



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Fall is fast approaching, as is the end of my year as President of the Southern Alberta Pioneers. It has been a privilege to be President. I greatly enjoyed my year!

I would like to thank and express my appreciation and gratitude to the Board of Directors, committee chairpersons and members, convenors and those people who volunteer their time and effort to making our functions a success and enjoyable.

Welcome to all our new members this past year. A special welcome and best wishes to the incoming board for a successful year.

The Annual General Meeting is Saturday, October 25th, noon to 3:00 pm. Our Round-up is Saturday, November 1, 2008 – hope to see you all there.

Cheers,

– Beryl Sibbald



Pioneer Logo

After a visit with a loved one it becomes difficult to say goodbye, for most of us. Saying goodbye for the last time is an emotional time for all of us.

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.

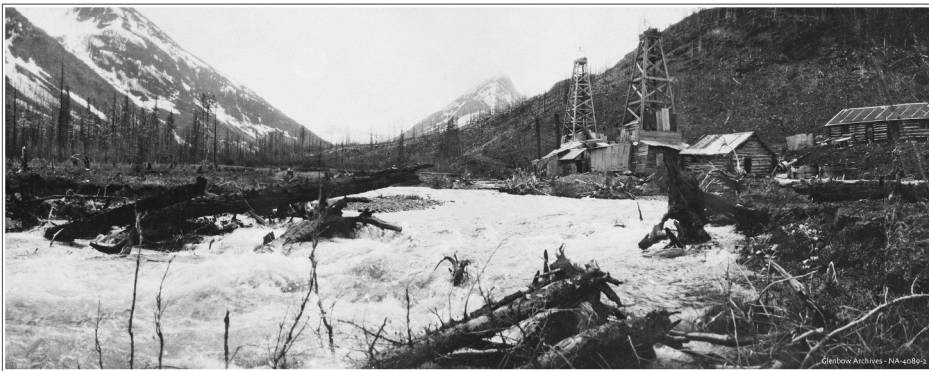
The cost to insert our logo is included in the column inch charge for your loved one's obituary.

– Bill Murphy

From the Photo Archives



A Digitized Photograph from the Southern Alberta Pioneer's Heritage Collection



Waterton Alta. - 1919 - Oil City is pictured here on the banks of Cameron Creek during a flood period. The original well, as seen in NA-1585-2, is reportedly the rig on the right.

Yahoo!!!

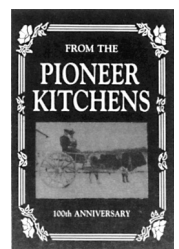
What a great bunch of participants in our section of the 2008 Stampede Parade. Everyone was well turned out and their enthusiasm was appreciated by onlookers. We had great weather and everyone enjoyed themselves. We highly applaud our outriders, drivers, and assistants for their quick actions and cool

heads on the route. Several times they needed to help with teams or untangle harness. Our safety is assured in the hands of these dedicated horsemen and women. THANK YOU, from all the participants and spectators on the route.

– Linda Chudey, Parade Coordinator

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Casino – November 4 & 5, 2008

Most of our volunteers are in place for the upcoming casino, but we still need a few more, primarily as back-up (only called on if someone was unable to come at the last moment) and we could use a couple more folks in the Count

Room (10:00pm to 3:00am). If you can help us, please call me at (403) 279-6435 or email: pat.rodriguez@shaw.ca.

Thank you.

– Pat Rodriguez, Casino Coordinator.



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Treasurer's Report

Financial results for the Foundaion for the nine months ended June 30, 2008 have been satisfactory, although not as dramatic as the previous year when we received proceeds from our Casino of nearly \$ 95,000.

Rental operations continue to be a positive contributor to our financial well-being, with gross rentals up over \$6000 from the same period last year. Net rentals provided \$34,000 to our bottom line for the period. Building operating costs continue to increase, particularly in the areas of utility costs, repairs, maintenance and replacements.

The Association continues at its normal pace. Membership dues are up \$600 over last year and investment income is lower than last year by \$1,900. These items, combined with other items, leave the Association about \$3,000 behind last year's net profit results.

The financial position of the combined entities is excellent with total working capital exceeding \$240,000.

The Memorial Building Fund now totals nearly \$255,000.

– Respectfully submitted,
J. F. (Joe) Ferguson

Volunteer Hours

Volunteers, please submit the number of volunteer hours worked in 2007 to 2008. These will be entered into the log book at the building.

Submit to Sandy Pedlar, 53 Deer River Green SE, Calgary, AB T2J 7A2. Email sgpedlar@shaw.ca.



Annual Christmas Dinner and Party

Saturday, December 6, 2008

at the
Pioneer Memorial Building

Ticket Info:

Linda Eshpeter (403) 271-4292

Membership Report

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2008. Our fiscal year is October 1, 2008 to September 31, 2009.

The Newsletter is available for reading at www.pioneersalberta.org. If you wish to view and print the newsletters on the web site and stop receiving a paper copy by Canada Post, please notify me at sap.membership@shaw.ca.

In Memoriam:

Anne Peterson, Tom Hall, Irene Robinson, Frances Duffin, Claudia Edge, Helen Preston, Marian Busby, Lillian Nieboer & Dulcie Cox.

Welcome to New Gold Card Members:

Gladys Green, John McBride, Doreen Loughheed, Peter Loughheed, John Harvie & John Lawrence.

Welcome to New Members:

Kyle Evans, Family of Joseph Henry Connell, Gladys Ridge, 1889.

Barbara Ross, Family of Eliza (Burke) & Luke Draper, Calgary, 1890.

Elsie Harrington, Family of Horace Meers, Calgary, 1888.

Katlyn Hanna, Family of Percy & Eva Irving, Davisburg, 1886.

Louise Robinson, Family of Alberta (Van Wart) Robinson, Calgary, 1883.

Benjamin Widdowson, Family of John Gerow Van Wart, Calgary, 1883.

Sandra Price, Family of Angus Charles Sparrow, Calgary, 1883.

Welcome to New Associate Members:

Julia Paisley & Raymond Chudey


Welcome to Reinstated Members:

Keith Hall & Kerry Longpre



The June 2008 newsletter for Jean Murdoch was returned undelivered. Can anyone help me find her?

Please call (403) 271-5483 or e-mail sap.membership@shaw.ca. with any address or phone changes.

– Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary



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Remember! The Southern Alberta Pioneers Stampede Display Committee



Help to organize, maintain and file this extensive photo library. Help with the data base required to keep track of them. Help to repair and restore current and past photos that are getting somewhat shopworn. Help to think of new theme ideas for next years picture display.

JOIN THIS VITAL COMMITTEE AT THE MEMORIAL BUILDING! MONDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 A.M.

Stampede Exhibit 2008

We held another successful Stampede Exhibit thanks to all volunteers who helped out. Without your generous support, which requires the largest number of volunteers of any of our events, this would not have been possible.

Bud's pictures were a "hit" again this year. The addition of pictures depicting early oil and gas exploration in Southern Alberta prompted many comments. The guest book was signed by 255 people with comments such as "wonderful display of history," "beautiful picture," "wonderful memories," etc. There were also many queries and comments which will be followed up very soon. Clarence Davis is responding to the history book sales and Fern Dorsch is handling the cook book sales. We had the support of the Remington Carriage Museum again this year. The stagecoach, or as it is properly called the "Western Passenger Wagon," drew many great comments as people got in to have their picture taken.

A big thank you to Ken and Terri Thompson for time spent on the phone filling the 88 time slots and for picking up and returning the plants that were supplied at no charge by Anything Grows Garden Store in Cochrane. Also thanks to Phil Godlonton, Michael Stewart and Tim Begalke for helping to set up the booth prior to the Stampede and to Bill Murphy for lending assistance on the take-down.

The Stampede Board again provided an excellent space and location as well as volunteer passes. Thanks also to the Stampede Staff – Deb Hauser and Christine Verdonck – for their support.

This year's winner of the dinner for two and tickets to the evening performance donated and hosted by Fran and Danny Copithorne was Mary Lynas. Congratulations Mary!

The list of volunteers is as follows:

Eleanor and Bill Murphy, Jean and Glenn Chugg, Bev and Jim McDonald, Greg White, Mary Duborg, Isabel and Jim McPherson, Virginia Klatzel, Dorothy and Bill Holmes, Nadine and Phil Godlonton, Sandy Pedlar, Ryan Pedlar, Fran McTaggart, Maureen Peckham, Sandra Wasylchuk, Kathy Babiuk, Anita and Wally Madill, Jim Eagleson, Carla and Tim Begalke, Pam Hilton, Del Huber, Kerri and Don Fipke, David Ballard, Francie Hagedorn, Linda and

Laurie Jacques, Gale and Sandy Dean, Betty Wake, Gwen and Art Hanna, Moyra and Joe Ferguson, Iyla and Bob Brewster, Beryl Sibbald, Peggy Barr, Pat Rodriguez, Virginia Holmes, Charlene Lyndon, Hilda Onions, Alice and Buster Schwieger, Grace Murdoch, Abe Bergen, Glen Godlonton, Sue and Lionel Singleton, Carrolle and Frank Duffin, Audrey Rice, Lloyd Hamilton, Terri Thompson, Bev and Art Snell, Loreen and Hugh Hamilton, Rhonda Clark, Karen Clark, Mike Stewart, Shawna DeMaere, Mary Lynas, Patricia and Peter Cox.

Thanks everyone for your continued support!

– Dave Wake/Bud Vine

2008 Stampede Exhibit Coordinators

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**MEMBERSHIP FOR OCT 1/2008 TO SEPT 30/2009
IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2008**

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Clark Family Celebrates 125 Years

The journey began in the early 1870s when John Sr. and Katherine and their six children, James, John, Catherine, Duncan, Ellen and Margaret sailed from Campbeltown, Argyshire, Scotland bound for Canada.

They settled for a time at LaChute, Quebec. They remained there until April 10, 1883 when the trip to the west began. The four men came to the end of the CPR line at Swift Current. They split up at this time with John Jr. and James going through Montana to Fort Benton to obtain supplies. John Sr. and Duncan carried on to the homestead. They all met up in the middle of May, 1883 at Crowfoot. They homesteaded section 30-21-20 W4. It was a rolling piece of prairie along the Crowfoot Creek.

By July of that year the railway had reached Calgary and the needed tools and household effects had arrived. Katherine and her daughters Margaret and Ellen arrived in the fall.

The Clark family began to establish themselves, building up herds of cattle and horses, notably the majestic Clydesdales. John Sr. made several trips back to Scotland, each time returning with horses and new immigrants who helped look after horses during the time at sea and the rail journey to Gleichen. Some of the noted horses were Maclure, Iron Dutchess and Putchecan Hero.

The Clark brothers operated one of the first threshing outfits in the area.

Through the generations the changes, challenges and rewards have continued on the Crowfoot Creek. The first two generations showed fierce determination and a dedication to make this way of life work for themselves and those that followed. That perseverance has lived to bring us to celebrate 125 years on the Crowfoot Creek.

The family was presented with commemorative plaques by Ben Armstrong, Wheatland Count Reeve.

– Karen Clark

Building Committee Report

The spring and summer have been uneventful for the Building Committee. We continue to experience continued growth in the rental of the building with rentals up over last year. A special thanks to those 18 volunteers who attended the work party on May 10th, putting in some 77 hours enhancing our premises. Also a thank you to John Robinson and Green-drop for donating their services in maintaining our lawn growth and weed control.

As members you may be interested to know that the Building Committee has a "Wish List" of projects it would like to proceed with once sufficient funds become available. Heading this list would

be modernization of the washrooms to make them fully handicap friendly. At present this is not the case. We hope to proceed with this project during 2009. This would include new tiles for the wash-room floors and at the same time we would do the kitchens.

Also on the wish list are energy efficient furnaces and an automatic front electronic gate. We seem to be getting unwanted vehicles on our lot when the premises are not in use with the existing "belt" not being an efficient deterrent. If you any other suggestions for the "Wish List" please let us know.

– Danny Copithorne

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and National Park fees

\$ 55.00 per person

Deadline for registration:
Friday, September 12, 2008

Contact telephone numbers:

Diana: 403-240-9828;
David: 403-282-3716

MISSING

A Silver Tea Service is missing from the Memorial Building. The set includes a Teapot with cream and sugar. Please contact Beryl @ 932-5584.

MEMBER NAME TAGS (Magnetic)

Cost: \$9.00 (including GST)

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

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Your Pioneer Family Name: _____
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SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS & THEIR DESCENDANTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

LUNCHEON AT 12 NOON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, BERYL SIBBALD

AGENDA

1. *Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 13, 2007*
2. *Business arising from the minutes*
3. *President's Report – Beryl Sibbald*
4. *Treasurer's Report – Joe Ferguson*
Appointment of Auditor
5. *Membership Report – Maureen Peckham*
6. *Committee Reports*
7. *Election of Board of Directors for 2009*
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.*



88th ANNUAL ROUND-UP

Saturday, November 1, 2008
Crystal Ballroom, Palliser Hotel

Cocktails 5:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Featuring:

Old Time Singing & Dancing

Band:

The Badlanders

TICKETS – \$65.00 EACH

MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

(NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER OCTOBER 27, 2008)

Early bird draw for those purchasing before October 20th
Winner will receive a room in the Palliser for the night of the Round-Up
Tables will be assigned as tickets are purchased.

For tickets: (by mail or phone)

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Sandy Pedlar278-1334

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Joe Ferguson.....249-9989

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Bob Rintoul251-9698

Glenn Chugg255-0692

Linda Eshpeter.....271-4292

One-Year Term

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Judi La Londe272-5675

Hugh Hamilton948-5115

Ken Thompson.....289-4636

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Danny Copithorne.....271-1972

Casino

Pat Rodriguez.....279-6435

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Hall.....287-2489

EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 7 – Family Games/Potluck, Champion Park, 2:00pm. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne.

Saturday, Oct 25 – AGM/Luncheon, Memorial Building, 12:00-3:00pm. Convenor: Kerri Fipke.

Saturday, Nov. 1 – Round-Up, Palliser Hotel, 5:00pm. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne.

Saturday, Dec. 6 – Christmas Dinner, Memorial Building, 5:30pm. Convenor: TBA

Note: Games / potluck events; potluck dinner starts at @ 5:00pm.

Contact Bob Brewster or Moyra Ferguson if you can fill any of the "Convener Needed" functions.

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 Joan Davis, 251-4915.

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 & August). Members welcome.

Card Night

2nd 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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