mail: [sap.office@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:sap.office@pioneersalberta.org)

### **Stampede Grounds Display**

**Location:** Western Showcase at the Stampede Grounds

**Dates and Times** will be available after June 5

**Contact:** Angela Boyes at [a\\_boyes@telus.net](mailto:a_boyes@telus.net)

### **Stampede Pioneers Tea**

**Location:** Memorial Building

**Date:** Tuesday, July 11/23

**Tea Time:** 2 – 4 pm

**Contact:** SAPD office at

[sap.office@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:sap.office@pioneersalberta.org)

### **Stampede Breakfast**

**Location:** Memorial Building

**Date:** Saturday, July 15/23

**Time:** 9 am – 12 pm

**Contact:** Jeff Hill at [jeff.hill@shaw.ca](mailto:jeff.hill@shaw.ca)

### **Coming Events**

- AGM in October
- Annual Roundup in November
- Christmas Decorating & Christmas Dinner in December

## **WANTED! STAMPEDE BBQ VOLUNTEERS**

**T**o volunteer at this year's Stampede BBQ, contact Brian or Kathleen Rogers at 403-863-0048 or John or Rhonda Hutchings at 403-252-2428 or email [volunteer@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:volunteer@pioneersalberta.org).

Available positions include:

- Morning set-up crew (minimum 6-8)
- Afternoon set-up crew (minimum 4)
- Beverage ticket sellers (4 total on 2 shifts)
- Bartenders (4 total on 2 shifts)
- Water & pop (4 total on 2 shifts, ideal for a youth working with a parent or grandparent)
- Meal ticket collectors (2)
- Bar runner (1-2)
- Tear-down and cleanup at conclusion of BBQ

### **EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Incorrect email address in the 2023 April e-News:

WRONG: [sap.office@pioneers.org](mailto:sap.office@pioneers.org)

CORRECT: [sap.office@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:sap.office@pioneersalberta.org)

**NEW!! [volunteer@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:volunteer@pioneersalberta.org)**



# A great day for Jane's Walk

Pics submitted by  
Kathleen Rogers

Jane's Walk are free walking tours sponsored by Calgary Foundation for Community, Forever that take place around the world each May.

The organizers had to cancel the walks during COVID, but the event was back in 2023. The walk was named for Jane Jacobs (1916-2006), an urbanist and activist whose writings championed a fresh, community-based approach to city building. She saw cities as ecosystems that would evolve over time according to how they were used. This led to encouraging people to walk their cities and see how everyone, through their actions and interactions, create communities that provide a keen sense of belonging.

In Southern Alberta, the walk can also be a lesson on the traditional customs of Indigenous people and a way to honour the authentic history of the territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Îyâxe Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.



Forty people gathered at the Memorial Building to take part in Jane's Walk.



SAPD relies on volunteers to serve its members on the Board of Directors and in its various Committees

**At this time, we need an SAPD member to step up and fill the position of**

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# A fine tea for Gold Card Members

Submitted by Karen Clark. Pics submitted by Rhonda Clark.

An invitation was extended by President David Mackie and the SAPD Board of Directors to all Gold Card members to attend the 2023 Gold Card Tea. We are so happy to be back after a three-year absence. A HUGE thank you to the board members and everyone else who volunteered to make the day a success:

- Everyone who made sandwiches, squares and cookies
- The very capable kitchen help that plated the food
- The most welcome help setting up tables and chairs and the clean up after the tea
- The table servers (one young man was quite the hit with the ladies!!)
- Dan Shaw for keeping the tea and coffee ready
- John Hutchings, David Mackie, Shawn Hendry and Brian Rogers for pouring tea and coffee
- Lynn Hoosier and Pamela Hilton for putting on the corsages and boutonnieres
- Lana Jones for looking after registrations
- Our roving photographer, Rhonda Clark



Pioneer Lady Kathleen Rogers, and Pioneer Gent Roy Clark welcomed 28 Gold Card members and their guests as they entered the building.



Without the help and support of everyone, the Tea would not be possible. **For that we THANK YOU!**



# Godlonton brothers make Alberta home

**M**y account of the Godlonton family begins with British Robert Godlonton (1835-1903) and Mary Ann Hallett (1841-1918). Of their nine children, this story focuses on the four brothers who came to Alberta: James (1864-1955), George (1866-1953), Thomas (1867-1955), and John (1869-1953).

## From England to Alberta

James and George arrived in Alberta June 20, 1884, and went to work with the construction crews building the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) from Banff west. James became a foreman and was present at the *Driving of the Gold Spike* ceremony at Craigellachie, B.C. in Nov. 1885.

While working in Banff, James, George, and a friend, Dave O'Keefe, claimed to be the first men to enter the *Cave and Basin* from the skylight entrance. They told of beauty they saw in the stalactites and stalagmites growing in the cave. However, their claim has been contended by CPR workers, McCardell and McCabe, who professed to be first in 1883.

James took out Squatters' Rights near Banff for a time in what eventually became known as the Buffalo Park. But, following the completion of the railway, the brothers moved to Calgary and worked in the Springbank area and for the Cochrane Ranche, both west of Calgary.

In March 1886, Thomas and John came to Alberta, lived with their brothers, and found work in the district as well as on the Cochrane Ranche. The following year, James and George filed homesteads in the Springbank area. John filed a homestead on the Jumping Pound Creek (also west of Calgary) two years after that.



James and **John** (pictured above) liked adventure and riding their

horses. There is a story of a time when they rode to Fort Benton in Montana, and then to Helena, where they worked in the mines for a time.

The ride back to Canada was without incident until they crossed the border. A fire had burned familiar landmarks and the brothers got lost. They wandered across the plains for two or three days without provisions before the Mounties found them, fed and watered them and their horses, and escorted them until they began to recognize where they were.

## Thomas and Catherine

In August 1896, Thomas married a local lady named Catherine Knights. Soon after, Catherine and the four Godlonton brothers took a trip back to England. By the time they decided to return to Canada, Thomas and Catherine had four sons and a daughter.

At first, they lived in log houses near the first Holy Cross Hospital. Eventually, Thomas sold that property and then bought and sold farms and real estate in and around Calgary.

Thomas loved socializing and entertaining. He could play the violin, banjo, and mandolin, as well as harmonicas. Being excellent dancers, the couple were popular at all social gatherings. In 1906, Thomas began working for Calgary Iron Works, where he stayed until his retirement in 1938. Sadly, Catherine died in 1928 and one of their sons around 1940.

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## James and Beatrice

In April 1897, James married Beatrice Lillian Westlake (1877-1919) while in England. He brought her back to Springbank and they started their family in 1898. Their four children were James Jr., Florence, Leslie, and William. That year, James moved his family to Harmatten, near Olds. But tragically, the cattle belonging to James and George died in 1902 or 3 due to a spring blizzard, prompting them to move back to England to get a fresh start. James' family returned to Alberta in February 1905. As was common at the time, James' occupation is listed as working for the CPR and being a rancher.

## John and Hester

When John returned to England in 1899, he married Hester Eliza Tyler (1870-1965). Upon coming back to Alberta, they went to live on his homestead on the Jumping Pound Creek.



Their first child, Violet Alberta, was born in April 1900. However, the threat of flooding on his homestead prompted John to move Hester to the Jumping Pound Post Office to give birth. Hester's second child, Ivy Dorothy, was born in Olds, Alberta in 1901.

John and Hester's sons were Norman (1902), Stanley (1905), Robert (1906), Cecil (1908) and Jack (1916).

My family line is through Violet, who married Victor Henry Vine (1896-1965) in 1924. Their son, Robert Henry (a.k.a., Bud or Buddy Vine) was born in 1926 and their daughter, Patricia Jean, was born in 1930. Sadly, I never got to meet Grandma Violet as she died two years before I was born.

## George and Mary Jane (Nin)

In 1907, George married Mary Jane (Nin) Tyler, Hester's sister. They were the first couple married in the St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Calgary. Their children, three boys and three girls, were all born in South Calgary. George bought property

in Lincoln Park at a time it was in the Municipality of Springbank. He began working at the CPR Ogden Shops in 1914, where he stayed until he retired in 1934.

George was a quiet man whose hobbies included his garden. Rumour has it that he was the first man to plow land in Springbank ... for a garden! It is said that he also plowed a furrow a mile or more across the prairie. When asked why, he said it was so he could find his way home in the dark.



Bud Vine is my dad. This photo is of Pat and Dad in 1931.

**Info compiled by several people. Additional credits: *Chaps and Chinooks: A History West of Calgary, Volume 1, 1976***

**Written up and submitted by Valerie McKinney**

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## *Are you enthusiastic about the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants?*

Maybe you are a **natural leader** who loves to meet people, keep your focus on the goal, trigger enthusiasm in others, and prompt them to carry the team vision. Don't be shy ... your passion and ideas need a seat at the table! And we have members with decades of experience to support and train you.

SAPD currently requires a Vice President on the Board of Directors, and two Committee Chair positions as noted below. To keep SAPD strong and enjoying many more years of healthy growth, won't you please volunteer? For the VP position, contact President David Mackie at [president@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:president@pioneersalberta.org). For Committee positions, contact [volunteer@pioneersalberta.org](mailto:volunteer@pioneersalberta.org).

To learn more about SAPD and the work we do, you can read the Bylaws of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants by going to <http://pioneersalberta.org/doc/SAPD-Bylaws-October-2022.pdf>

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### Update: Casino Pool, Calgary City

Thank you casino workers and players for helping SAPD receive a grand total of \$79,593.01 from last February's Casino!

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