

Caretaker's Cabin

Chief Crowchild of the Tsuu T'ina people donated this cabin to be used by a caretaker for the church.

The cabin was originally an Indian Agent's cabin on the Tsuu T'ina (Sarcee) Reserve west of Calgary. Workers dismantled it to be transported and reassembled here in 1957. While it was intended to provide a residence for a prominent Stoney elder, Walking Buffalo, he preferred his tipi which he erected beside the cabin.

More recently it has been used as a gathering spot by visitors attending services and ceremonies at the church.

Lots of people hardly even feel real soil under their feet, see plants grow except in flower pots, or get far enough beyond the street lights to catch the enchantment of a night sky studded with stars.

(Walking Buffalo, 1958)



George McLean, aka Walking Buffalo (Talanga Man), was born in 1871 and began his education at the Morleyville Mission school.



Walking Buffalo's tipi beside the church.



While there is no caretaker today, this cabin is often used after church services for preparing food and refreshments.



McDUGALL STONEY MISSION SOCIETY

The Steinhauers: Roots and Wings

Our guest speaker at the September memorial service, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Holst, completes his two-part presentation begun at our spring service on the Steinhauers. In both talks, Wayne, has discussed the current status of the native population of Canada, their achievements and their difficulties, hoping to give them impetus or 'wings'. The 'missionary period' has passed and now we are struggling through this very painful time of truth, reconciliation and apologies. Native people have finally achieved a voice in Canada. How can we and how should we respond? Our annual memorial services generally seek to offer food for thought and time to reflect.

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Letter to the Editor: *Dear Harold: I would like to correct a statement that Ralphine Locke made in her otherwise wonderful talk on Andrew Sibbald. In the summer 2013 and the July 2014 newsletters it was written that Ralphine said that 'The Morley Mission was begun at the request of the Stoney people, in 1873, at a location about 2 miles northwest of where we are today.' This I believe is correct but later she said 'When Treaty #7 was signed in 1874, ending the warlike activities of the Blackfoot people it was felt that it would be safe to build at this location.' Treaty #7 was signed at Blackfoot Crossing in 1877 so this does not make sense. I believe it was the arrival of the NWMP in Alberta in the summer of 1874 that made the McDougalls feel safer to move out of the woods into a more exposed location above the Bow River. The NWMP's arrival almost virtually stopped the whisky trade and the First Nations people's lives settled down. In 1874 the NWMP built Fort McLeod on the Old Man River in the south and also had troops in Fort Edmonton. They later moved those troops to found Fort Saskatchewan on the North Saskatchewan River in 1875. In 1875 they also founded Fort Walsh in the Cypress Hills and Fort Calgary at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow rivers. (Marilyn Davidge) - **Thanks Marilyn!** Your contribution is much appreciated! (The Editor).*

Calgary's McDougall Centre

Perhaps one in three or more Calgarians have heard of the **McDougall Centre, the Southern Alberta Government Centre**, located downtown at 465—6th St. It is perhaps **Calgary's most beautiful historic landmark**, but if you ask about its history or why it bears the "McDougall" name, you would be hard pressed to find someone who can answer you. Construction began in 1906, with the intended purpose - to be Alberta's first Normal School or teacher training institute. Premier Rutherford laid the cornerstone in June 1907 and it opened in 1908. The normal school was moved in 1922 to the present SAIT location, so the Calgary Public School Board bought and re-named it to honor the missionary pioneers George and John McDougall. It served firstly as a junior high and later as an elementary school until declining enrolments led to its closure in 1981, when the building and grounds were re-purchased by the Province and on September 8, 1987 our then Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable W. Helen Hunley, officially opened the **McDougall Centre—Alberta Government Centre for Southern Alberta**. The grounds have become a much used urban park. The Centre is certainly worth a visit!

When built, the **McDougall Centre** was the largest education building in Alberta and cost \$150,000—a huge expenditure in 1908. It was designed by A.M. Jeffers, who also designed the Alberta Legislature.



Our President Leonard McDougall

Leonard has served many years on the MSM Society board and worked countless hours to maintain and to increase public awareness of the great contributions of his forefathers to the development of our province. Thanks, Leonard!

Our Treasurer and Past-President Laura

Laura Jauch has served on the Society Board with great diligence for many years. Laura continues to make an invaluable contribution to the preservation of our provincial history. Thank you, Laura!

The Restoration of the McDougall Mission Church at Morley

The Rev Dr, Gerald Switzer of Central United Church encouraged the A.O.T.S group of that church to spearhead a movement to restore the historic but run-down, abandoned church. This led to week-end work-parties, for the most part unpaid, restoring the church inside and out, drilling a well, buying a log cabin moving it from the Sarcee to its present place, dismantling the tumble-down barbed wire fence, erecting the present rail fence, the gate, the sign over the gate and in general making the whole thing a fitting memorial to pioneers, and one to be proud of. The Honorable Russell Patrick of the Provincial Cabinet was appealed to and \$1500 was given to us for the restoration. A great deal of the work done was by volunteers and is still being done by week-enders, some of whom are still at it since the beginning about 25 years ago.



More notes from the Board of Directors' Meeting, August 14, 2014

Treasurer Laura reported on the financial position of the society. We have adequate funds for day to day operations, but restoration of the Caretaker's cabin and other maintenance items will be difficult to fund. Grants are declining; weddings are helping greatly. We should relinquish our membership in Tourism Calgary as costs seem to outweigh benefits. We should remain in Travel Alberta. We are on their website. Our membership in the Alberta Museums Association will expire in February of 2016 and a decision to stay or to drop out will need to be made. Action also needs to be taken on a proposed brochure to hand to visitors to the site. It may also be time to consider reprinting some of the historic brochures. In short, there is much to do and not enough cash available to do it! Ann reported next on the wedding activities. Only one remains for this year but several bookings have already been made for 2015.

Take a look at the scene below! What a treasure from the past we have to preserve! Let your heart soar, your spirits rise, live a dream and time-travel into Alberta's past! Let your imagination visualize the lives of those courageous pioneers of not so long ago; lives oh so different and yet so near in time and space! This is how and where Alberta began! Join us! We need Volunteers to help us in so many ways. Come to a meeting or to help as a volunteer please call: (We really need volunteers to help with visitors on the days the site is open)

Church Maintenance: (Grounds and buildings care), Len McDougall: **403-226-1353**

Docents — (Open the site and provide historical context to visitors) Laura Jauch: **403-875-5978**

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