

## McDougall Stoney Mission Society Newsletter Summer 2012

### Welcome to the McDougall Stoney Mission!

**Summer Season-Hours --  
until Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Fridays, Saturdays,  
Sundays and Holidays  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. .

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*(Excepted from notes by Iris Morgan from her Heritage Week presentation)*

As we celebrate one hundred years of the Calgary Stampede, we are reminded that The Reverend John McDougall (of the McDougall Stoney Mission) played a very significant role in the participation of southern Alberta natives.

Before 1912 great controversy had arisen over what was called ‘The Indian Question’. Indian agents opposed participation. They wanted to encourage farming and discourage ‘feathers and war paint’. The Inspector of Indian Affairs for Alberta launched a vicious and aggressive campaign opposing native participation. They should not leave the reserve when haying. He was supported by some churches and moral reform groups of the time. From Toronto, the Methodist Temperance and Moral Reform Committee was ‘unalterably opposed to pagan customs’.

The dispute between Markle and John McDougall heated up as public opinion shifted to oppose participation. Indian Department Secretary, J.D.McLean wrote to the Calgary Exhibition Committee requiring them to cease all native participation, but the Committee disagreed! Natives were not slaves and they had the same right to attend as others! However, the July Exhibition included only Indian pony races. Guy Weadick, a promoter of Indian involvement, invited the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to attend. The Duke (then Governor General) was asked by the Western Chief Inspector of Indian Affairs, Glen Campbell, to tell the natives to stay on the reserves. His response:

*“The chief objection to the Indian display is that it stultifies the work of the Emigration Department who spend much time in (telling) settlers there is no such thing as an Indian in Canada! The crops and hay-fields will not take much hurt from a few days’ neglect in October, and if the missionaries have not got a better hold on the Indians by now, then... I do not suppose they ever will.”*

Negotiations involved Indian affairs with the North West Mounted Police, Guy Weadick, Sir James Loughed, RB Bennett M.P. Francis Copithorne and others, before the Government withdrew its objections. The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Robert Rogers, caved in, telling agents to comply. The parade - a huge success - brought rave reviews of the costumes and regalia of a resplendent past! 1800 natives attended the six day stampede with only seven arrests for liquor infractions, drawing the comment from one Indian Agent that if the same law had applied to whites, no jail in Canada would have been big enough!

*(More on this timely and fascinating topic from Iris in our next issue).*



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## **President's Report** – by *Laura Jauch*

The summer season is almost over; it seems to go so fast! We continue to get visitors from around the world (see photo below- editor's note) and who are always interested to hear the the story of the Morleyville Missionary and Pioneer Settlement and its place in the history of Alberta and Canada.

There was a good response to our two presentations. I would thank Dr. Robert MacDonald, Rosemary Morin, Renee Val court, and Val Hudson for their participation in the 137th Commemorative Spring Service and also thank you goes to Andrew Stiles for leading the nature walk and tour of the cemetery after the Service. Iris Morgan, I would like to thank for the interesting talk given at our participation in Chinook Country Historical Calgary Week.

### **Our 137th Commemorative Fall Service will be held on September 9, 2012 at 3:00pm.**

A building movement analysis was done on the Church this year. After four year since the last inspection, it is reported that there has been very little movement in the Church.

We are looking for volunteers to help close down the site for the winter season. If interested please meet at the church on: September 15th at 10:00am

#### **2012 McDougall Stoney Mission Society Board Members:**

President and Treasurer—Laura Jauch

Past President— Gerald McDougall

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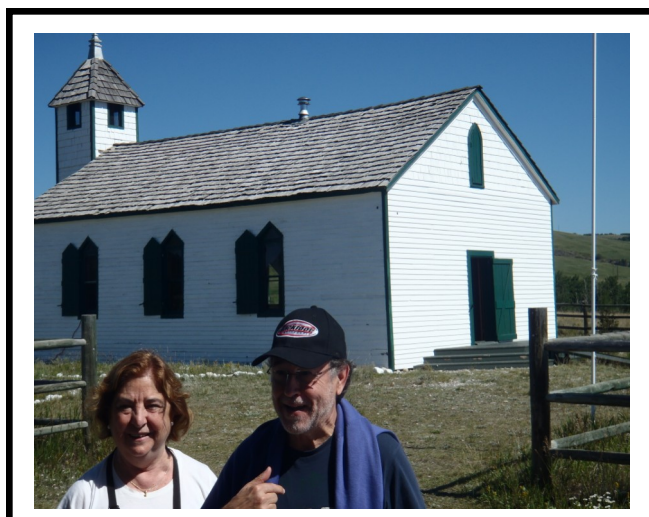
Ann McDougall, Kathy Epp, Audrey Epp

Wayne Holst, Ralphine Locke,

Robert MacDonald, Thomas Melvin,

John McDougall, Ronald Moore,

Jason Villeneuve and Andrew Stiles



*Above right, Spanish visitors, Juan and Leonor from Madrid, visit Southern Alberta's first church!*

### ***Alberta Cattle Brands and the McDougalls***

Len McDougall's JM brand is a variation of one of the original brands in Alberta. His grandfather the Rev. John McDougall, a Methodist Missionary to the Stoney Indians at Morley, saw a need to replace the dwindling Buffalo population for sustenance for the mission. In 1871 John brought a herd of horses and cattle from Edmonton to establish a herd at Morleyville in the Bow Valley west of Fort Calgary. This herd was some of the first cattle to be brought into Southern Alberta. The following year John went to Montana to bring back steers and breeding stock. John was credited as a founder of the Alberta Cattle Industry with his JM brand, one of the first brands recorded in Alberta. In the 1950's Len, also a cattleman, applied to continue John's JM brand but had to add the bar underneath to make it legal. The JM brand continues to be used on a small herd of cattle today.

Brand Description: Monogram JM Bar. Brand Location: Left Shoulder. Date Brand Registered: 1871 and again in the 1950's. Province of Registration: North West Territories before it became Alberta.

Diagram of Brand: JM

## The Stuff of Legend

*(Extracts from a talk by Ralphine Locke given on June 8th, 2008 at the our annual commemorative service)*

The dates of settlement at Morleyville become more meaningful when we realize that the settlement preceded the establishment of Fort Calgary, the stabilizing influence of the North West Mounted Police, and the arrival of the railway, which reached Morleyville eight years after this church was built! Morleyville was thus the first community, boasting a church and a school, in Southern Alberta. When we speak of missionaries today, often one's thoughts go to the much publicized abuses in some the residential schools operated by religious organizations. The Morley mission story is very different. Firstly, the residential school act was made law in 1917, long after the work of the McDougalls at Morley. Further, we have proof of the genuine affection that has existed between the Stoneys and the McDougall family through the years. I attribute this to the fact that the McDougalls worked as a family, whose men hunted with the Stoneys for food for survival; whose wives worked together with the Indian women in preparing winter food and clothing, and learned the crafts needed for survival; whose children played together and spoke the same language. I personally witnessed the strong bonds of friendship between the Stoneys and McDougalls on many occasion when I visited my Aunt Lizzie, John's wife, at her home in Calgary in the 1930s. The McDougall home

and hearts were always open to their friends, the Stoneys. Through writings of the time, we see that the McDougalls sought to mitigate the harsh realities of Reserve life with compassion and respect for their fellow man. ... Stoney elders speak of this relationship on some wonderful videos of their remembrances, recorded through the kindness of the Banff Centre. ... A child, Georgina, came with her parents, David and Annie McDougall, to Morleyville on that cold winter day in 1873. Georgina grew to be a life long friend of the Stoney people, and was made a princess of the tribe. And it was she who, through her marriage to Norman Luxton, wove together the strands of two pioneer families who led remarkable lives, lived impossible dreams, and were truly "The Stuff of Legend."

When the Northwest Mounted Police arrived in Fort Calgary in 1875, the McDougalls felt it was safe to move out of the forest to the present site.. By this time, Andrew Sibbald had brought his family from Ontario to act as school teacher. In spite of the fact that Sibbald had lost his left hand in a lumbering accident in Ontario, he, with the help of John and David and the Stoneys, built the church we meet in today. All the lumber was hand sawn and planed from locally felled trees. Their work has stood the test of time – 133 years standing alone on the wind-swept prairie!

*(Now in 2012—137 years! Southern Alberta's oldest church!).*

## Your Country Wedding at the Historic McDougall Church?

**Commemorative Service of Worship**

*Sponsored by the McDougall Stoney Mission Society*

September 9th, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.



*Missionaries' Legacy*

**Dr. Robert MacDonald**

**The 137th**

**Commemorative Fall Service**

The McDougall Memorial Church site is a significant place to celebrate a memorable wedding ceremony. The beautiful surroundings and historical significance of the site make it a unique location for a wedding.

For more information or to book your wedding:

Call Ann at 403 282 3044

Or Email:

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## Alberta's History is Worth Saving and You can help!

We are constantly in need of volunteers for various duties at the Church. Listed below are the volunteer opportunities available at the church and the contact information for the person responsible. Please give some thought as to how you could help maintain this wonderful piece of Alberta history. We know you are busy, but any time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

- **Church Maintenance:** (Weed control, painting, repairs, upkeep, etc.) Len McDougall: 403-226-1353
- **Docents** (opening church during summer and providing historical context) Laura Jauch: 403-875-5978
- **Newsletters** (ideas or to write an article): Harold Jepson :- 403-289-3412 or Sarah Harvey: 403-946-4650
- **Weddings:** Ann McDougall 403-282-3044
- **Event Planning:** If you like to plan special events, we need you! Help to plan our bi-annual services or new special events! Contact — Laura Jauch 403-875-5978

### Not a member? Not a problem!

If you have time to volunteer or merely want to be kept up to date with the McDougall Memorial Church news, please consider a membership!

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