

Mural Narrative

1. The John Fortune residence was situated next to the present site of the Bank of Montreal
- 2 & 3 Plows & Brands - Hugo Gottschlich, Hugo opened his blacksmith shop in 1900. Here, he is pictured with his children
4. The Victoria Hotel, circa 1900
Lloyd Puffer meets an Indian at the intersection of Barnett and Nanton
5. Lacombe Train Station
- 6 & 7 B.S.Cameron Studio, circa 1910
8. A mare with twin colts at the Lacombe Research Station
9. A young Lacombe couple photographed by Ben Cameron
10. Mary and Ben Frizzell, homesteaders in 1906 in the lowalta district
11. A 1908 field day at the Lacombe Research Station
12. H.A. Day, General Merchant, 1902
13. The Post Office, early 1908
14. McLear Pool Hall Interior, 1900



15. City Hall, 1908
16. Lacombe Ladder Team practicing for competitions, circa 1908
17. Doris Ballintine in Dog Wagon, 1910
18. W.L. Elliott, Harness and Saddles Merchant
19. Lacombe panorama
20. Leaving Lacombe



ABOUT THE MURAL ARTIST

Tim moved to Lacombe in 2003 and was quickly discovered and engaged by Communities in Bloom to paint two historic murals. Everyone was delighted with the work he had done, and the community has been buzzing with excitement ever since. His genius with a paint brush and his enthusiasm for 'Painting the Town' has only just begun.

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Lacombe, Alberta

Self Guided Mural

Walking Tour



Lacombe Train Station, our very first mural painted in 2004 by local muralist, Tim Giles. (52 Street Mall north wall, across from the Lacombe Memorial Centre)

In 1891, a railway link between Calgary and Edmonton was built through the Lacombe area. Initially referred to as Siding No. 12, the railway soon named the station after Father Albert Lacombe, an eminent Catholic missionary in Western Canada. Previous to this, growth was slow in the area and in many respects central Alberta was still wilderness and home to fur traders, missionaries and native peoples. With the arrival of the train, the fledgling community enjoyed a significant boost. By 1893, Lacombe had a population of 25 residents and the downtown district was surveyed. The train was a lifeline for those early homesteaders, and smoke on the horizon from its stack guaranteed the arrival of new neighbours and fresh supplies.



The Early Years on Nanton Street in Lacombe, AB
Tim Giles, Muralist, 2004

(50 Street on the north wall of LA Mint)

Looking south on Nanton Street, we see some of Lacombe's original commercial buildings looking much as they do today. The Hotson Block was built by George Hotson in 1903 to house two separate businesses, a jeweler's shop on the north side and a café on the south. Such businesses were sure signs that civilization had arrived. Lacombe's early settlers came from all over, including as far away as China. Hop Chung, one of Lacombe's first Chinese residents, opened the Hop Chung Café and a laundry service on Nanton Street as early as 1904. Since 1900, William Puffer's butcher shop and Hop Chung's Café shared a building that came to be known as the Puffer Chung Block.



1940 Hardware Store Fire, Lacombe, AB
Tim Giles, Muralist, 2004

(51 Street & 50 Avenue behind the Royal Bank)

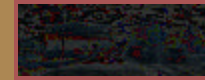
The Leading Store, a wood frame building of generous proportions, was built in 1896. A total renovation and expansion occurred in 1902 and the old wood was completely covered with brick. The fire of 1940 partially destroyed this building, but many features still remain, including the original mezzanine, lighting fixtures and the pressed tin ceiling on the east side.

Lacombe's First Mural Theme

We believe that Lacombe has the first interconnected historic mural theme in Canada! Our mural theme, rich in history and culture, depicts daily life in Lacombe between 1890 and 1910. Painted in the heart of the Historic Downtown district, with its many Edwardian style buildings, the murals are a true testament to our heritage. *Match the numbered pictures to the map below and you will travel back in time to the Lacombe of yesterday.*



Painted by muralist Tim Giles, these murals include the Victoria Hotel, Cameron Studio, H.A. Day General Merchant Store and much more. See the reverse of this brochure for a description.



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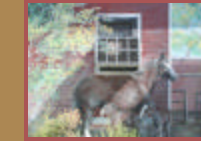
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