



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

The history continues. The Pioneers and the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.

The association of the Pioneers with the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede goes back before the turn of the century. In 1884 a group of pioneers petitioned and established the Calgary and District Agricultural Society, thus helping to start the CE&S. In 1899 the name was changed to the Inter-Western Pacific Exhibition. In 1911 another name change occurred, to the Calgary Industrial Exhibition Co. and in 1933 the name changed again to its pre-

sent name, the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. During the fall and winter of 1884-85 the CE&S, with aid from the CPR, filled an express car with samples of agricultural products grown in Alberta and took a tour of Canada promoting our city. In 1886 and to follow, the CE&S held yearly fairs on the Exhibition grounds and in 1912 the CE&S expanded the fair to include a rodeo. As you all are aware, today the CE&S is known world over.

Many, many of our Old Timers were competitors in the Stampede events and others worked in different

areas to help make the CE&S what it is today. Today a dedicated group of SAOT has worked long and hard and have compiled a special tribute to our great history in the form of a picture display. This interesting collection of artifacts is featured during Stampede Week for all to see. We all should take time to visit the Big Four Building during Stampede Week and see this amazing collection of old time pictures – not only of the Stampede events, but of the history of towns, private residences and other events around our province.

– Peggy Barr

Volunteers Required – Stampede Exhibit 2006

Volunteers view this year's display and pick up your passes June 19, 2006 at the Memorial Building from 2 - 5 pm or 6 - 8 pm. David Wake 288-5545 or Bud Vine 279-4744



Membership Report

Casino Committee Report

The Newsletter can be read and printed from www.pioneersalberta.org. If you would prefer not to receive a paper copy in the mail and read the newsletter online, please e-mail sap.membership@shaw.ca and let me know your wishes.

In Memoriam:

Aileen Sibbald, Gwen Johnston, Florence Hughes, Vola McPherson, Fern Jensen and Ken Lynn.

Welcome New

Gold Card Members:

Mary Harvie, Sabine Joffe, Gordon Leslie, Helen Mackie, William Lewis, Bill Cunningham, Alan Hodgson, Bruce Barkley and Bud Vine.

Welcome Back Reinstated Member:
James Skinner

Welcome New Members:

Jared Paisley, descendant of Jared Paisley (Jerry), Fort Macleod, 1882.

Betty Gray, descendant of John Copithorne, Jumping Pound, 1882.

Meghan Hanna, descendant of John Alexander Irving, Davisburg, August 1886.

Gail Carscallen, descendant of William Edward Ross, Calgary, 1885.

Thanks again for keeping me informed of address/phone changes. Call me at 271-5483 or e-mail me at sap.membership@shaw.ca.

– Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

A huge 'Thank You' is extended to a great group of volunteers who raised over \$76,000 while volunteering at our October 10 & 11, 2005 casino. That makes the volunteer hours worth approximately \$2,000 per person, which is pretty impressive. We received our funds in February and the 'super group' included:

Peggy Barr	Laurie Jacques
Leanne Bateman	Barbara Kwasny
Wayne Bateman	Fran McTaggart
Bob Brewster	Dennis Mooney
Margaret Buckley	Bill Murphy
Lance Cooke	Hilda Onions
Margaret Cooke	Sandy Pedlar
Danny Copithorne	Audrey Rice
Karen Clark	Ernie Rice
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Moyra Ferguson	Marion Smith
Don Fipke	Curtis Smith
Kerri Fipke	Ken Thompson
Barbara George	Dave Wake
Margaret Glasford	Greg White
Gwen Hanna	Virginia Holmes

The funds are used primarily for the ongoing upkeep and improvements to the Memorial Building and grounds. Our next casino will be during the April – June 2007 period.

– Pat Rodriguez, Casino Coordinator

Memorial Building Fund

The following have donated to our Memorial Building Fund since my last report in January, 2006:

Mrs. Evelyn Calow
Mrs. Lucille Togstad (in memory of Betty Schmaltz)
Mrs. Alice Huggard
Mrs. Linda Hermanson
Rev. William A. Sayers
Mrs. C.M. Skene
Mr. Gerald Webber
Mr. & Mrs. Art Hanna
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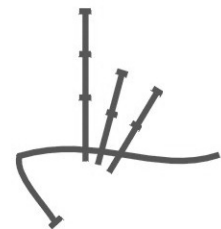
Contributions to the Fund are income tax deductible. Cheques should be made payable to The Southern Alberta Pioneers' Memorial

Building Fund. At April 9, 2006, the Fund stood at \$184,490.

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

Fort Calgary celebrates
Canada Day with a Country
Fair, July 1, 2006 from
10 am to 4 pm. 750 - 9 Ave SE.
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Chinook Historical Walk Week

Calgary's Treasurer's is the theme for Chinook Historical Walk Week. The GEMS are members of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and our Memorial Building at 3625 - 4 Street SW.

OPENING DAY:

July 28, 2006 – 10 am to 4 pm.

You will be hearing 'Pioneer

Experiences' from several members who are descendants of pioneers from 1873 to 1890.

Information on 1891 census and walks in the area.

Parking is available, bring you lunch and lawn chairs to enjoy an interesting day.

Family Roots 2006

Here is an announcement – Calgary's Genealogical Event of the Year. October 13 & 14, 2006 at the Carriage House Inn, an opportunity for those searching their family history. Beginners as well as researchers will find helpful ideas and methods. www.afhs.ab.ca.



2006 Men's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 16th
9 am - Noon

Memorial Service and Tea

Sunday, July 10th – 2 pm
at the Pioneer Building

Convenor:
Gwen Hanna 279-5621

Please Note:

Our events will be outside, rain or shine. This includes the BBQ, Pancake Breakfast, etc.

Large tents will be set up at the Building for the Stampede activities this year.



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(Last name only)

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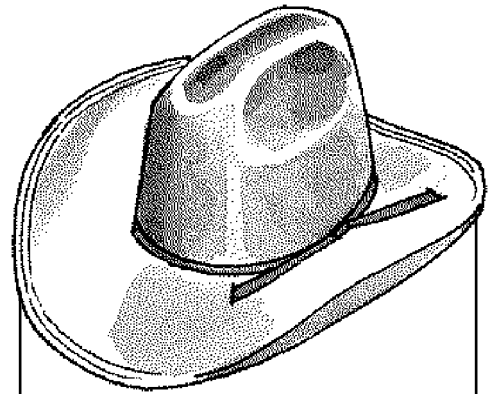
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THE STAMPEDE BARBECUE

Saturday, July 8/06

Memorial Building

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

\$22.00/person

(age 13 and over)

Children 12 and under FREE

To order tickets call:

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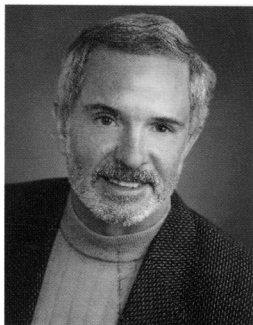
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Cook Book

After many requests we have decided to re-print (third printing) our first cookbook, *From Pioneer Kitchens*, our Anniversary edition printed in 1990. The books will be available by the first part of June. Please contact Fern Dorsch, 278-2793.

We still have a few of our ethnic cookbook, *Pioneer Kitchens From Many Lands*. Both of these books have been very popular and make excellent gifts for showers, weddings and out-of-town guests.

Mrs. George E. (Mary) Jacques

Calgary's First White Woman

Born at Millbrook, Ontario on June 3, 1856, Mary Christo taught in the Indian Mission School at Saugeen, Bruce Co., Ontario. On August 20, 1879, she married George Edwin Jacques, the son of Rev. George Jacques, a Missionary to the Indian Reserve. Early in 1880, Mary's husband left Peterborough and traveled west to Alberta. An itinerant jeweller and watch repairer, he established his headquarters and workshop in John Glen's "stopping place" at Fish Creek, from where he traveled by stagecoach from Edmonton to Fort Macleod. Thus, he became the first jeweller in what is now Alberta.

Later in 1880, on August 20th, their first wedding anniversary, Mary left Ontario with their infant daughter Minnie, accompanied by her father-in-law, to join her husband at Fish Creek. The child died en route at Fort Benton, Montana, succumbing to the strain of the journey. At Fort Benton, another of the Reverend's sons, J.E. "Jimmy" Jacques, joined Mary and Rev. George Jacques. The party arrived in Midnapore on November 14, 1880, and it was decided that Mary would stay at John Glen's for the winter where, for the next four months, she taught reading and writing to the native Indian children of John Glen and his wife.

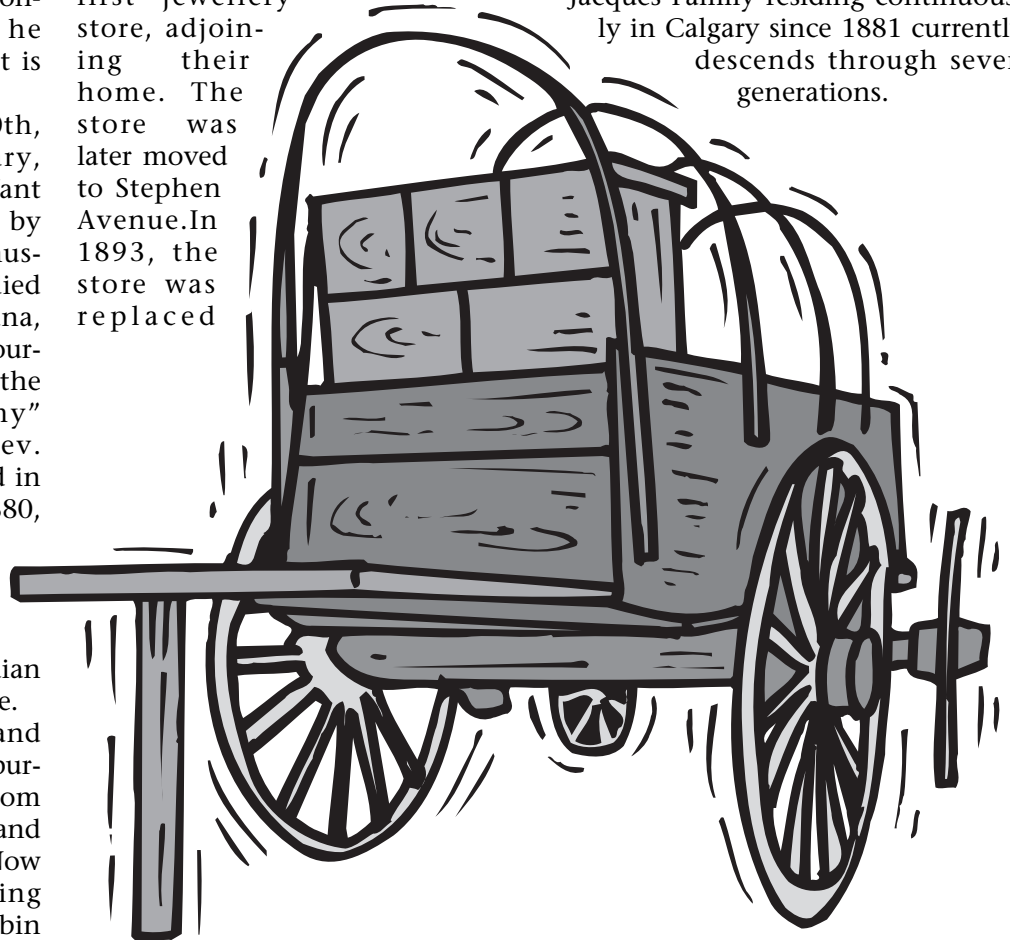
The following spring, Mary and her husband, George E. Jacques, purchased a log cabin in Calgary from surveyor A.W. McVittie for \$120 and moved in on March 10, 1881. Now preserved as a historical building within Heritage Park, the log cabin

was originally situated near the old North West Mounted Police barracks in east Calgary, when the population of the settlement was only 75 persons. Thus, Mary became the first Anglo-Saxon woman to make her home in Calgary. The neighbourhood men built some crude furniture and Mary Jacques, with yards of factory cotton, made curtains and lined the walls for the winter. She later acquired a stove, and George made a wooden floor.

In 1882, her husband built the first jewellery store, adjoining their home. The store was later moved to Stephen Avenue. In 1893, the store was replaced

by a two-storey sandstone building at 123 - 8 Avenue SW, where George operated his business until retiring in 1911. George Edwin died in Calgary in 1926; Mary's death occurred in 1939, after 58 continuous years as Calgary's first white woman to reside in Calgary.

A daughter and two sons were born to Mary and George Edwin in Calgary: Winnifred in 1885; Harry (a Calgary jeweller) in 1888; and George Lindon (a Calgary funeral director) in 1894. The lineage of the Jacques Family residing continuously in Calgary since 1881 currently descends through seven generations.



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EVENTS

Friday, Jul. 7 – Pre-Parade Breakfast for participants at Rotary House, 5:30am. Convenor: Kerri Fipke, 271-9851.

Saturday, Jul. 8 – Stampede BBQ, 6:00pm. Convenor needed.

Sunday, Jul. 9 – Memorial Service & Tea, 2:00pm. Convenor: Audrey Rice, 255-4103.

Monday, Jul. 10 – Sandwich Making for Rotary House. Convenor needed.

Tuesday, Jul. 11 – Pioneer Tea at Rotary House. Convenor needed.

Saturday, Jul. 15 – Pancake Breakfast, 9:00am - Noon. Convenor: Danny Copithorne, 271-1972.

Sunday, Sept. 10 – Family Day & Pot Luck at Champion Park, 2:00pm. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 271-1972.

Saturday, Oct. 14 – Annual General Meeting & Luncheon, 12 Noon - 3:00pm. Convenor: Kerri Fipke, 271-9581.

Saturday, Nov. 4 – Round-Up Dinner at Palliser Hotel, 6:00pm. Convenors: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 271-1972.

Saturday, Dec. 2 – Christmas Dinner, 6:00pm. Convenor needed.

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

Relay any updates or changes to Peggy Barr, 246-2843.

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.

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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

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