

Lives of Pioneers Live On

[July 29, Sherwood Park] - - Strathcona County Museum & Archives is proud to announce their latest special exhibit; *Paving the Way: Pioneers of the County* is the second in a series of exhibits which celebrate pioneer families from Strathcona County. This year we feature the Ottewell and Hanlan families. These families have played a pivotal role in the history and heritage of Strathcona County.

“We are very pleased to continue our family history series,” describes Starr Hanson, Manager/Curator. “It is so important to continually reinforce the impact these pioneering families had on our community – the way they lived, the businesses they started – so much can be attributed to how we live our lives today.”

Last summer, was the first part of this exhibit series in which we featured the Ball, Marsh and Stannard families. The last exhibit proved to be an opportune time for these families to have a reunion. We were approached by a member of the Ball family wanting to bring over a few family members to see the exhibit. This small family get-together turned into over 100 Ball relatives using our special exhibit as a setting to reconnect! Even if you can’t get all of your relatives together, we highly recommend all community residents to make use of our facility for reunions, birthday parties, anniversary parties or meetings.

If you would like the Strathcona County Museum & Archives to capture your family history, please feel free to contact us or drop in for a visit. “We believe in building community relationships,” says Starr. “We are soliciting for your family stories. Your story deserves to be told and shared. We do not want to lose the opportunity to capture your stories about how your life was growing up in the area. Reflect on the past and preserve it for future generations. We would like to preserve your photographs and historic documents by adding them to our archives as a permanent resource for researchers and the community.”

Dedicated Museum volunteers created this exhibit, for which their hours of research and organization cannot go unnoticed. *Paving the Way* is on display until September 30. The Museum is open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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