

**A Historical Perspective of Selected Areas of the  
M. D. of Bighorn, Alberta: Ghost River Valley,  
Ranchlands, Morleyville and Jamieson Road  
An Annotated Bibliography**

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## 1. Coleman, A.P.

The Canadian Rockies, New and Old Trails,

379 pp. Pub. By Henry Frowde, 1912, Toronto. Includes 3 maps and 41 illustrations.

Recounts the story of his exploration into the Canadian Rockies, beginning in 1884. Coleman was a professor of geology at the University of Toronto. Both A. P. Coleman and his brother L.Q. Coleman were nephews of Augusta Adams, who resided at Morleyville.

This book is considered one the definitive histories of exploration in the Canadian Rockies. Reference to the Ghost River, Bow River, Mark Two Youngman, Chief Jonas, Job Beaver, John Beaver, William Grier, Frank Sibbald, Mary Schaffer, Silver City, the foothills, the first discoveries, ascents and naming of prominent mountains.

## 2. Spry, Irene M.

The Palliser Expedition – An Account of John Palliser’s British North American Exploring Expedition 1857 – 1860.

310 pp. Pub. By the MacMillan Company of Canada, Toronto, 1963, Includes maps and illustrations.

References to : Bow River and valley, the Bow River Expedition of Hudson’s Bay Co.; Bow Lakes (Lacs des Arcs); Assiniboine (Stoney) country; Devil’s Head; Ghost (Deadman’s) River; Grotto Mountain; Robert Rundle.

An excellent history of Palliser’s Expedition with significant references to specific Stoney First Nations people

## 3. Niddrie, John W.

Niddrie of the North-West. Memoirs of a Pioneer Canadian Missionary.

220 pp. Pub. By University of Alberta Press; Edmonton, Alberta.

John W. Niddrie was a Methodist Missionary at Morley. There are two chapters that give an excellent portrayal of the McDougalls and others at Morley: “Morley, 1889-1910” and “Men of Morley, 1890-1910”. Chapter 11 of this book contains Niddrie’s correspondence.

#### **4. McDougall, John.**

Forest, Lake and Prairie – Twenty Years of Frontier Life in Western Canada, 1842-62.

267 pp. Pub. by William Briggs, 1895, Toronto.

Written by the Reverend John McDougall who, with his father, Reverend George McDougall and families and friends established Morleyville. Autobiographical. His early childhood and adulthood.

#### **5. McDougall, John**

Pathfinding on Plain and Prairie, subtitled “Stirring Scenes of Life in the Canadian West”

277 pp. Pub. by William Briggs, 1898, Toronto.

A remarkable portrayal of John McDougall’s life, 1865-1868.

#### **6. McDougall, Rev. John**

George Millward McDougall. The Pioneer, Patriot and Missionary

Pub. by William Briggs, Toronto

The definitive biography of George M. McDougall by John, his eldest son, both of whom were indefatigable in their quest to bring Methodism and missions to the West.

#### **7. McDougall, John**

“Saddle, Sled and Snowshoe – Pioneering on the Saskatchewan in the Sixties”

\_282 pp\_ Pub by William Briggs, 1896

One of the books that comprise Reverend John McDougall’s extensive biography. Much of this book is devoted to his time near Fort Edmonton at the Victoria Mission. Chapter VII is “In Search of the Stoneys.”

## **8. Patterson, R.M**

### The Buffalo Head

273 pp. Pub by William Sloane Associates, New York, 1961

Patterson took possession of the 'Buffalo Head' paying George Pocatererra \$700 and the trade of his cabin on the Ghost River

## **9. Patterson, R.M**

### Far Pastures

290 pp, Pub. by Gray's Publishing Canada, 1963.

Autobiographical. Mention of George Pocatererra, Guy Weadick, Ghost River, Bow River

## **10. Hamblin, Jennifer and David Finch**

### The Diva and the Rancher

320 pp. Pub. by Rocky Mountain Books, Calgary 2006.

The story of Norma Piper and George Pocatererra. The biographies of two very interesting people who lived their later years on the Ghost River. Norma Piper was an operatic soprano who performed in some of the great opera houses of Italy and New York. One of the very interesting people who helped create a rich diversified culture in the Ghost River Valley.

## **11. Finch, David**

### R.M.Patterson – A Life of Great Adventure

304 pp. Pub. by Rocky Mountain Books, Calgary, 2000

Patterson was an extraordinary explorer who at one time lived on the Ghost River .

A close friend of George Pocatererra. Patterson wrote several books, all of them still in print. All are considered classics of the genre.

## **12 .Barbeau, Marius.**

### Indian Days in the Canadian Rockies

208 pp. Illustrations by W. Langdon Kihn,. Pub. by The MacMillan Company of Canada Limited, Toronto, 1923.

Considerable information about the Stoney, their early culture. Beautiful portraits.

## **13.Barbeau, Marius.**

### Indian Days on the Western Prairies

234 pp, Pub. by National Museum of Canada. Bulletin No. 163, Anthropological Series No. 46. Ottawa, 1965 (reprint)

Extraordinary stories from Western First Nations. Predominately Stoney interviews.

## **14.Friesen, John W.**

### John McDougall, The Spirit of a Pioneer

pp 9-17 in Alberta Historical Review, Vol. 22 No. 2, Spring 1974, Pub. by Historical Society of Alberta, Calgary.

Useful information not found in other sources re: John McDougall

## **15.Wilson, Thomas E**

### Trail Blazer of the Canadian Rockies

54 pp. Historical Paper No. 3 Pub. by GlenBow Alberta Institute, Calgary, 1972

Memoirs (years 1881-1883) by Wilson, as told to W.E. Round. Edited by Hugh A. Dempsey.

Tom E. Wilson lived for a time both at Morleyville(the winter of 1882,83), and on the Jamieson Road. This slim volume gives us more information about his early years in the Bow Valley; Padmore; Silver City; and working as a surveyor for the railroad. He married Minnie McDougall, thus establishing a lasting important connection to a pioneer family. He set up his guiding and outfitting business in Morley. Eventually, he and Minnie moved his business to Banff, where he became an iconic figure.

**16.**

Journal. Alberta and Northwest Conference

United Church of Canada Historical Society, Vol. 14, No. 1, May 2001 32 pp.

Much of this journal is devoted to the McDougalls, particularly the lives and contributions of the McDougall women. Photographs.

**17. McDougall, Annie**

Pioneer Life in the 1870's

Alberta History. Pub by the Historical Society of Alberta, Vol. 46, No. 3. Summer 1998, pages 25-27 and rear cover photograph

Annie McDougall was the wife of trader David McDougall, and sister-in-law of the Rev. John McDougall. This article is from a speech given by Annie McDougall and is from the Historical files. Her memories of Morley began in Jan., 1874. One of the earliest first-hand account of a non-native woman in this region, we now call the M.D. of Bighorn.

**18. Snow, Chief John.**

These Mountains are Our Sacred Places, "The story of the Stoney People".

186 pp. Pub. by Samuel Stevens, Toronto, 1977.

An essential text in the library of anyone interested in the history of the Stoney First Nation.

**19. MacEwan, Grant.**

"Tatanga Mani". Walking Buffalo of the Stoney,

208 pp Pub. by M.G. Hurtig Ltd., Edmonton, 1969

Chief Walking Hunter (Tatanga Mani) of the Stoney First Nation was born in 1871. He was present at the signing of Blackfoot Treaty Number 7. He remembered well the McDougalls, Jerry Potts, Norman Luxton among others. An interesting perspective by a Stoney who travelled the world as an emissary for peace, forgiveness, and human understanding.

## 20. Dempsey, Hugh

### "The Canadian Cowboy"

169 pp Pub by Fifth House. Saskatoon, Calgary 1995

A very good profile of Everett C. Johnson, grandfather to Donna Johnson Butters; an early engraving of the Methodist Mission on the Bow River; the McDougalls of Morley.

## 21. Fuller, G.J.

### "Red Saddle Blankets",

133 pp. Pub by author , 1980

Memoirs of a cowboy who lived most of his life working on ranches in the Ghost River Valley. Includes information about other cowboys (1905-1960?), notably Ed (Boney) Thompson. Also references to David MacDonald(Exshaw); Owen Wister (author of the Virginian), Luscius Coleman (Morleyville), Laurie Johnson, John Brewster, among others

Ranches: Bar C (upper and lower),Glenfinnon, Mount Royal , Lazy JL, Devil's Head camp and the Ya-Ha- Tinda.

## 22. Stewart, Donald M.

### Leeson and Scott

pp. 12-17 in Alberta History.

Volume 24 No. 4 Autumn, 1976 Pub. by Historical Society of Alberta.

Leeson and Scott had a trading post at Morleville. They created their own tokens for purchase of items at their post. Information about David McDougall, son of missionary George McDougall who also maintained a trading post at Morleyville

**22.**

Big Hill Country subtitled "Cochrane and Area" by Cochrane and Area Historical Society, 1977

804 pp Pub by Cochrane and Area Historical Society, 1977.

This is a superb example of a local history – detailed information of early Morleyville and the Ghost River country; history of Morleyville, Ranchlands, etc. Wonderful histories of E.C. Johnson, the Sundance Kid, Pocaterras, McDougalls, D.P. McDonald, Boney Thompson and others. An indispensable source of information for the researcher.

**23. Kells, Edna**

Elizabeth McDougall – Pioneer

48 pp. by United Church Pub. House, Toronto, no date (pre 1960?)

A slim book, but well written book by Kells, who, over the years, interviewed members of Elizabeth McDougall's immediate family. An excellent source of information about this important woman in Alberta's history.

**24. Newton, Elise**

Elizabeth McDougall, Madonna of the Plains

84 pp. Pub by Frontier Publishing Ltd. , Aldergrove, B.C. 1978

This is a fictionalized biography; it was researched quite well however. The United Church Press "kindly granted permission for use of the quotations by Edna Kells". There is information in this booklet not found in other sources. Newton did extensive interviewing, but , unfortunately, there are no footnotes, or bibliogrphay included. In spite of these short-comings, this is worth reading.



## **25. Chantler, Rev. John, and Elizabeth Boyd McDougall**

### McDougall Reflections. The Future of the Indians of Canada

20 pp. Pub. by McDougall Stoney Mission Society, Booklet No. 1. Prepared by Rev. Dr. Gerald Hutchinson and the Rev. Dr. Steven Wilk, Calgary, Alberta. 1996

This paper was read before the Methodist Missionary Convention at Edmonton, Alberta in 1905 by the Rev. Dr. John Chantler McDougall, Superintendent of Indian Missions. The address was published in the Canadian Methodist Magazine, Vol. 61, pp 244-250, 1905. The reflections of Elizabeth Boyd McDougall was found among the McDougall collection at the Glenbow Museum, and affirms her husband's views (M 729, Box 1, File 17). Also included is a useful double page map and time line.

## **26. Tokar, Sharon L.**

### An Examination of Domestic Life at the Morleyville Mission, Morley, Alberta

A thesis submitted to the College of Graduate Studies and Research in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of Master of Arts in the Department of Anthropology and Archeology, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. 34 pp. copyright Sharon L. Tokar, 1999. Presented as her thesis in 2000.

As might be expected, this is a technical paper, relying primarily, on the excavations conducted over two field seasons in 1984-1985 by Dr. Margaret A. Kennedy (U of Sask). The resultant artifact assemblage contains more than 25000 items. The author's research was dependent upon the examination of the Morleyville Mission's domestic sphere, specifically as it applied to women and Methodism. Approximately 3000 artifacts were considered for her analysis. A very important source of information of early (1873-1921), Morleyville Missionary Site, and a women's history.

Tokar's thesis is accessible via the internet.

## **27. Rees, Tony**

### Polo, the Galloping Game", 'An Illustrated History of Polo in the Canadian West

281pp. Pub by Western Heritage Centre Society, Cochrane, Alberta, 2000

A superb reference to polo as played by Cochrane Polo Club from 1884 to 1958. On the team : Laurie Johnson, the Kerfoots, Bill Bagley and others from the Ghost River Valley and Ranchlands area.

## **28. Geographic Board of Canada**

### Place Names of Alberta

138 pp. Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty. Ottawa. 1928.

This edition, 'Place Names of Alberta' was published for the Geographic Board by the Department of the Interior and is (in my opinion) one of the best. It contains very good explanations of origins of names: the Ghost River, Morley (Morleyville), Devil's Thumb (Head). Contains a very nice folding map.

## **29. Brado, Edward**

### Cattle Kingdom` Early Ranching in Alberta"

298 pp. Pub. by Douglas and McIntyre, Vancouver/Toronto , 1984.

Very good references to the Mount Royal Ranche; A.P. Patrick's Glenfinnon Ranch – both are historic ranches in the Ghost River Valley.

## **30. Fraser, Esther**

### Wheeler

164 pp. Pub by A Summer-Thought Publication, Banff, Alberta, 1978

A biographical account of significant climbers and explorers of the Canadian Rockies: A.P. Coleman and his brother, L.Q. Coleman , both of whom were charter members of the Alpine Club of Canada.

## **31. Nix, James Ernest**

### Mission Among the Buffalo

123 pp. Pub by the Ryerson Press, 1960

Information concerning the McDougalls and other missionaries at Morleyville

### **32. Wilk, Stephen**

One Day's Journey

429 pp. Pub by Alcraft Printing Limited. Calgary, 1963

References to 1884 leases of the Mount Royal Ranch Co.; Morley and the McDougall pioneer life.

### **33. Alberta History**

Pub. by the Historical Society of Alberta, Vol. 12, No. 2, Spring, 1964

"Lord Lorne in Alberta" by Reverend James MacGregor, pp 1-14

Lord Lorne (son-in-law of Queen Victoria) was the first Governor –General to visit the Canadian west. His 1881 report provides insightful commentary on southern Alberta before the influx of settlers. His wife's name was Louise. He wrote a beautiful poem (not included in the article) extolling his wife's beauty and the loveliness of what is now southern Alberta.

### **34. Thomas, Lewis G.**

Ranchers' Legacy

217 pp. Pub. by the University of Alberta Press. Edmonton, 1980

A collection of essays from Lewis G. Thomas's lectures and addresses. Eloquently written essays of ranch life in southern Alberta.

### **35. Hart, E. J.**

#### Diamond Hitch

160 pp. Pub. by Summerthought, Banff, 1979

Contains an excellent essay on Tom Wilson. Photograph of his homestead on the Jamieson Road?, ca. 1889 "near Morley". Information about his early years as a guide and outfitter in the Canadian Rockies. References to supply headquarters in Padmore 1881; Wilson's surveying near Padmore; Wilson's discovery of the Lake he named Emerald Lake (1882) later named Louise (wife of the Marquis of Lorne ); and Wilson boarding with Dave McDougall at Morley ca. 1882. Wilson prospected at Silver City (base of Castle Mountain.

In 1885 Wilson received a wire from Major Sam Steele requesting that he join Steel's Scouts. Photograph of "Wilson and Fear" store; his association with CPR, including original survey etc. Also, excellent references to Mary Vaux Walcott, the Morley Trading Company, Glacier House, etc.

### **36. Patton, Brian**

#### Tales from the Canadian Rockies

303 pp. Pub by Hurtig Publishers, Edmonton, 1984.

Some of the contributors in this collection of Rocky Mountain essays and poetry are pertinent and noteworthy: Tom Wilson, Mary M. Vaux, A.P. Coleman, Chief John Snow, Robert Terrill Rundle, R.M. Patterson, Peter Erasmus, Ralph Conner and others.

### **37. Hart, E. J.**

#### The Place of Bows

344 pp. Pub. by Friesens, Altona, Manitoba. 1999.

A collection of essays pertaining to people and places and the history of the area encompassed by the M.D. of Bighorn and adjacent areas: A.P. Coleman, Exshaw, Canmore, Bankhead (church-Holy Trinity, the individual buildings); Silver City, Robert Rundle; Ghost River; Morley (Morley Mission established in 1873); Stoneys; McDougalls, Treaty Number Seven (1877); Padmore, Tom Wilson; Native Guides; Vaux family; Park wardens; Leeson and Scott Ranch; Andrew Sibbald; trail guides, etc.

**38. Stewart, Ron**

The Mystery of the Lost Lemon Mine

128 pp. Pub. by Sunfire Publications Ltd., Langley, B.C. 1993.

References to George Pocaterra, Chief Bears paw (Stoney).

**39.**

My Golden West

Pub. by Burnand Printing Ltd. Spring, 1969. Editor and Publisher Dr. Ruth Gormon, 50 pp

"Gold is Where you Find It" pp 20 and 21, 46

This quarterly periodical's article is a tongue-in-cheek interview with mountain guide, Jimmy Simpson. Talks about the "real " and folklore renditions of the Ghost River gold rush; it's connection to Morley, Anthracite, Laggon, Jonas Benjamin.

**40.**

Taming the Prairie Wool

Compiled and published by Glendale Women's Institute. 180pp, maps and index

A "Local History" compiled between 1960 and 1965 by the "History Committee Chairman, Neil Harvey". References to the Cochrane Horse Race Association; D.P. McDonald (owner of Mt. Royal Ranch); Morleyville Trail; R.M. Patterson, etc.

## **41. Kelly, L.V. (Leroy Victor)**

### The Range Men

247 pp. Pub. by Willow Creek Publishing, High River, Alberta, 1988

Originally published in 1913 by W. Briggs, Toronto (the 1913 edition is rare and costs upward of \$1200). The 1988 Willow Creek Anniversary edition is scarce, but not as pricey as the original.

In 1913, L.V. Kelly was a young reporter for the Calgary Herald. We can be very grateful to him, for having the foresight to document the early ranch life of southern Alberta. Included in this book are references to the famous old ranches of the Ghost River Valley and Ranchlands: the Mount Royal Ranch Company; the Rev. J. McDougall Ranch; David McDougall Ranch; W. Bell-Irving Ranch; W.D. Kerfoot Ranch; A. P. Patrick Ranch, etc.

The author credits Frank Ricks and Tom Wilson (among others) for their assistance in gathering data.

This is an extraordinary resource unequalled by any other book or paper. Highly Recommended.

Frank Ricks was born in 1857. He is considered by many to have been one of the truly great cowboys of the early Canadian West, an equal to John Ware. He worked at the Mount Royal and other ranches. He and his wife, Isabella Potts, acquired Lot 7 in the Morleyville Settlement

## **42. Outram, James**

### In the Heart of the Canadian Rockies

466 pp., Pub. by The MacMillan Company, London, 1923.

Copyright 1905, with large fold-out map.

An essential addition to the Heritage Resources Committee Archival Library. Contains record of "First Ascents"; Alpine Club of Canada; Bow Valley; the Canadian Government and the commencement of Banff National Park; The Canadian Pacific; A. P. Coleman; Tom Wilson; Mary Vaux; Mt. Vaux; specific climbers.

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