

South Peace Regional Archives began operating in January 2000 as a project of the Grande Prairie Museum and a member of the Archives Society of Alberta. On July 30, 2007 the South Peace Regional Archives Society was formed.

The mandate of this Society is to acquire records of on-going value from individuals, families, businesses and organizations which reflect the cultural, political, social and economic life in the south Peace River country of Alberta.

South Peace Regional Archives Society is a charitable organization. 100% of all donations go towards SPRA projects.

Archives are a public resource and we welcome visitors as well as phone or e-mail inquiries.

Visit the South Peace Regional Archives located in Muskoseepi Park



All persons interested in having a voice in the preservation of archival records in the south Peace Country of Alberta are encouraged to become members in the SPRA society.

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Hours of Operation:

Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
or phone for an appointment.

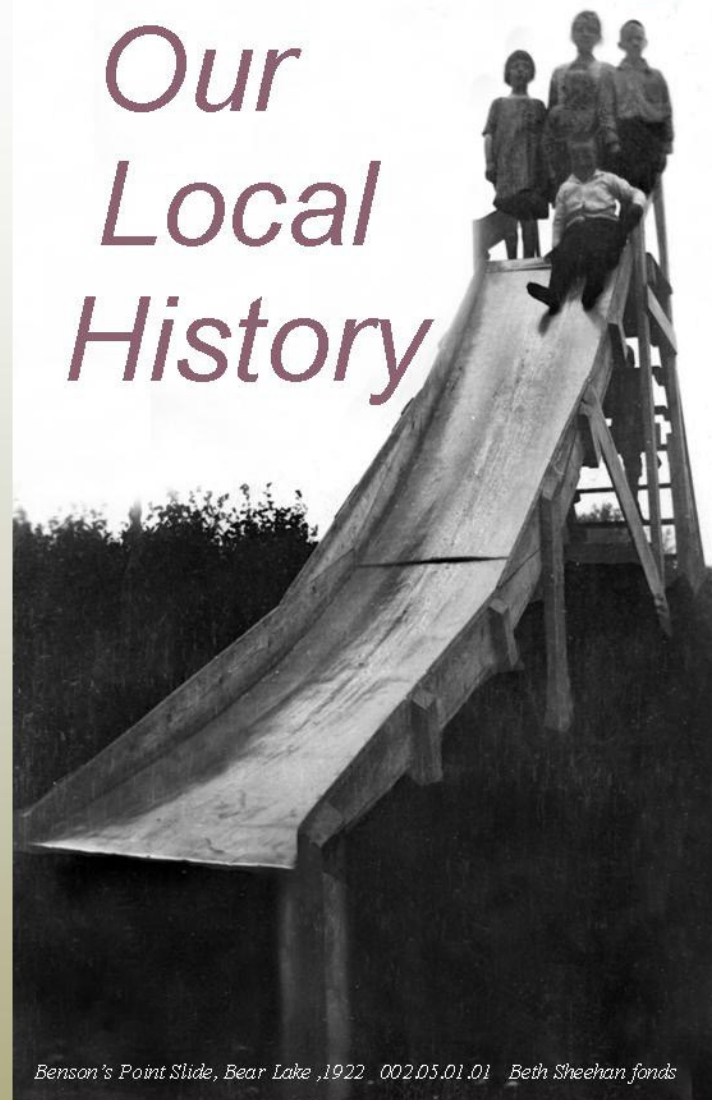
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*Preserving
Our
Local
History*



Benson's Point Slide, Bear Lake, 1922. 002.05.01.01 Beth Sheehan fonds

**South Peace
Regional Archives**

Historical Records: A Valuable Resource

Records produced by individuals and organizations in the course of their daily activities have significant historic value. They provide clues to understanding our past.

Documentary records which are important to preserve include:

Journals, Diaries and Letters

Personal Papers

*Photographs, Negatives, Films
and Sound Recordings*

Maps and Architectural Drawings

Mimeographs and Business Records

Newsletters and Publications

Scrapbooks and Family Histories



Farm family in Grande Prairie, 1929

Save Historic Materials for Future Generations

- Handle them carefully
- Try not to fingerprint photographs
- Store large documents flat
- Limit exposure to light and heat
- Isolate highly acidic materials such as newspaper
- Consider reformatting films and tapes
- Preserve the context: record dates, people and events as far as possible

Why Donate Historical Records to an Archives?

Important records are often lost because people do not understand their value. They are also vulnerable to destruction through improper storage.

Archives are committed to preserving and providing public access to historical records. This involves proper handling and storage under climate controlled conditions.

An archives depends on people donating their historical records in order to build a record of the community's history for the benefit of present and future generations.

