

Historical Notes

Mrs. Annie L. Gaetz was a true Albertan and Red Deer pioneer. A native of Oxford, Nova Scotia, she arrived in Red Deer in 1903 to teach at Mound Lake School, 35 miles east of the city. In 1904, she married F.W. Gaetz, son of Dr. Leonard Gaetz, a founding citizen of Red Deer, and the couple moved to Red Deer, where she lived for the rest of her life. Mr. and Mrs. Gaetz had three sons and a daughter, and she chronicled much of the town and district's early history in books and newspaper articles. She wrote three books: *The Park Country*, *Trails of Yesterday*, and *the Foot Prints of the Gaetz Family*. Annie L. Gaetz passed away in 1971, at the age of 90 years.

Annie L. Gaetz School was constructed in the new Morrisroe subdivision in 1965. There was an addition and renovation done in 1985, to accommodate growth in eastern Red Deer. Further renovations were done to the office area in 1998 followed by construction of a new gym storage area in 2000. Annie L. Gaetz School currently has a capacity of 350 students and serves Morrisroe and Deer Park North as well as being the "school of choice" for students from a number of other areas.