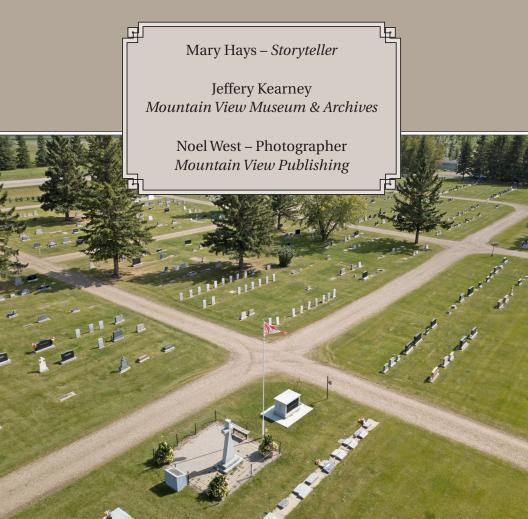
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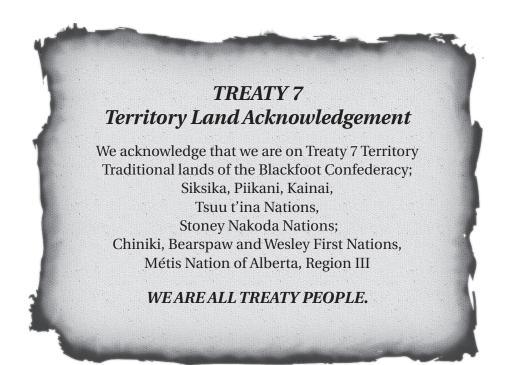
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Welcome to the Olds Cemetery

Use this walking tour book to guide your visit of the Olds Cemetery. The stories are based on Métis history and based on obituaries published in The Olds Gazette. These are the stories of the early people of Olds, located on the Sixth Siding on the CPR line.

Walk with respect through this place of rest, avoid walking across graves. The headstones tell the story of those who lived among us and are now at rest in the Olds Cemetery. Their stories are our legacy. We remember them.

EARLY PIONEERS

Pioneer families endured extreme weather, severe cold and hard physical labor, accomplished by both men and women to build a home, bring the land under cultivation, and to feed the family. Death, disaster and tragedy were not strangers to the hardy pioneer families. The following are some of their stories as described in obituaries published in The Olds Gazette.

John Wesley Silverthorn – John was born in Lafayette County, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1854. He married Miss Ida M. Andrus in September, 1877. They had three sons and two daughters.

John spent time in the Dakotas engaged in the railroad business and farming. The Silverthorn family were there for seven years and never got a crop off. So in 1890, he and Ida headed to Olds, known as the Sixth Siding, in the North West Territories of Canada. The family made the journey in a wagon pulled by an ox, trailing their stock. When they arrived in Olds, the population was 100 people.

The townspeople wanted to name the Sixth Siding, Shannon after the very first settlers, Mary and David Shannon. Shannon's declined the honor and so the CPR chose the name Olds, after CPR traffic manager, Mr. George Olds.

The Silverthorns did everything they could to make ends meet – homesteaded, looked after the post office, built a house and took in boarders.

Mrs. Silverthorn was glad to call Olds 'home' for she had enough of roughing it over the years and enough of John's gypsy ways. Once they were settled in Olds, she said, "No more horse racing for me!"

When John became established with his feet on the ground, he donated an acre of land for the school, a half acre for the church and land for the Olds Cemetery.

William (Billy) Dean - In 1889, Billy Dean enlisted in the North West Mounted Police in Toronto for a five year stretch. He completed that period of duty and enlisted for the second term with the Olds NWMP Detachment and Police Department.

In July 1894, Constable Dean was returning to Olds by train from Calgary, where he had transferred a prisoner from the Olds NWMP Detachment. The Walter Lyman family were travelling on the same train to their homestead at Olds. That chance meeting gave way to love. Constable Billy Dean and Eva Lyman were married in July 1896.

Upon marriage, Billy left the NWMP and entered into a business partnership with Mr. Robert Hainstock to run the Hainstock and Dean General Store. It was a little building across from the Red Front Store, later they moved over to the Walker Block on Railway Street. Hainstock and Dean sold this business to W.J. Brumpton in 1900.

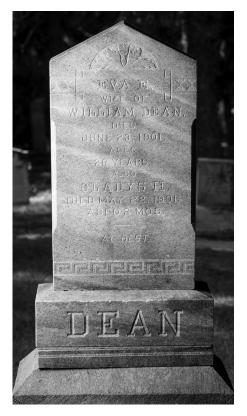
Hainstock and Dean General Store carried all kinds of general merchandise for homesteaders including coffins. Robert Hainstock noted that Olds needed an undertaker, so he studied to acquire the knowledge that would enable him to provide the service to the people of Olds.

By 1900 Eva and Billy Dean had a daughter Pearl and a son Billie Jr. In 1901, Gladys was born. In June, Billy and Eva had the sad misfortune to lose their two month old baby girl, **Gladys** who died whilst undergoing treatment at the General Hospital in Calgary.

Tragically, **Eva** passed away at 28 years of age, only one month after Gladys on June 23, 1901. Eva and Gladys Dean were among the first to be interred at the Olds Cemetery.

The first interred at the Olds Cemetery were the Walker twins, babies only 8 months old; **R. Stanley Walker** (July 20, 1894) and **J. Leslie Walker** (July 22, 1894).

The families had the sympathy of the whole community in their sad bereavement.





The Olds Gazette September 25, 1917

Jacob Shavalier (Sherwood) Bush

1833 - 1917

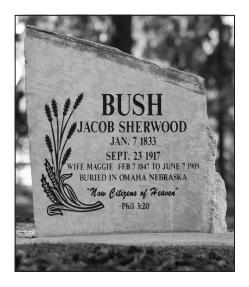
Jacob Shavalier Bush was born January 7, 1833, near Smithville, Ontario. When very young he moved with his father to Vineland, Ontario, where he lived till he became of age, finishing his education at Woodstock.

Soon after this he went to the Cariboo country in B.C., at the time of the great gold strike, when he had to walk most of the way, as the C.P.R. had not been constructed. Afterwards he went to California and then came back to Canada just before the Civil War. After spending other years in the U.S.A., he returned to Canada in 1905, and resided with his son John in this town.

He was married in the late 1860s to Miss Margaret (Maggie) Rhumore, who predeceased him. In 1907 he united with the Olds Baptist Church, and was a consistent member of that body till he died.

Stricken with paralysis nearly two years ago, from which he never recovered, he seemed to suffer very little pain, but needed and received the kindest attention from the family, who did all in their power to make him comfortable. His faith was firm to the end, and he has "gone home." He leaves five sisters and two brothers, all living in Ontario, except one brother, who is in Chicago, as well as four sons and five daughters, all of whom are in the States, except John and Arthur, who are living in Olds.

The funeral service was conducted by



his pastor, Rev. Jas. Desson, first at the house and then at the church, where a number of friends met to pay their last respects to his remains.

Also a note in this newspaper. . .

A Note of Thanks

Messrs. John and Arthur
Bush and families desire
to express their hearty
appreciation of the kindness
shown to their father by his
many friends during his long
illness and death.

The Olds Gazette July 14, 1933

Mrs. S.G. (Abbie M. Drake) Craig

1859 - 1933

The passing of Mrs. Abbie M. Craig, the beloved wife of Mr. C.G. Craig, which occurred at the family residence on Monday morning, July 10, is the third of Olds' pioneers to receive the final call this week. Her death occurring, following a brief illness, as the result of an attack of paralysis, broadcast a wave of sadness over the town and district as the sad news spread rapidly. She was a self– sacrificing noble woman, a most loving wife and mother, an active church worker, and a devoted life– long advocate to the temperance cause.

Mrs. Abbie M. (Drake) Craig was born in Ashland, New Hampshire, U.S.A. on May 30 1859, and received her education in Boston, Mass. On September 14, 1887, she married Cauldwell G. Craig and moved to Compton, Quebec. For twenty years she was active in church circles at Compton and particularly the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). Leaving that city with her family in 1907, she left behind a host of friends, and on arriving at Olds it is well known how she continued her active church work. She was presented with a life membership of the WCTU. She loved her home, music and flowers, and was in turn loved for her loyalty to her friends and kindness to all.

She is survived by her husband, Mr. C.G. Craig, and three sons, viz., Prescott, William D., both of Olds, and Dr. Kenneth L. Craig of Vancouver. A host of friends mourn her death and of her it can be truly said, "She was loved by all."

The United Church was well filled with sympathizers at the funeral service, held Wednesday afternoon, the service being in charge of the pastor Rev. F.E.H. James, who was assisted by Dr. George W. Kerby of Calgary and Dr. Thomas Powell of Calgary, both of whom have been happy in friendship with the Craig family for many years. Dr. Kerby and Dr. Powell paid fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased. Relatives from Three Hills, Edmonton, Calgary and at home occupying the mourners' pews numbered about thirty.

After the service, there was a lengthy funeral cortege that wended its way to the Olds Cemetery. Interment was made in the family plot. Floral tributes were very numerous, the grave presenting a scene of rare bloom, silent emblems to one held in the highest esteem. At the conclusion of the committal service, several ladies, all members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, filed past the grave and each deposited white ribbon, symbol of purity, on the garden covered grave.

Pallbearers were C.P. Craig, W.D. Craig, Dr. Kenneth Craig, sons of the deceased, and a nephew, Mr. R.A. Craig.

The Olds Gazette June 11, 1936

Cauldwell Gardner Craig

1859 - 1936

On Wednesday morning, June 3, 1936, there passed peacefully, to a well earned rest, one who for many years has held a place of honor and respect in the community.

CAULDWELL G. CRAIC

MARCH 2.1855

DIED JUNE 3,193

HIS WIFE

ABBIE M DRAKE

RORW

MAY 30,1859

DIED JULY 10 193

Cauldwell Gardner Craig was born near the town of Leeds, Quebec in the year 1859. As a young man he worked as an engineer on the Quebec Central Railroad and on one occasion was instrumental in saving the life of a little child who had strayed on to the track. For this brave act he was given recognition in the papers of Quebec.

In 1887 Mr. Craig was married to Miss Abbie Mary Drake of Compton and in that same year he went into partnership with his brother "S. J." and opened a general store in Compton. In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Craig, with their three sons moved west and settled in Olds and ever since that time "C.G." as he was generally known has held a place of respect in the community.

Throughout his life C.G. Craig was always interested in the higher and finer things. He was a great reader and even to his last days kept up—to—date in matters of current interest. At all times gentle and courteous in his dealings with people he has endeared himself to a great host of friends all of whom are willing to testify to his influence for good. He was always interested in the cause of the Christian church and

for many years both in the East and West he served in an official capacity in the Methodist Church and later in the United Church of Canada. In his thinking he was deeply spiritual, and during his last illness he spoke much of spiritual things. For many years Mr. Craig suffered from a weakness of heart. The passing of his dear wife about three

years ago was a great loss to him and ever since that time in his increasing weakened condition he has, looked forward to the great reunion in "the land that is fairer than day."

In the passing of Mr. Craig a Christian gentleman has gone from our midst; the community has lost a valued citizen, and all of us who knew him

have lost a counsellor and a friend. His passing translates a faithful workman and leaves behind a beautiful memory.

The funeral was held from the United Church on Thursday last. It was conducted by Rev. F.E.H. James assisted by the Rev. Dr. Powell, President of the Alberta Conference and an old friend of the family.

Mr. Craig leaves to mourn his passing, three sons: Wm. D. and C. Prescott of Olds, and Dr. Kenneth of Vancouver. The pallbearers were, J.A.M. Craig, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, L.H. Robertson, R.C. Robertson, Dr. Thomas Sawdon, C.D. Whyte, all of Three Hills, R. A. Craig and H. B. Craig, Olds, all nephews of the deceased and C. Gardner Craig, a grandson.

"Servant of God, well done!"

The Olds Gazette July 7, 1911

Mrs. S. J. (Maria Drake) Craig

1863 - 1911

Death of Mrs. S.J. Craig

On Monday evening last occurred the death of Mrs. S.J. (Maria) Craig, after an illness of several months. Mrs. Craig was very popular and a great worker for the cause of temperance, and is well known throughout the prairie provinces, especially in Alberta, having been president of the Provincial W.C.T.U. (Woman's Christian Temperance Union) for several years, and was, at the time of her death, vice president. Deceased was forty seven years of age, and is survived by her husband, S.J. Craig, her daughter Marion, and her sister Mrs. C.G. Craig, all residents of Olds. Mrs. Craig as a temperance worker and member of the Methodist Church, will be greatly missed and her death will be regretted throughout the west. Mrs. Craig was beloved wherever known and the family and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss. The funeral is being held from the home, 3rd St. east, as we go to press.

> The Olds Gazette Friday, July 21, 1911

Brief Synopsis of Mrs. S.J. Craig's Life

Maria Drake was born in Ashland Co. New Hampshire, July 25, 1863, and was educated at Ladies College, Compton Que. She was married to S.J. Craig on Sept. 5, 1883, and died at her home in Olds, Alta., July 3, 1911.

Shortly after her marriage this most

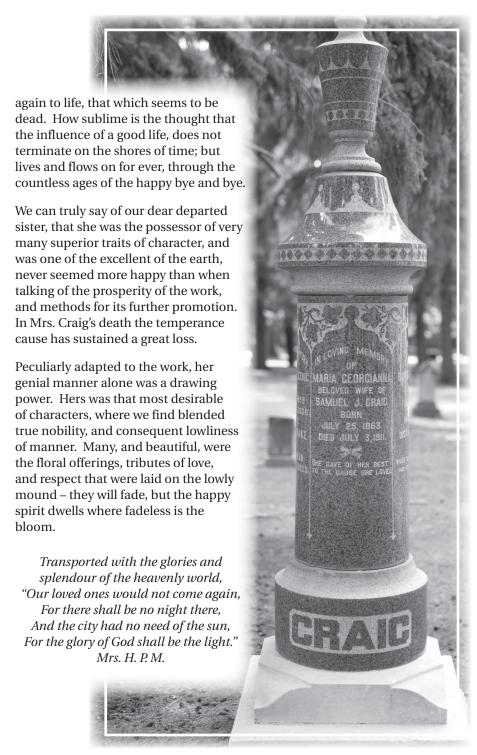
estimable lady entered heartily into temperance work, early rising to prominence, she served as President of W.C.T.U. in Compton, and west counties for a number of years. Subsequently as Provincial President in Alberta and Sask. for five years, and as Vice President two years. At Olds Mrs. Craig has been Vice President for nearly nine years, and has been the pillar, together with our esteemed Mrs. Brown, of the W.C.T.U. here. Her last work, until she was taken home.

It can be truly said that our beloved standard-bearer has given twenty five years of her life to propagation and leadership at the W.C.T.U. branch of the temperance cause, in the places mentioned, a record that few, comparatively speaking, have made.

In the discharge of her official duty, as Provincial President, our noble leader was untiring in her efforts to propagate the good cause in our new land, in very many parts of which, the happy results of her labour can be found. In 1902 Mrs. Craig arranged for the first Provincial Convention, afterwards held in Calgary in 1904. The next convention was held in Red Deer in 1905.

Who can estimate the value of a good work begun? Consider the value of a noble consecrated life; a life reaching out to suffering mankind. the influence of which, is as to the gentle breeze to the dying ember, and as the warm rays of the sun, wooing

10 — Mrs. S. J. (Maria Drake) Craig



The Olds Gazette May 28, 1936

W. Harold Davey

1911 - 1936

Large Crowd Pay Tribute to Popular Young Man

The news of the death of W. Harold Davey which occurred in the Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary in the early hours of May 21 was received at Olds with a general sadness.

A young man, 25 years of age, although crippled from infancy, this native born son of Olds became one of the most beloved citizens by his jovial nature, fine sense of humor and kindly disposition. Harold was taken to the city hospital about a month ago, and hopes for recovery were entertained



by the family and near friends. His condition however gradually became weaker and yet his passing was somewhat unexpected as his father returned to Olds from the sick bed Wednesday night, but Mrs. Davey who was with her son continuously had to telephone for Mr. Davey's return as death hovered near.

He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Davey, a sister, Miss Doreen, an uncle, Mr. Lorne Davey, an aunt Miss A. McLean of New York, who arrived in Calgary 8 hours after her nephew's passing; and a cousin Ray of Fleet, Alta.

The funeral service was held in the United Church, Olds at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, and conducted by Rev. F.E.H. James. The large church was taxed to capacity (many not being able to gain admittance) with sympathetic friends, and the funeral cortege which wended its way to the Olds Cemetery where interment was made, was one of the longest ever seen in Olds. The floral tributes were many and beautiful which required a special car to remove them to the burial plot.

Pallbearers were very special friends of the deceased viz, H.A. Bury, Olds, Basil Cole, Harry Downes, George Graburn, George Church and Robert Church all of Calgary.

Funeral arrangements were in the charge of the Gooder & Son Funeral Home.

OLDS CENSUS RECORDS

W. Harold Davey was the son of Thomas and Birdie DAVEY, one of the 'Davey Brothers'.

In 1921 census records show the DAVEY family living in Olds on 2nd St East. Harold's grandfather (Thomas' father) William DAVEY is living with them.

Census Records:

Thomas – 36 years, born in Ontario
Birdie – 33 years, born in Ontario
Harold – 10 years, born in Alberta
Doreen – 2 years, born in Alberta
William (widowed father of Thomas), 83 years, born in England
Immigrated to Canada in 1842



The Olds Gazette December 6, 1956

William (Billy) Dean

1871 – 1956

Funeral services for William Dean, 85, of 1236 Davie, Vancouver, former NWMP officer and early city contractor, were held Saturday, November 24 in McBride Chapel in Vancouver.

Mr. Dean joined the North West Mounted Police, the forerunner of the RCMP, in 1889. He left the organization in 1898 to become the first mayor of Olds, Alberta.

He came to Vancouver in 1908 and was a building contractor here during the 1920s.

He was a member of Vancouver

Masonic Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M.

Mr. Dean also was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, IOOF and the RCMP Veterans' Association.

He is survived by two sons, Leslie in Edmonton, and William in Dunsmuir, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Shaw, Plaster City Calif., Mrs. Shelley Donvito, Brownsburg, Que.; and a niece, Mrs. Grace Barrie, New York.

Funeral was under the auspices of Masonic Lodge No. 68 and burial was in Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver.

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The Olds Gazette January 26, 1934

Isabella Duff

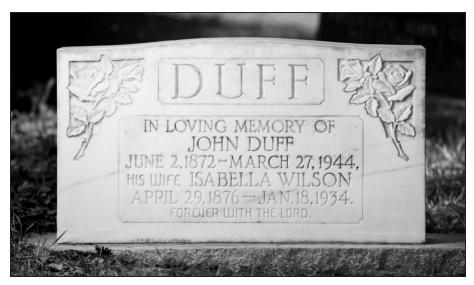
1876 - 1934

Following a brief illness resulting from paralytic attack, Isabella Duff, beloved wife of Mr. John Duff, passed away at her home on Thursday at 11:15 a.m., Jan 18. The news of her death spread rapidly throughout the town and district, causing general sorrow. Her age was 57 years, 8 months and 11 days.

She was proud of her nationality, which she termed Irish Canadian, and was born at Petrolia, Ontario. With her father (Fleming Wilson) three brothers and three sisters, she came to Innisfail in the spring of 1892. Her marriage to Mr. John Duff took place on Jan. 4, 1893, moving to British Columbia where Mr. Duff was CPR station agent. Two years later they returned to Innisfail, and following a two year residence there, moved to Morley. It was on Christmas day in 1899 that Mr. and Mrs. Duff came to Olds where they have since resided.

To the union four children were born, Fred J. Duff of Olds; Edward F. Duff, now deceased; Stella L. Duff (Mrs. R. Pidgeon, Olds) and Aileen M. Duff (Mrs. Holloway) deceased.

During her 34 years at Olds the deceased took a very active part in community life. She was a life member of the WCTU; past president of St John's Church Women's Association; charter member of the Bridge and Literary Club, also a charter member of the Mountain View Chapter No.1 O.E.S., of which she had the high honor of being Worthy Matron several times. In 1912 Mrs. Duff was elected to the highest office within the gift of the Eastern Star, that of the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, an office which she held with credit to herself and honor to the Order, which is the largest ladies' organization in



the world. She had the distinction of being the first Grand Matron of the first Grand Chapter of the O.E.S. in Canada, and in this regard became one of the best known, most loved and respected of women. In pursuance of her duties to the Order she has travelled more than nine thousand miles. She was an exceptionally fine type of Canadian womanhood, a true wife, a loving mother, a fine neighbor and faithful friend.

Surviving members of her parental family are three brothers, W. G. Wilson, Innisfail; James L. Wilson, Stettler; Robert O. Wilson, Gadsby, and four sisters, Mrs. Luella McCutcheon, Toronto; Mrs. J. McInroy, Aldergrove, B.C.; Mrs. James Karr, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. J. McIntosh, Richmond, Michigan.

The funeral held on Sunday, Jan. 21, was one of the largest ever to take place in Olds, more sympathizers being unable to enter the crowded Anglican Church than would have filled a much larger church. Rev. A.D. Currie conducted a beautiful funeral service. In the funeral procession from the home to the church friends were present from Gadsby, Stettler, Red Deer, Innisfail, Bowden, Didsbury, Carstairs, Calgary, Okotoks and Three Hills, to pay their last respects to one dearly loved. Floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful. Pallbearers were L. Hammer Sr., L.H. Walkley, J.H. Johnson, A.C. Bury, J. Schrader Sr. and I. Strath.

The good wife sleeps where the daisies nod. And the clover hangs it's head, And the wild bird comes And the wild bee hums above her lowly bed. She fought the fight -She kept the faith -Her name shines bright and clear, And her memory lives in loving hearts Which will hold it ever dear. The good wife sleeps.

The winter snow
shall wrap her couch
In a mantle
broad and white,
A spotless robe
for a spotless soul
Who has kept her
armor bright;
And the burning stars
which nightly watch
And keep guard over all,
Shall keep the grave
where the good wife waits
To rise at the Master's call.

The Olds Gazette February 9, 1956

Thomas Edward Elliott

1876 – 1956

Thomas Edward Elliott, an old–timer of Olds passed away in the Hardisty hospital on Thursday, February 2, after a very short illness.

Mr. Elliott was born in Essex County, Ontario, August 2, 1876. He came west to Manitoba in his youth, where he became an apprentice blacksmith. In 1899 he moved on to Calgary where he worked in his trade. On Sept. 4, 1901 he was married to Mary Maud Erskine of Calgary. They made their first home in Cochrane, returning to Calgary for a short time.

Early in 1906 Tom moved to Olds where he had purchased a blacksmith shop on Railway Ave., which he operated until after his 70th birthday.

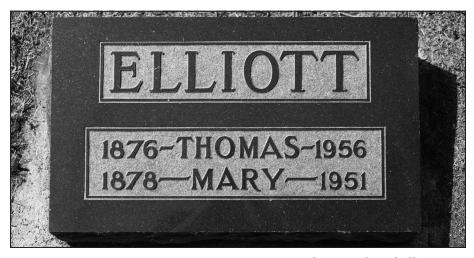
In 1946 Mr. and Mrs. Elliott retired to Victoria, where they resided until Mrs. Elliott's death in 1951. From that time on Mr. Elliott made his home with his daughter in Lougheed, visiting

occasionally with the rest of family and friends.

He leaves to mourn his passing, one son, Medford of Vancouver; three daughters, Alberta, Mrs. Ivan Morris of Yakima, Wash.; Bernice, Mrs. Orval Probst of Lougheed and Marjorie, Mrs. Hector Mac Auley of Calgary, Alta. There are seven grandchildren, Gus and Tommy Probst, Mrs. Helen Ryan of Lougheed, Mrs. Fay Robinson and Mrs. Joan Taylor of Victoria, Mrs. G. Clark of Yakima and Jim Morris of Seattle.

Also to live on in his memory are five great grandchildren, Roger Laurel and Christine Clark of Yakima, Debra Taylor of Victoria and Paddy Ryan of Lougheed.

Services were held in Lougheed on Saturday and in Olds on Sunday at the Orme Funeral Home. Interment took place in the Olds Cemetery.



The Olds Gazette October 21, 1948

William George Elliott

1896 - 1948

George Elliott Passes Suddenly

Death claimed another popular person of the district and a businessman of Olds, Sunday, in the person of Wm. George Elliott, 52 years. Mr. Elliott, who had recently returned from Edmonton where he had undergone an operation, was convalescing at home. Saturday he did not feel too well and was taken to the Olds Municipal Hospital where he died Sunday morning.

William George Elliott has operated the Elliott photo studio here for the past seven years and worked up a fine business for himself in the town and district. He was official photographer for the O.S.A. (Olds School Association) and other organizations, and was acclaimed for many of his fine works of the town.

Born in 1896 in Lindsay, Ont., he left there at an early age working in many places in Canada. As a young man he learned the photography business and had worked in most of the major cities at the trade. Prior to coming to Olds to open his studio here, Mr. Elliott had operated his business at Innisfail. In 1932 he was married at Calgary to Elsie Bishop, who survives him. Of this union seven children were born, all of whom survive him. They are William, Harold, Doris, Kenneth, Roy, Carol and Douglas.

One brother, Leslie of Winnipeg, and two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Saunders, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Maude Brenton of Pratt, Man., also survive him.

An ardent hunter of game birds, Mr. Elliott will long be remembered by his friends who had occasion to hunt with him. Even the last few days of his life, he felt he would be able to enjoy the season, this year as usual.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Orme Funeral Chapel with Rev. W. H. Moss officiating and interment took place in the Olds Cemetery.

Pallbearers were, Ernie White, Henry Sorenson, Clark Owens, Henry Schielke, F.C. Musson and Chas. Becker. Mr. Leslie Elliott of Winnipeg, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bishop of Pincher Creek, were here for the last rites. The Olds Gazette, Mountain View News February 3, 1966

Dr. C. C. Hartman

1886 - 1966

Dr. C.C. Hartman, a practicing physician in this community for the past fifty– five years, passed away quietly in the Olds Hospital Thursday, January 27th.

Clare Clifford Hartman was born at Aurora, Ontario, August 6, 1886, the son of a dairy farmer. At the age of nine he started his schooling in a small rural school completing his high school in Aurora. After five years in the Faculty of Medicine at Toronto University, during which time he was a member of the track team and president of his class, he graduated shortly before his twenty-first birthday. He served his Internship at Toronto General Hospital, after which he spent some time in the mining and lumbering areas of Northern Ontario. In 1910 he came to Olds and began his practice of medicine.

Many an interesting story he could tell of those early years of his practice when he answered calls and made perilous trips as far east as Trochu and west to the Yaha Tinda Ranch, travelling by horseback, California cart, Bennett buggy and cutter to perform minor operations and deliver babies in the then primitive farm homes. One of his proudest boasts was that he had cared for as many as five generations of the same family.

In co-operation with the late Dr. Arthur Mann, he assumed his full share of the responsibility in maintaining and operating the town's earliest hospitals for it was not until the mid twenties that the Olds' General Hospital which was located immediately west of the Olds United Church on 50th St. was

officially opened.

During the flu epidemic of 1918, along with other doctors, nurses and volunteer helpers, he was on call night and day caring for patients in their homes and at the then O. S. A., where one of the buildings had been converted into an emergency hospital.

During World War II, he and the late Dr. Ruth Johnstone Harvey worked tirelessly to serve an area formerly served by five doctors.

In addition to the demands of his practice, Dr. Hartman showed his concern for civic matters. He served on the local school board, was an active member of the Olds Board of Trade, Medical Officer of Health and District Coroner. He was a Past Master of Mountain View Lodge No. 16, A. F. & A. M.: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M. and Past Patron of Mountain View Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star. Always a lover of the great outdoors, his relaxation was found in hunting, fishing and curling.

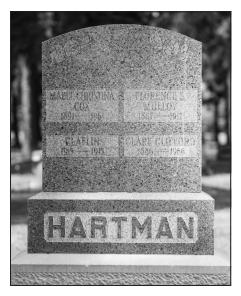
In the later years of his practice, he enjoyed the cooperation and the affectionate relationship of the doctors of the Olds Associate Clinic who, in 1962 saw fit to honor him on the completion of 55 years in the practice of medicine with a testimonial dinner and presentation. In 1964, he was presented with the Kiwanis International Distinguished Citizen Award by the members of the Kiwanis Club of Olds. This award was presented in recognition of his service to the community.

Dr. Hartman was a man who had a deep sympathy for his fellow man because he had known great personal sorrow. In 1917 he lost by death, his first wife, Florence, and their infant son. In 1919, he married Mabel Cox of Bowmanville, Ontario, who in the prime of life was stricken with paralysis and remained an invalid until her death in 1961. In 1943, his son, Clifford left school to serve with the RCAF (Royal Canadian Air Force) and was reported missing and presumed dead in a flight over Germany.

In the summer of 1960, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith and family, he enjoyed visiting many parts of England. Returning from this holiday and with the loss of Mrs. Hartman, he accepted the quiet routine of hospital visitations and office consultations.

He delivered the last of his many, many babies in December, 1965 and though knowing he had fallen victim to an incurable disease he was in his office until six days before his death. Thus he gained the goal of the vision he had of his life to bring help and comfort to others, to serve and be useful until the end and to depart this world quietly and with dignity, a burden to no one.

He is survived by his sorrowing family, his daughter, Helen and son- in- law,



Tom Smith and his grandchildren, Alan and Rickey, Marilyn, Bill and Kathy Smith and his sister, Miss Laura Hartman, all of Olds.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, January 3 at 2 p.m. from the Olds United Church with Rev. James Forsythe officiating. Burial was in the family plot of the Olds Cemetery. During the service at the church, Norman Craig, Master of Mountain View Masonic Lodge read a memorial eulogy on behalf of the fraternity which had attended in a body. Also attending in a body were the officers and members of Mountain View Chapter No. 1 Order of the Eastern Star and the doctors and staff of the Olds Hospital.

When the history of Olds and district is finally written, the name of Dr. C.C. Hartman will shine forth as one of her respected and beloved citizens, a real pioneer. With his passing we come to the end of an era in the medical history of this community.

He was physician, friend and counsellor. He held no cult of new and subtle arts, Yet his keen skill, their pretence might have shamed.

Father confessor to a thousand hearts, He solved more woes than those their bodies claimed.

Strong, human, wise, he eased their souls of pain,

And made both flesh and spirit whole again.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. George Burland, George Clark, W.D. Craig, Dr. Phil Galbraith, Wm. Jackson and Frank Wong. Active pallbearers were Russell Berscht, Bob Cruickshank, Harold Jensen, Ralph Maybank, W.R. Newsom and Dr. Dave Shaw.

Mountain View Funeral Chapel of Olds was in charge of funeral arrangements.

The Olds Gazette December 23, 1980

Jack Kemp 1881 – 1980

Jack Kemp Passes at 99 Years

J.H. (Jack Hazelwood) Kemp passed away Sunday. He was 99 years old.

Born at Navon, Ontario in 1881, Mr. Kemp came west in 1905 and after scouting around Alberta purchased a farm machinery and supply business from Henry Heddon in Olds. In 1910 he built the Kemp building, a one story structure on the corner of 49 Avenue and 50 Street, where Lawritsen's Auto Wholesale now operates. In the early days he had the International Harvester dealership but abandoned that company in favor of John Deere. In his early business career he was associated with a school chum Gord Shaw but that partnership ended when Shaw was killed in World War I.

Warren Kemp, his youngest brother joined him in business shortly after the war, taking over the business when Jack retired early in 1946.

In addition to operating a farm implement agency Jack Kemp was at one time the agent for Ford and Buick cars.

He served on Olds Town Council from 1927 to 1944 and was a member of the Olds Elks Lodge.

In 1906 he married Miss Mae Pierce of Ontario. She predeceased him in 1959. The couple had no children but he is survived by two sisters, Edith (99), Ottawa and Beulah (92), Toronto and one brother Charles (89), Escondido, California. In addition 19 nieces and nephews survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 23 from the Mountain View Funeral Chapel with Rev. W. Hudson officiating.

Interment was in the Olds Cemetery.



The Olds Gazette October 22, 1942

Matthew Robert Maybank

1884 – 1942

Popular Town Resident Passed Away Saturday

Matthew Robert Maybank, resident of Olds since 1906, and one of the town's outstanding citizens, passed away at his home here Saturday, October 17, after several years of illness. He was born in London, Ontario, on July 21, 1884. There he was educated in his profession and at 18, came out to Innisfail, moving to Olds four years later where, with A. Creighton he opened a drug store.

On December 30, 1907, he married Miss Annie Cox, of Botha, Alta. To this union were born four children; Walter of Geraldton, Ont., Ralph of Olds, Mrs. R.A. Cruickshank of Stavely, and Herb, now working on the Alaska highway, who was unable to be present at the funeral. Besides his wife and children he leaves two sisters and one brother; Mrs. D.M. Galloway of Toronto, Mrs. R.A. Gordon of Winnipeg, the latter arriving here on Monday.

Mr. Maybank was a member of the A. F. & A. M. Mountain View No. 16, the Eastern Star Lodge No. 1; Cyprus Preceptory, Al Azhar Temple, and the B. P. O. E. No. 100, Olds. He was a member of the council of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association

The Olds Gazette April 29, 1910

Clifford Lamont

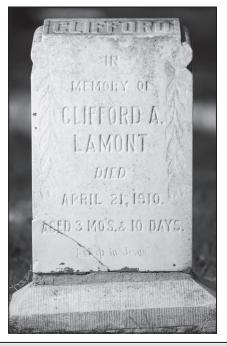
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The sad messenger, "Death," came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Lamont on Thursday, April 21, and called away their infant son, aged three months and ten days. The little one had been ailing only a few days, and although medical aid was summoned, he passed away to the Great Beyond, sudden heart failure being the cause.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. Roxburgh, was held at the family residence on Sunday, April 24 and the interment was in the Olds Cemetery.

The heartfelt sympathy of the community is extended the parents in their bereavement.

"CALLED AWAY"



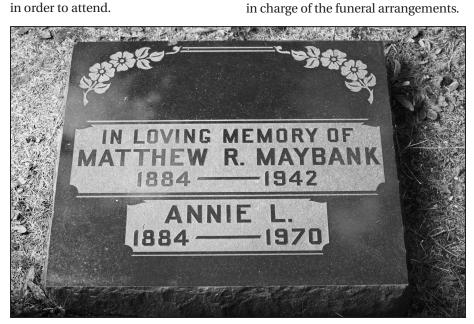
and former president of the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association. He also acted as Registrar–Treasurer and Inspector of the above Association for several years. He was an early organizer of the 24th of May Sports Day, Past President of the Olds Athletic Club and always prominent in hockey and curling circles. To any causes with which he was allied he gave his valuable time, his wholehearted financial support and his inspiring enthusiasm which carried them along on the zestful current of success.

With the passing of "Matt," as we familiarly called him, Olds will never be quite the same. He had shared our laughter and our burdens and has left us something of his own courageous and untiring spirit by which he will always be remembered.

The last rites were held on Tuesday, October 20, from the Presbyterian Church at 2:30 p.m. Local business places closed their doors for two hours in order to attend. Representatives from the Druggists' Association, the Masonic Order, the Eastern Star and the Elks' Lodge assisted in the impressive service, following the flower–laden casket and helping to carry the many floral offerings which filled the front of the church.

Mr. Maybank's two favorite hymns, "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide with Me," were sung. Miss Margaret Ogilvie rendered very beautifully the solo, "He Wipes the Tears from Every Eye" with soft organ accompaniment by Mr. Maybank's old friend, W.C. Gooder.

The graveside services were conducted by the local Masonic Lodge with C.M. Becker officiating. The Rev. A.L. Elliot of the United Church, and Rev. R.A. Sinclair of the Presbyterian Church gave a joint service which was both simple and impressive. Acting as pallbearers were George Clark, A.C. Bury, James Strath, W.H. Miller, Hans Hanson and John Currie. H. W. Gooder of the Little Temple was



The Olds Gazette July 18, 1946

Mary Wong Pond

1882 – 1946

Mary Wong Pond Dies Suddenly at Her Home

Very suddenly on Tuesday at 1:30 while preparing for dinner, Mrs. Wong Pond collapsed at her home here and despite the efforts of Dr. Hartman who was immediately called, she failed to recover.

Mrs. Wong came to Canada from China in 1913 and has lived in Olds since that time. Her cheerful personality endeared her to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the Olds district as well as the traveling public and tourists.

She received her Christian education in China and on her arrival in Olds, attended the Olds School of Agriculture for two years, where she graduated with honors and was a great favourite with both the faculty and students.

Many deserving people as well as the children have reason to remember the many kindnesses she handed out in her own quiet way and she will be very much missed in the district.

She is survived by her husband Wong Pond, her two sons, Frank Wong and Edmund Wong and five grandchildren. One brother in China is the only one left of her family.

The sympathy of the people of Olds and district goes out to the bereaved upon the loss of a loving mother and splendid woman.

The funeral takes place today (on Thursday) at 2:30 from the Orme Funeral Home with Rev C.G. Ashdown Officiating. Interment was made in the Olds Cemetery.



The Olds Gazette March 4, 1954

Wong Pond

1880 - 1954

Last Rites for Wong Pond

In the passing of Mr. Wong Pond in the Olds Municipal Hospital on Thursday night, February 25, Olds has lost another of its pioneer citizens. Mr. Wong passed away following a lingering illness. He was 74 years of age.

Mr. Wong was born in Canton, China and came to Canada in 1902 with his father and settled in Olds. With his father, Wong Yet, the late Mr. Wong operated a restaurant soon after coming to Olds. In 1914, Mr. Wong left his father in Olds to run the restaurant while he himself went to Didsbury where he ran the Rosebud Hotel. Prior to his departure to Didsbury, Mr. Wong was presented with an engraved watch by the citizens of Olds for being one of the outstanding members of the community. In 1916, Mr. Wong returned from Didsbury and again was associated with his father. Shortly after, Wong Yet became ill, but refused to undergo an operation and returned to China where he passed away. In 1922 Wong Pond opened the present Olds Billiard Hall and in 1925 he opened the Mayfair Theatre. Both of these he disposed of only a few years ago.

Wong was one of Olds' great boosters and as a member of the Olds Board of Trade, he along with other old timers like the late Matt Maybank took part in the famous "Battle of Olds." Wong was a money maker and never hesitated to spend it. He was one of the backers of the Hunter Oil Well and took part in the financing of some of the wells in

the early days of Turner Valley. He was a man of high ideals and was a "square shooter" all his life.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, a booster for the Olds Curling Club in which he was an active curler for years, a member of the executive of the Wong Society of Canada, an active member of the Chinese Nationalist League and a member of the Liberal Party.

He was a great gardener and his garden plots were his pride and joy. For the past fifteen years, he had more time to enjoy his hobby as he retired from his familiar post at the front end of the Public Lunch Cafe and turned over most of the responsibilities to his son, Frank who has been associated with him for many years.

Left to mourn his passing are two sons Frank of Olds and Eddie of Edmonton; one brother in Boston; one brother in New York; one sister in Canton, China; three grandsons; two granddaughters and two great grandsons. He was predeceased by his wife in July 1946.

Funeral services were conducted from the Orme Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, March 3, with Rev. C. Ashdown of Ponoka officiating. Interment was in the family plot of the Olds Cemetery, at the side of his wife. Pallbearers were George Clark, R. Newsom, W.H. Miller, J.E. McLeod, N. Leatherdale and Jack Ross.

The Olds Gazette August 30, 1907

Reverend James Samis

1829 - 1907

The death occurred on Tuesday of the Rev. James Samis. The news came as a sudden shock, for the deceased gentleman, apart from the infirmities arising from advanced age, was in his usual health up to within a very short time of the sad occurrence.

There are five sons and two daughters. The sons are: Alderman A.J. Samis, Calgary; H.A. Samis, Olds; A.W. Samis, Medicine Hat; George Samis, Sarnia Ont., and F.J. Samis, Areata, Cal. The daughters are: Mrs. John Bush, Olds, and Mrs. McCann, Omaha.

The deceased has been a leading figure in Baptist circles for many years. He was an earnest preacher, indefatigable worker and was much loved as a pastor. He was a native of Ontario, but had filled pastorates in many places, and had spent the past fourteen years in Olds.

Rev. James Samis – "I am the very Reverend James Samis – native of the province of Ontario. I filled many pastorates in many places before settling in Olds.

My wife, Sophia and I came to Olds in 1892, looking for farm land for me and my boys. I hopped off the train just north of Olds because I liked what I saw – the gently sloping parkland. So me and my sons – Frank, Adoniram and Herb, we took adjoining homesteads on a section of land that came to be known as the Samis District.

We worked hard – homesteading, house building and barn raising. I was pitched both as a carpenter and a preacher, travelling the countryside in a lumber wagon.

I preached my first sermon shortly after I arrived in the Olds District. I founded and built the first Baptist churches of Olds and Innisfail."



The Olds Gazette October 20, 1933

Sophia Samis

1856 - 1933

On Friday, October 13, Mr. John Bush was notified by phone that Mrs. Sophia (Wallington) Samis was sinking fast at the Old Folks' Convalescent Home at Calgary. Mr. Bush made a quick trip to Calgary, and was present with the aged lady a few hours before she passed away, which was in the early hours of Saturday morning, October 14.

Her death terminated many years of affliction as an invalid, eight of which were spent in the Calgary home, where she was a popular patient of the nursing staff and highly respected. Born in 1856 in Lambton, Ontario, she was in her 77th year. Her husband, the late Rev. James Samis, predeceased her in 1907. The deceased was ever

faithful to her home duties, a loving mother and a constant worker.

The remains were removed to the local funeral home to await the funeral, which was held Monday afternoon. The service was held in the Baptist Church, those occupying the mourners' pew being Mr. and Mrs. John Bush, Miss Evelyn Bush, Mrs. A.W. Samis and Mr. H.A. Samis. Rev. D.A. MacLaurin of Calgary had charge of the church service, also at the graveside in the Olds Cemetery, where interment was made in the family plot.

The pallbearers were Messrs. B. Bullard, C.L. Holmes, W.R. Cross, Geo. Holmes, Wm. Sweet and C.H. Beer.



The Olds Gazette December 29, 1955

Percy Wosley Shackleton

1899 - 1955

Funeral services for one of Olds earliest residents, Percy Wosley Shackleton were held from the Orme Funeral Chapel last Saturday afternoon, December 24, with Rev. James of the Baptist Church officiating.

The late Percy Shackleton died December 21 following a brief heart attack, a condition from which he had been suffering for some months, but his death was unexpected.

Sherwin Robinson was guest soloist, singing, "In the Glory of His Presence," and members of Mt. View Masonic Lodge took part in the committal service

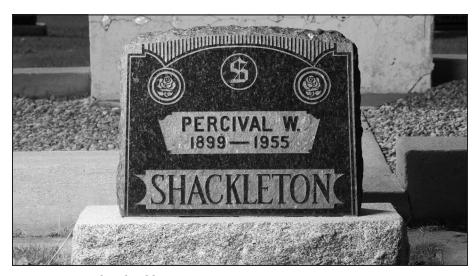
The late Percy Shackleton was born in early Olds in 1899 and here grew up as a young man, taking his schooling here. Throughout his life he maintained a keen interest in things spiritual and was well conversant with his Bible. He was a member of both Mt. View Lodge No.16 A.F. & A.M. and

Olds Elks Lodge No. 100.

Early in his life Percy was attached to things electrical, and carried among other things a first class projectionist certificate and was the town Electrical Inspector. In association with others he operated Olds' first power plant which was later sold to Calgary Power Co. During those early years he erected and maintained, intermittently, a broadcasting station in Olds. His interest in the electrical field never waned and even up until a few months ago was interested in some contract work. Percy had the great quality of doing well whatever task he undertook and his experience as a craftsman in all the fields he worked is attested to. At one time he managed and operated the McLean Cartage which he subsequently sold.

He was predeceased by his father in 1945 and his mother in 1954. Besides, there are three sisters and three brothers surviving.

Officiating as pallbearers were A. Bird, A. Watt, J. Beckley, G. Bosworth, A. Owens and G. Warren. Interment was in the Olds Cemetery.



The Olds Gazette August 14 1941

David Shannon, Sr.

1861 - 1941

Olds Early Settler Buried On Tuesday

David Shannon, Sr., a resident of Olds district for the past 55 years, passed away at his home here on Friday morning following a lengthy illness. He was born at Killorglin, County Kerry, Ireland, on March 17, 1861. He came to Canada in 1881 and later to Alberta in 1883 when he worked on the construction of the C. P. R. Line to Craigellachie, B.C. Later on he worked on the C. & E. railroad from Calgary to Edmonton, and in 1886 settled in Olds, taking over the C. & E. station until it was acquired by the C. P. R. He afterwards homesteaded on land adjoining the town where B. Bullard now resides. After farming for several years he moved to town where he built several houses, finally retiring in 1930.

The late Mr. Shannon was married

to Miss Mary Boyle of Smith Falls, Ontario, on February 10, 1887. He leaves to mourn his passing besides his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Arthur O. Scott of Vancouver and Miss Mamie Shannon of Olds; also four sons, Maurice of Ponoka, Martin, David Jr., and James, all of Olds.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning from the Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Father D. A. MacLellan officiating. The pallbearers were Ernest White, Hans Hanson, John Goley, Frank Scott, John Jensen and H.E. Branscombe.

H. W. Gooder of the Little Temple, had charge of arrangements and interment was made in the Olds Cemetery.



The Olds Gazette September 5, 1946

Mary Shannon

1866 - 1946

Olds First White Lady Dies At Home Here

Mrs. Mary Shannon after a long serious illness was called to her eternal rest at about 10 o'clock on Friday evening August 30th. Mary Shannon was the widow of the late David Shannon who pre- deceased her five years ago. She moved with her late husband in 1888 to B.C. and thence to Olds, where she resided continuously to her death. She was born in Smith Falls, Ontario, the daughter of Martin and Hannah Boyle and was the last surviving member of the Boyle family.

February 18th, 1887 she was united in marriage to David Shannon and to this union there were born six children, four sons and two daughters, all who survive her. She had two grandchildren and relatives in Cleveland, Ohio. Two sons served in the Cdn Army during World War 1.

Being of a very kind disposition she led a busy and useful life. She was the first pioneer woman to reside in Olds – coming here at a time when it was almost nothing. She had charge of mails for the district while residing in the C. & E. station and in her long robust life nursed many a child and down trodden family, when 'physicians' were not available. She carried on this humanitarian work in her farm home and extended the flame of kindness to all who came her way.

Funeral services were held from Olds, 10 a.m. Wednesday Sept. 4. St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Rev. Father MacLellan officiated. The pallbearers were: A.E. Henson, A.T. Bradley, Guy Hamilton, William Jensen, Ernest White and Fred Duff of Olds. Interment was in the family plot at the Olds Cemetery.



The following litany was sent by air mail from Cleveland, Ohio, by a niece, Sister M. Francina of St. Anne's hospital:

When the shadows of death o'er my pillow are falling, And phantoms of darkness my spirit appalling, When earth's fading scenes from my vision shall flee, Then merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When close o'er me bending the Angel of Death, Shall touch my cold brow with his life withering breath; When panting and weary I languish for Thee, Then merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

When the pallor of death my wan face shall o'er spread, And the friends who yet love me encircle my bed, Let their prayers and their tears be propitious with Thee; And merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.



THE MÉTIS STORY

In the Olds Cemetery, we acknowledge that part of our community history has been untold. Elder Doreen Bergum, of Metis Nation of Alberta, Region Ill shares some of story of Metis families resting here – both in marked graves and unmarked graves.

Métis settlements in North East Alberta include: St Paul des Métis, Kekino Métis Settlement, Fishing Lake Settlement, Elizabeth Settlement, Cold Lake, Bonnyville, Lac La Biche and Tail Creek at Big Valley.

The Métis people were an oppressed society. The Canadian Government took and sold Script Land from Métis families and forced them off the land in North East Alberta. The land was taken by the government and given to the white European settlers. It was against the law for the Métis people to practice their Métis culture. Finally the Métis people were recognized as

Canadian Citizens on April 16, 2016. In 2019, the Métis language, Michif, was listed as one of the Indigenous languages that will be saved. These steps will help to restore the Métis Culture.

Métis families lived in Sundre and Olds dating back to 1943. They came to this area to live and for jobs in logging camps and on ranches – working where they could to support their families.

Family names include: Dumont, Piche, Tremblay, Quinn, Swain, Regnier, Cardwell, Scarlet, Champagne, Flamond, Laderoute, Dolan, Adam, Coutreille, Cunningham, McGillis, Trottrier, Cinnamon, Jeome, Poitras, Jenkins, Ghostkeeper, Wells, Cardinal, Vaness, Landry, Gardipiy, MacKenzie and Dougan. Many of them were buried in the Olds Cemetery.











Ben Poitras (1925 – 1994), and Private Fred Poitras (1912 – April 6, 1963) are buried in the Olds Cemetery; both served in WWII.

Ernie and Dora (1922 – 1999) Flamond are buried in the Olds Cemetery. Ernie Flamond worked at the Olds Auction Mart for years.

Granddaughter Kelly Dale Flamond – October 1, 1977 – Aug. 8, 2003 (Olds)

The Dumont Family

Timothee Dumont lived from January 30, 1898 to May 16, 1959. He was the youngest of nine children born to Timothe Dumont and Marie L'Hirondelle of St. Albert. Timothee, better known as "Chimody" or Jim came to Sundre to visit and work in the logging camp with his nephews Ambrose and Fred Dumont and nieces Rosie Piche and Josephine Anderson. Timothee took sick and died in Olds on May 16, 1959. His final resting place in the Olds Cemetery is unmarked.

Children of Timothe Dumont and Marie L'Hirondelle of St Albert, Alberta:

- 1. Julie Dumont 1885
- 2. Louie Dumont 1882
- 3. James Dumont 1883 1885
- St. Pierre Dumont March 12, 1886
 (St. Albert) November 7, 1954
 (Saint Joachim Catholic Cemetery, Edmonton)
- 5. Marquerite Dumont 1887
- 6. Elizabeth Dumont 1888
- 7. Marie Dumont 1891
- 8. Ambrosie Dumont 1894
- 9. Timothee Dumont January 30, 1898 – May 16, 1959 (Olds Cemetery)

Children of St. Pierre (#4 above) and Marie (Boudreau) Dumont:

- 1. Louie Dumont 1908 January 28, 1933
- 2. Josephine Dumont March 30, 1910 (St Paul des Métis) September 3, 1967 Olds, Alberta. (Olds Cemetery) She came to visit relatives in Sundre and died in Olds.

Buried in the Olds Cemetery with Josephine:

Dorothy Cox (Anderson) January 5, 1937 – December 29, 1996 (Olds Cemetery)

 Madeleine Rosalie Marie Dumont – November 1, 1911 (St. Paul des Métis) – May 1959. (Olds Cemetery) Married Moise Piche – January 1, 1900 – May 28, 1978 (Olds Cemetery)

> Children buried in Olds Cemetery: Leonard Joe Pierre Piche – Métis veteran who served his country Sept 7, 1932 (St Paul des Métis) – December 8, 1980 (Olds Cemetery)

Harvey Josephe Piche – December 12, 1934 (Cold Lake) – May 11, 2005, Didsbury (Olds Cemetery)

Eddie Piche – Métis veteran who served his country December 20, 1936 (Cold Lake) – March 18, 2016, Victoria, BC (Olds Cemetery)

Helen Conrad – January 24, 1945 (Olds, Alberta) to be buried with her son Steven Conrad – November 7, 1964 – November 9, 1980 (Olds Cemetery)









- 4. Charlie Fred Joseph Dumont Métis veteran who served his country 1915 (St Paul des Métis) September 1971 (Calgary)
- 5. Joseph Ambrose Dumont January 25, 1917(Camrose) October 25, 1992 (Calgary)

Children buried in the Olds Cemetery: Lorraine Marie Dumont – August 19, 1949 – September 25, 1950 (Olds Cemetery)

Doreen Frances Bergum – September 14, 1945 to be buried with her husband, Larry Irving Bergum – December 10, 1943 (Killam) – January 20, 2016 (Olds Cemetery)

- 6. Delia Dumont 1920 (Edmonton) March 31, 1948 (Edmonton)
- 7. Marguerite Dumont March 31, 1923 (Malloy, Alberta) June 30, 1977
- 8. Millie Dumont 1927- 1943
- 9. Georgina Dumont July 1, 1930 (Rosemary) January 19, 1994 (Edmonton)

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Olds Cemetery

The memorial headstones, found at the Olds Cemetery, tell the story of those who lived among us. Now they are at rest. Their stories are our legacy.

We remember them.

