



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

The Annual General meeting will take place on October 15th, 2005, and at that time we will elect the New President for the year 2006. My term will expire, and I have enjoyed every minute in the office of President of The Southern Alberta Pioneers and their Descendants Society. Thank you. It has been a delightful time. My wife Eleanor and I have been very busy attending functions on behalf of the Pioneers, and it is especially true in this, Alberta's Centennial year.

The Stampede Parade Committee had the Pioneers in the twelfth position this year and we were able to have ten units in the parade. The newest one was a Pioneer Wagon. We attended the Stampede Show-down where the volunteers at the Calgary Stampede are able to pick up their badges and any tickets they require for the different events. Of course, they pay for the tickets. The Stampede rewards them with a wonderful buffet dinner.

The Stampede's Presidents' reception was just a gorgeous event in the Roundup Centre – buffet Dinner and all the trimmings, along with great entertainment. Mary Lynas was there too, and was presented with a beautiful plaque as the Honorable Stampede Parade Marshall for 2005.

We were treated to dinner at the Stampede Headquarters by Danny Copithorne, and took in the chuck-wagon races and the evening show.

We even had the pleasure to be with Preston Manning that evening. Thank you Danny.

Along with many other members, we took a couple of turns in the Pioneers Round-Up booth at the Stampede.

The Calgary Family Histories Society's welcoming opening which begins their "walking tour of Calgary Historical sites" was most entertaining. This was held in the old fire hall on Memorial Drive and 10th Street SW.

We attended the unveiling of the bronze statue of Commissioner James Alexander Farquharson MacLeod, C.M.G. at the Fort Calgary site. The Southern Alberta Pioneers donated \$500 towards the cost of casting the statue.

We attended, along with Maureen Peckham, the official opening of the Lougheed House, Alberta's Centennial Garden Party. At this function, the Pioneers presented their picture display of early Calgary. Bud Vine is the one most responsible for this valued set of pictures. At this booth, we had our book "Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta" and the cookbook "Pioneer Kitchen". This exhibit and the books are a stunning display of early Calgary and an attraction to all who would like to be members of the Southern Alberta Pioneers.

We would like to add to this collection of early Calgary and early pioneer memories. If you have any

pictures, we would gladly copy them, and then give them back to you along with the new digital copy.

There was a 2005 Centennial Dinner arranged by members of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and the Anglican Cathedral Church of the Redeemer. Both Alberta and the Redeemer Church are 100 years old this year, so it is fitting to celebrate this event at the Pioneer's Memorial Building.

Thank you again for a wonderful year, and to all of the volunteers who were so reliable and worked so diligently to make this a most successful year, thank you. We could not function as an efficient organization without you.

The next function is the AGM on October 15th, then the Round-Up at the Palliser Hotel November 5th. See you there.

– Billy Murphy

Range Man of the Year 2005

At the 64th Annual Range Men's Dinner, held every Tuesday of Stampede week at the Palliser Hotel, Don Edge, from the Cochrane district was honoured as Range Man of the Year. This award is given each year by the Association of Range Men to a recipient who has made a significant contribution to the Community and the Livestock Industry during his lifetime.

Membership Report

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2005. Our fiscal year is October 1, 2005 to September 31, 2006.

**The Newsletter is available for reading at
www.pioneersalberta.org**

In Memoriam:

Edna Trca, Hank Pallister, Norman Nelson, Bob Jackson, Sheila Bateman, Richard Stanton, Mae Alexander and Everett Mayhood.

Welcome Reinstated Members:

Lloyd Hamilton, Norma Bruce, John Robert Bateman and Valerie McKinney.

Welcome New Members:

Frances Hendrickson, descendant of Duncan McBean, Medicine Hat, 1889.

Glenn Davis, Anne Davis, Catherine Finch and Sheila Smith, descendants of Conrad and Jacobine Anderson, Calgary, 1886.

Garry White and Sandra Shields, descendants of Conrad and Jacobine Anderson, Calgary, 1886 and William and Barbara White, Calgary, 1883.

Roger and Kathy Hendrickson, descendants of Thomas George McClelland, Calgary, 1889.

Lynne Marquess and Lana Jones, descendants of Samuel and Helen Shaw, Calgary, 1883.

Jonathan and David Joffe, descendants of Jacob and Maria Diamond, Calgary, 1888.

Lynne McKay, descendant of Alfred Sidney McKay, Calgary, 1880.

Laura Read, Robert Kwasny and William Kwasny, descendants of William E.G. Holmes, Calgary, 1881.

Deborah and David Lisoway, descendants of Joseph Edward Eckersley, Dunmore, 1887.

Alexandra McMeekin and Hilary Dolhaine, descendants of James and Helenora (Hargraves) Mitchell, Medicine Hat, 1883 & 1884.

Jean Zaseybida, descendant of William Springbett, Red Deer, 1890.

Welcome New Gold Card Members:

Arlene Dear, Florence Hughes, Lois Currie, Raymond Culley, Dr. Lloyd Rodway, Ralphine Locke and John Hutchings.

Please call 271-5483 or e-mail sap.membership@shaw.ca with any address or phone changes.

– Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP FOR OCT/2005 TO SEPT 30/2006 IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2005

Please remit cheque or money order to:

Southern Alberta Pioneers

3625 - 4th Street SW., Calgary, Alberta T2S 1Y3

Attention: Membership

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Memorial Building Fund

The following have donated to our Memorial Building Fund since my last report in May, 2005:

Mrs. Olive Blain

Mr. Laurie Jacques

Rev. W.A. Sayers (in memory of Mrs. F.R. Sayers)

Mrs. R.W. Stanton (in memory of Richard Stanton)

Ms. Charlene Lyndon

Contributions to the Fund are income tax deductible. Cheques should be made payable to The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Memorial Building Fund. At August 31, 2005, the Fund stood at \$177,397 compared to \$146,672 at August 31, 2004.

In addition to donations from individuals and bequests from estates, The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Association contributes \$50 to the Fund in memory of each deceased member.

– John L. Hutchings

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Calgary Stampede Parade 2005

The Southern Alberta Pioneers were well represented in the 2005 Calgary Stampede Parade. They were awarded three trophies from the Stampede Parade Committee, which are proudly on display at the building. Congratulations to those who participated.

2005 Centennial Dinner

The organizing committee wish to thank all those members who attended the dinner and helped to make the evening such a success.

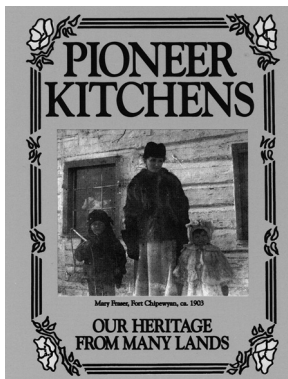
Alberta Centennial Certificates

The Centennial Certificates are complete and will be mailed to members late in September. They include the member's name (members in good standing as of September 1, 2005), pioneer family names (husband's and wife's name) and the year the pioneer came to Southern Alberta.

Cookbook Makes a Great Xmas Gift

Looking for an inexpensive, good quality gift for a bridal shower, birthday or anniversary? Our cookbook, *Our Heritage From Many Lands*, is ideal. The use of herbs and spices is becoming more popular so the section on their history and uses is a great addition to the book.

Call Fern at 278-2793.



MEMBER NAME TAGS

Cost: \$8.50 (including GST)

The name tags will be 1" x 3", gold color with black lettering.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Your Name: _____

Southern Alberta Pioneers
YOUR NAME HERE
Pioneer Family – **NAME HERE**

Your Pioneer Family Name: _____

(Last name only)

Address: _____

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Phone # _____

Please send the required information, along with your cheque for \$8.50 to:

Southern Alberta Pioneers

Attn: Pat Rodriguez

3625 - 4 Street SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1Y3

Building Committee Report

It's a pleasure to report that our flowerbeds, building and grounds are a real show place this year. Thanks to all the members who have contributed their time and efforts into making this happen.

Clean-up day was a big success thanks to the weatherman's cooperation and all the hard work by the volunteers. We got everything done that needed doing. The parking lot was swept, windows and doors painted, fire escape and under the deck cleaned out, lawn fertilized

and trees trimmed. The ladies gave the interior a thorough clean-up, pictures polished, cupboards cleaned and checked, furniture dusted and polished.

The tents we had installed for the BBQ and for the pancake breakfast seemed to have been well received by all who attended. If you have any comments to make regarding this luxury let us know so we will know how to plan for next year.

– Bob Brewster
Chairman, Building Committee

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One Viewpoint of Stampede 2005

Prior to the dress rehearsal of the Stampede display, we (Lionel, Dave and I) were optimistically hopeful that this year's 2005 Centennial version would be favorably received by all who viewed it. Reaction to the display by our many volunteers at the June 20th preview did much to make us feel we were on the right track. However, to measure success we knew we had to lure both local and out of town visitors into our offering, away from other attractions at the *Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth*.

Fortunately, the Southern Alberta Pioneer display was located on a generous 24 by 45 foot space in the southwest corner of the Roundup Centre. The display featured two units from the Remington Carriage Museum of Cardston, an enlarged picture display area (courtesy Jay Joffe and the Jewish Historical Society) and an information centre (a table and two chairs) on which recently published Pioneer books were displayed.

Here, visitors were encouraged to browse through a reprinted copy of the 1993 issue of *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta*, the newly published 2005 Centennial Addendum to *Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta*, and one of our cookbooks entitled *Pioneer Kitchens*. A binder featuring some additional early Calgary photos, a number of pamphlets, some request sheets to order copies of the aforementioned publications and a Visitor's Autograph Book rounded out the information items.

The 2005 display area was comprised of 16 two-sided panels, arranged in four sets of four panels each. These 32 panels were placed near the corners of a large 24 by 25 foot open area and housed some 324 items comprised of 298 photographs, 7 maps and 19 text pictures. We theorized this open arrangement would remove bottlenecks and congested areas that would encourage visitors to step in and view what we had to offer. A look at the comments in the visitor's book is confirmation as to how well it all worked.



Bud Vine's sister, Patricia Chudey, and a view of the display as seen from the southeast corner.

A major factor that contributes greatly to the smooth operation and the attractive appearance of such a display is the dedication of the many volunteers who are the backbone of such a venture. During the 10-day run of the Stampede, the 44 three-hour segments required a total of 88 volunteers to represent the Southern Alberta Pioneers in a pleasant, knowledgeable and yes, a neighborly manner. So our heartfelt thanks and a tip of our collective 10-gallon hats go out to the following volunteers who donated so generously of both their talents and time. Why, some even served on more than one shift.

Lionel and Sue Singleton, Helen White, Betty and Dave Wake, Bud Vine, Kerri and Don Fipke, Ed Hamilton, Jim Eagleson, Joan and Clarence Davis, Bill and Dorothy Holmes, Michael Lockwood, Sandy Pedlar, Virginia Klatzel, Andrea Lathwell-Hall, Margaret and Harvey Buckley, Pat Rodriguez, Jim Colvin, Bill and Eleanor Murphy, Marina Field, Laurie and Linda Jacques, Fern Dorsch, Shirley Siddon, Gwen and Art Hanna, Bob and Iyla Brewster, Alice and Buster Schwieger, Norma and John Bruce, Herm Thielen, Patti Lemp, Barbara Kwasney, Virginia Holmes, Mary Lynas, Joe and Moyra Ferguson, Charlene Lyndon, John

and Joan Hutchings, Sandy and Gale Dean, Kathleen and Anna Rogers, Jean and Glen Chugg, Wally Madill, Hilda Onions, Sandra Wasylchuk, Glen Godlonton, Bev and Art Snell, David Ballard, Hugh Hamilton, Carla Begalke, Pat Chudey, Callie Reid (Alberta Family Histories Society), Ulrich Haasdyk (Alberta Family Histories Society), Freda Stewart (Alberta Family Histories Society), Kay Jamieson (Alberta Family Histories Society), Alan and Doreen Peers (Alberta Family Histories Society).

This year's display jumped from 12 display panels and 143 picture/text items to 32 display panels and 324 items. Needless to say such a jump required many hours of effort to locate and digitize new pictures, to write informative captions, then to assemble them into a meaningful picture. Finally they had to be printed, mounted on foamie, trimmed to size and place velcro on all four corners.

So! Where do we go from here?

— Bud Vine



Memorial Service 2005

Our Memorial Service was held on Sunday, July 10th. Sixty-five members and friends attended. We enjoyed tea and fellowship after the service.

Thank you to those who attended and also to the many volunteers who helped with the day.

– Gwen Hanna

Casino

Our assigned casino dates are October 10 and 11, 2005 at Stampede Casino. This major fund raising event requires 35-40 volunteers. So far we have just enough volunteers to cover the various positions, but we do need additional volunteers who are willing to be back-ups in case of illness or other unforeseen circumstances that might arise. If you can help out, please give me a call and I will send you a volunteer form.

– Pat Rodriguez, 279-6435
Casino General Manager

Chinook Country Historical Society

2005 - 2006 Program of Events
at Fort Calgary Historic Park,
750 - 9th Ave SE – Free Program

Tuesday, September 27 – 7:30pm –
Banff Town Warden, David Peyto

Tuesday, October 25 – 7:30pm – The
Greenies, Myra Paperny

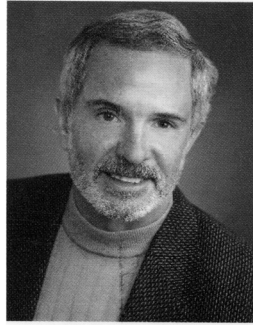
Tuesday, November 22 – 7:30pm –
Teaching the Teachers: 1905-1945,
Robert Stamp

Tuesday, January 24 – 7:30pm –
High River: Three Centuries, One Cen-
tennial, Chuck Murphy/Bill Holmes

Tuesday, February 28 – 7:30pm –
Early Photography in Alberta, Sam
Smith

Tuesday, April 25 – 7:30pm –
Unmentionable History of the West,
Nancy Millar

Tuesday, May 23 – 7:30pm – Pre-
serving the Pioneer Homestead,
Suzanne De Paoli



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SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS & THEIR DESCENDANTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005

LUNCHEON AT 12 NOON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, BILL MURPHY

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 16, 2004*
- 2. Business arising from the minutes*
- 3. President's Report – Bill Murphy*
- 4. Treasurer's Report – John Hutchings
Appointment of Auditor*
- 5. Membership Report – Maureen Peckham*
- 6. Committee Reports*
- 7. Election of Board of Directors for 2006*
- 8. Other New Business*
- 9. Introduction of the Incoming President*
- 10. Incoming President's Remarks*
- 11. Adjournment*

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



85TH ANNUAL ROUND-UP

Saturday, November 5, 2005

Crystal Ballroom, Palliser Hotel

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Featuring:

“A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION”

IN HONOUR OF ALBERTA’S 100TH ANNIVERSARY



Guest Speaker:

**Our very own Steve Allan,
Chairman of the Board and President of The Calgary Exhibition and Stampede**

Followed by:

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TICKETS – \$55.00 EACH

MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

(No tickets will be sold after October 29, 2005)

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Pat Rodriguez279-6435

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Bob Brewster.....225-2376

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EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 15 – Annual General Meeting & Luncheon, 12:00-3:00pm. Convenor: Kerri Fipke, 271-9581.

Saturday, Nov. 5 – Round-Up Dinner, Palliser Hotel, 6:30pm. Convenors: Danny Copithorne, 271-1972; Shirley Siddon, 271-1118; John Douglass, 641-2562.

Saturday, Dec. 3 – Christmas Dinner, 6:00pm. Co-Convenors: Moyra Ferguson, 249-9989 and Pat Rodriguez, 279-6435.

Sunday, Jan. 15/06 – Family Games, 2:00pm, potluck, 5:00pm.

Saturday, Feb. 18/06 – Wine Tasting Evening, 7:30pm.

Sunday, Feb. 19/06 – Family Games, 2:00pm, potluck, 5:00pm.

Sunday, Mar. 19/06 – Family Games, 2:00pm, potluck, 5:00pm.

Sunday, Apr. 16/06 – Volunteer Appreciation Day, 2:00pm.

Saturday, Apr. 29/06 – Yard Clean-up, 10:00am.

Sunday, May 2/06 – Gold Card Tea, 2:00-4:00pm.

All events are held at the Memorial Hall, except where otherwise noted.

Relay any updates or changes to Pat Rodriguez, 279-6434.

THE NOTICE BOARD

Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. We would like to feature a family history for each newsletter publication. Contact Pat Cox, 252-4220.

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at monthly Board Meetings or left at SAP office. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Resumes regular weekly meetings on Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Jim Mackie, 228-4046.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Alice Schwieger (287-0995) 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 7:00 p.m. (except July). Members welcome.

Card Night

3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except July, August and December). Everyone is invited, members and friends. \$2.00 per person. Contact Fern Dorsch at 278-2793.

Advertising

To place an ad in this publication, please call Beryl Sibbald, 932-5584. Deadline to place a classified ad – SAP Board meeting prior to publication.

Members are encouraged to support the businesses advertised in our newsletter.

Memorial Building

Bookings phone 243-3580 (office) 287-2489 (hall), fax 287-2485.

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