

## SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

#### AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

**S**easons Greetings and I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday with family and friends.

Also thanks to Shirley Simmering for helping with the Historical committee.

It is certainly an honour to serve as your President for 2015.

We have a bookkeeper, Pam Nicholls and this greatly helps to make the job of Treasurer much easier. Thank you Pam.

We have a great board and group of volunteers to make 2015 another productive year. Winter has certainly set in early but I hope to get to most events, depending on road conditions and weather. Thanks to Dave Mackie for another great roundup and as always Stephanie McSween and her bag pipes.

A special thanks to Kerri for continuing to do all the things I don't get in for.

The Christmas party was enjoyed by another sell out event thanks to Maureen & Jeff Hill and Fran Copithorne and her helpers for having the building in the Christmas spirit.

Wishing one and all good health and happiness for 2015.

We have an updated set of bylaws

Sincerely,

thanks to Leanne Bateman

JR Clark

Dave Wake and his active crew are working on the photo display that is well received where ever they take it.

We always need volunteers for events and committees.

Thanks to Eileen McElroy for taking on the Treasurer job this year.



#### 21st International Wine and Food

Saturday, February 21st, 7:00 PM SAP Memorial Building

Conveners: Brian and Kathleen Rogers; Jeff and Maureen Hill

Featuring foods and wine from across the globe!

Tickets: \$25.00 per person.

Tickets available from Gwen Hanna: 403-279-5621 Limited to 60 people

### 94th Round-Up 2014

The 94th Round Up brought our year to a close at the Palliser Hotel on November 1st. The event was held in the stately Alberta Room on the second floor.

Harry M. Sanders, a local historian, was commissioned to complete the Palliser's history book. He was our guest speaker who provided us with many stories of the past accompanied by several pictures. As of June, the Palliser celebrated their 100th anniversary. It was particularly meaningful to be connected and part of an establishment where royalty, heads of states, celebrities and other dignitaries have been.

R.B.Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada from 1930-1935 lived in the hotel for stretches of time. David Mackie, who convened this years' event, has a special bond with the Palliser. He recalled as a child, visiting his relatives who lived in the Palliser for several years.

Guests enjoyed socializing, in stunning rooms with ambiance of years ago. It is difficult not to get caught up in "the moment", events of our forebearers when you are in these palatial rooms of historic significance. The Palliser, once again does not disappoint with their impeccable service and food. Many people took advantage of the special rates and enjoyed a sleep over in one of the storied rooms.

This party was our President, Kerri Fipke's swan song and what a wonderful party it was. Kerri indicated that she enjoyed her year as president and will be on board to assist our new president Roy Clark. Kerri,

did a phenomenal job as our president this past year and had many challenges to face. She did so with grace, fortitude and patience. We thank her for her many hours of dedication and contributions to our organization.

Many presentations were made throughout the evening to the following: Pioneer Lady, Barbara Kwasny; Pioneer Gentleman, Harvey Buckley; Honorary Associate Lady, Barbara Nelson; Honorary Associate Gentleman, Jeff Hill; Past President, Kerri Fipke; Spouse of Past President, Don Fipke; and Guest Speaker, Harry Sanders.

Congratulations to all winners and thank you to the following businesses and individuals for their support.

We would like to thank David Mackie for his endless work on the Round Up, Gwen Hanna for ticket sales, Kerri Fipke, Bill Nelson, Dave Wake and others for their contribution.

Also, the evening would not have been a success without those in attendance.

Submitted by Maureen G. Hill



#### Membership Report

Please Note: If you have not paid this years dues, you will find a coloured notice with your newsletter.

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In Memorium: Reg Swan & Helen White

New Gold Card Members: Gerald McDougall, Joan Manning & Eleanor Murphy

Welcome to New Members: Michael Geier, Descendant of James Brewster, Morleyville, 1871

Marjorie Van de Sande, Descendant of Dr. Peter Aylen III, Calgary May 1889

Graham Rice, Descendant of John McCain Bratton, Macleod, 1889

Jason Whalen, Descendant of John D. Curran, Anthracite, 1886

Todd McBride, Descendant of Ambrose Shaw, Calgary 1884

David Harvie, Descendant of James Coe, Calgary 1883

Stephan Robert Benediktson, Descendant of Stephan G. Stephansson, Markerville, 1889

Welcome to new Associate Members: Fay Geier & Robin Clark

Thank you for notifying me of any changes (address, phone #, E-mail)

E-mail: membership@pioneersalberta.org Or phone 403-271-5483

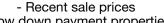
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#### 94th Annual Round-Up: Door Prize Winners Report

1. Palliser: night of the Round Up, one free night accommodation

**Bob Brewster** 

2. Chateau Lake Louise: 2 night's accommodation with breakfast

**Robert James** 

3. Banff Springs: 2 night's accommodation with breakfast

Kathleen Rogers

4. Fern Dorsch: Pioneer Kitchens Cook Book (bundled with fondue pot)

**Bev Snell** 

5. Fern Dorsch: Pioneer Kitchens Cook Book ( bundled with \$25.00 gift certificate)

Blaine Dorsch

6. Barb and Bill Nelson: Second Cup Gift Basket

Joan Hampaul

7. Country Hills Dental: Two tickets to a flames game

Harry Baeblek

8. Hugh Hamilton( Airdrie Registry): Personlized licence plate ( value:\$220)

**Bob Brewster** 

9. Karen & Roy Clark: Gift Basket (preserves)

Judy Edge

10. Leanne & Wayne Bateman: Gift Basket

Jim MacDonald

11. Betty & Dave Wake: Gift Basket

John Douglas

12. Riley & McCormick (Brian Guichon): Gift Certificate (\$25& Cookbook)

Blaine Dorsch

13. Riley & McCormick: Gifft Certificate (\$25.00)

Ian Campbell

14. Anything Grows, Cochrane: Beryl Sibbald

Jim Castenet

15. Helen & David Mackie: Framed Original Print by Helen Mackie R.C.A.

Mya Hensen

16. Iona Shaw: Espresso colored wood serving tray

John Sibbald

17. Iona Shaw: Small 4 fork chocolate fondue set / cookbook

**Bev Snell** 

18. Maureen Hill: ( social committee-Pioneer Logo Apron and tote with two bottles of wine

Sandy Pedlar

Submitted by Maureen G. Hill



# Calgary Stampede Parade 2015

Just a Reminder:

As space is limited and our lineup has to be submitted early I need interested participants to contact me as soon as possible.

Participation is on a first come basis.

Linda Chudey SAP Parade Coordinator 403 225 0698

#### Pioneer Logo

You may give a lasting tribute to your descendant of a Pioneer family by inserting the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Society's logo into your loved one's obituary.

The logo is a copyrighted feature of the Pioneers Society.

Our logo is available at the Calgary Herald and the Sun newspapers.

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

- Bill Murphy



#### Treasurer's Report

y name is Eileen McElroy and I am the granddaughter of George Morton McElroy who homesteaded in the Chestermere district in 1890. Although I have been a member for several years, filling the position of treasurer is my first real involvement with SAPD. I have previous experience as treasurer of a non-profit association and am now in the process of getting up to speed on the workings of the two SAP entities.

Our bookkeeper, Pam Nicholls, has completed the transition of the financial records from paper to a computerized system. The 2013-14 fiscal year information has been sent to KPMG for audit. I look forward to working with Pam, Past President Kerri Fipke, President Roy Clark and the rest of the Board in caretaking the affairs of the Sothern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen E. McElroy

#### **Garden Sass**

Garden Sass news item, Calgary, Alberta, Calgary Weekly Herald, 6 August 1884

We have received samples of all kinds of garden produce, as well as grain, from John Clark's ranche at Crowfoot. The potatoes, onions, peas, beans, etc. were very fine indeed, while the barley was the best sample of the four rowed we have ever seen. The wheat and oats, we are sure, would make a creditable show at any exhibition in any country. We look for the yield of farm produce throughout the district the present year to be such as will forever dispel the absurd stories that this country is not adapted for successful agriculture.

#### SAP MEMBERSHIP BUFFALO HEAD LAPEL PINS

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#### Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta

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Hours: Monday - Friday 8 - 6, Saturday 9 - 3 Closed on Statutory Holidays On September 7, the Social/Pot Luck at Champion Park was attended by approximately 50 people. Fran Copithorne was the convener of the event and provided the meat. Everyone else brought some kind of side dish. Next, the AGM on October 18th saw 51 people in attendance. Karen Clark made and provided all the food solo for this event. One hundred and twenty-nine people attended the Round Up, November 1st, convened by David Mackie. 97 tickets were sold for the Christmas dinner held on Dec. 6. Upcoming events are:

Social, Games & Pot Luck: January 18, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

Social, Games & Pot Luck: Sunday, February 8, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.

#### Social Committee

International Food and Wine: February 21, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Social, Games & Pot Luck: March 15, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

New Member Orientation: Sunday, March 22 - 2-4:30 p.m.

Volunteer Appreciation: April 12 ,2015 -2:00 p.m.

Building & Yard Clean Up: Saturday, April 25 – 10:00 a.m.

Gold Card Tea: Sunday, May 3, 2015: 2-4:00 p.m.

The events of SAPD would not occur without the incredible support of our volunteers. Many people work behind the scenes. At the risk of leaving some-

one out, I would to extend a THANK YOU to all of you. You know who you are! On that note; we are still in need of conveners for many events in the upcoming year. If you are interested in co-convening to lessen the work load, please contact Linda Chudey @403-225-0698 or Maureen Hill @403-225-2397.

The following are in need of conveners:

Social, Games & Pot Luck: Sunday, March

Gold Card Tea: Sunday, May 3

Stampede BBQ: Saturday, July 4

Round Up: Saturday, November 7



## SOCIAL GAMES AND POT LUCK

SUNDAY, JAN 18 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: SAPD Memorial Building

Join in a casual afternoon of games, cards and visiting. Bring your favorite casserole, salad or dessert and enjoy a delicious meal.

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#### **Christmas Dinner 2014**

Ninety-seven tickets were purchased for our annual Christmas Dinner. It was a beautiful evening with a chinook at our doorstep. Pioneer Lady, Peggy Barr and Pioneer Gent, Bob Rintoul (in Santa hat) greeted our guests at the door before they signed the guest book and checked in their tickets with Gwen Hanna, At the time they had an opportunity to purchase a SAPD tote or apron, possibly as a gift for Christmas.

The hall looked very festive dressed in its Christmas garb. Guests socialized upstairs and down with some of our Santa's helpers bringing beverages poured by our team of bartenders, Leanne and Wayne Bateman up those tedious stairs to some of our patrons. Padre Reiner gave thanks before we enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner provided by Extreme Catering. Herm Thielan led the sing song while Bill Holmes accompanied him on the piano.

Dave and Betty Wake and Iona Jackson were winners of the two door prizes, SAPD totes with a bottle of wine tucked inside.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who offered their valuable time to this suc-

cessful event: Roy and Karen Clark, Gary and Joan Trimble, Pat Rodriguez, Roy and Mary Burke, Dave and Betty Wake, Eileen McElroy, Bill Nelson, Linda Chudey, Joan Hampaul, Gwen Hanna, Wayne and Leanne Bateman and Pam Nicholls.

Submitted by Maureen G. Hill

### Roy Clark's Family History

John Clark – 1835 – 1915

Catherine (Kelly) Clark - 1826 - 1905

John and Catherine leave Scotland in 1875 with their six children:

- Catherine 1857-1884
- James 1859-1935
- John 1861-1929
- Ellen 1863-1904
- Duncan 1865-1945
- Margaret 1871-1957

John and three sons: James, John and Duncan head west in April 1883 and all four homestead along the Crowfoot Creek, growing crops and raising Clydesdale horses and Shorthorn cattle.

John Clark Jr. marries Catherine Wills (1874-1945) in December 1903

One son – John Roy Clark 1909-1971

John Roy Clark marries Violet Beatrice Leonard July 13, 1935, together they had 4 children:

- Katherine June 26, 1936 passed away 1957
- Jean Sept 19,1938
- Doug April 22,1940
- Roy May 31, 1943

James Roy Clark marries Karen Boesen, together they have 3 children

- Rhonda
- Katherine
- Cameron

#### Code of the West

Live each day with courage

Take pride in your work

Always finish what you start

Do what has to be done

Be tough, but fair

When you make a promise keep it

Ride for the brand

Talk less and say more

Remember that some things aren't for sale

Know where to draw the line

**Core Values** 

Courage

Optimism

Self Reliance

Authenticity

Honor

Duty

Heart



## A History of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Photo Display

A review of Pioneer records tracing the history of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendant's annual displays at the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede's annual show reveals the following information.

A letter dated February 25th, 2000 from W.H. Copithorne of Congress Resource Ltd. to Stampede President Rob Mathews introducing Sharon Thielen, President of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Anne Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the newly formed Pioneers Stampede Display Committee announces their presence at a scheduled meeting with the Calgary Exhibition & Stampede on March 13th, 2000. The positive response from the Stampede Board resulted in the first Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants display at the 2000 Calgary Stampede. Space was provided in the main hall of the Round Up Centre.

A report by Sharon and Anne in the September 2000 issue of the Pioneer's Newsletter exuded the success of the display, the overwhelming co-operation received from volunteers and the enthusiasm shown by Stampede staff and the Midway & Exhibits Committee for the display. Mention was made of the hundreds of visitors, from all over the world, who signed the guest book. Finally generous acknowledgment was handed out to all the people for the help they received

Enthusiastic support to the display continued into 2001 and Sharon & Anne were generous with their thanks. They also commented on the 3 hour volunteer shifts that had evolved and that two people per shift were generally sufficient. Visitor attendance had remained high.

Mention was made by Sharon in 2002 of a treat that was afforded to Gwen and Art Hanna when they were chosen to have Dinner with Danny and Fran Copithorne. Tickets to the evening performance were also included. This tradition carried on for several years. Thanks were, as usual, extended to the Board of Directors of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede for the display space in the Round Up Centre. Finally Sharon announced her retirement from the project and announced that Lionel Singleton would stand in until a new Project Coordinator could be found.

Dave Wake and Lionel Singleton co-chaired the 2003 display and in his report in the SAP newsletter Dave acknowledged the support they received from volunteers who assisted in the display and the roll the Remington Carriage Museum played annually by bringing 3 units up from Cardston to show in the display. Howard Snyder, Manager of the Remington Carriage Museum has been ardent supporter of display providing units for the booth every year since our beginnings in 2000.

The Stampede exhibit for 2004, reported on by Dave Wake and Lionel Singleton, was afforded a very generous space in the Roundup Centre and volunteer participation was lauded in their report. The Remington Carriage Museum, and for the first time Reynolds-Alberta Museum of Wetaskiwin supplied two vehicles. Bud Vine became involved this year and so began the present photo display. The photo source the first year was restricted to copies of in-house and donated photos produced by Bud on his Apple computer, scanner and printer. A total of 143 photos displayed on a framework supplied by the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta arranged for us by Jay Joffe.

This next year's 2005, display jumped to 32 display panels and 328 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 on 8.5 by 11 inch glossy photo paper, mounted on foamcore, trimmed to size and placed velcro on all four corners.

Jim McDonald was a welcome addition to our committee in 2008. Volunteers to setup, man the booth and then takedown continue to be the mainstay of our Calgary Stampede Display.

In 2009 the Calgary Stampede Historical Committee joined our group and provided many volunteers to man the booth. They have continued on each year sharing space and mounting a display relating, specifically, to Stampede history.

2010 saw a big change for us. The Stampede personnel moved us from the main hall of the BMO Centre to the Western Showcase hall in the BMO. They built a booth structure which tied in with the central theme of the area and provided a more permanent location.

In 2011, at the request of the Stampede, we added a 3rd volunteer to man the booth and provide help for people entering and exiting the Stagecoach.

## A History of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Photo Display (continued)

2013 was the year we had 2 additional members join our display committee. Susan Priel has injected much additional drive to increase our photo display collection and Joan Hampaul has taken on the duties of preparing our volunteer roster and doing the mail outs.

In 2014 Sue went on to plan an ambitious display that centered on the effect the coming of the Canadian Pacific Railway had on the rapid development and expansion of Western Canada and the province of Alberta. By the end of year 2014 we have acquired another 18 images from the British Columbia Archives and another 129 images from the Canadian Archives.

An accurate record of numbers of people who view our display is unknown. Those who commented on the display in the guest books and comment books is the only available source. We receive comments from a surprising number of different parts of the world.

Currently we have approximately 900 plus photos and maps which we can draw upon for display purposes.

In addition to our annual Calgary Stampede Display we have organized a "Mini-display" that is mounted on two, tri-fold panels, on which we are able to display pictures on both sides. Routinely we mount six pictures on each side of the total of 12 panels on the two tri-folds for a total of seventy-two images. This display has been set up at many locations over the years. We anticipate extending the size of the display as well as site locations into more diverse places with the likely hood of going to school classrooms.

2014 saw our "mini" display set up at the following locations:

- March 23 Memorial Bldg. for New Member Orientation
- May 14 Turner Valley Library to mark Turner Valley's 100th Anniversary.
- May 28 Memorial Bldg. for a Senior group from The Manor at Huntington Hills.
- July 25 Memorial Bldg for Calgary Historical Week.
- Sept. 18 Bonavista Village 100 plus photos on 3 tri-folds for resident seniors to view.
- Sept. 28 Memorial Bldg. For Open Door Calgary

Joan Hampaul

• Nov. 7 Manor at Huntington Hills as part of "LinkAges" program for 25 grades 10,11, &12 students from John G. Diefenbaker High School.

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## John Clark – Crowfoot Creek – Trip to Calgary June 21, 1885

Crackers

Stable

Ferry

4 meals 50 cents

1 pak shingles

Mair serviced

Ammunition

Stamps

Paper

Total

2 cans beef 50 cents	1.00
1 can fruit 50 cents	.50
1 iron pail	.85
200 lbs bacon	30.00
2 sacks flour	6.00
2 cans axel grease 25 cents	.50
Herald paper	3.00
Horse rasp	1.00
1 pair pinches	.50
2 lbs horse nails	.35
2 paper tacks	.20
20 lbs lard	3.75
Keg syrup	4.25
Horse knife	.50
1 Horse bit	.75
Too bridles reins and lines	2.00
4 lbs turnip seed	2.40
Horse blister	1.00
2 lbs	2.00
2 cans fruit	.50





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## **EVENTS**

Sunday, January 18
Social Games /Pot Luck
Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
2:00 PM.
Hosted by:
Kerri & Don Fipke 403-271-9581

1.00

2.00

2.25

1.50

2.00

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4.00

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Sunday, February 8
Social Games / Potluck
Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
2:00 PM.
Hosted by:
Linda Chudey 403-225-0698

Saturday, February 21
International Wine Tasting Night
Held at the SAP Memorial Building,
7:00 PM.
Hosted by:
Kathleen Rogers 403-242-1850
Maureen Hill 403-225-2397

Sunday, March 15 Social Games / Potluck Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 PM. Hosted by: TBA

Saturday, March 22 New Member Orientation Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00-4:30 PM. Hosted by:

Roy Clark 403-641-2106 Pamela Hilton 403-934-2637

Saturday, April 12 Volunteer Appreciation Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00 PM. Hosted by: Roy & Karen Clark 403-641-2106

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Saturday, April 25 Buliding and Yard Clean Up Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 1 0:00 AM. Hosted by: Fran Copithorne 403-271-1972

Sunday, May 3 Gold Card Tea Held at the SAP Memorial Building, 2:00-4:00 PM. Hosted by: TBA

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Historical Committee Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. Joan Davis, 403-251-4915.

#### Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be emailed to Kathy Nelson-Campbell at kathy.nelson@shaw.ca by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Newsletter is printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Regular weekly meetings will start again on September 8. Mondays, 10:00am to 2:00 pm. On rare occasions a meeting may be cancelled if the hall is booked for another function. Please call Dave Wake 403-288-5545 or Joan Davis 403-251-4915.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Peggy Barr (403-246-2843) 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.

Advertising

To place an ad in this publication, please call Beryl Sibbald, 403-932-5584. Deadline to place a classified ad is the SAP Board meeting prior to publication. Members are encouraged to support the businesses advertised in our newsletter.

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