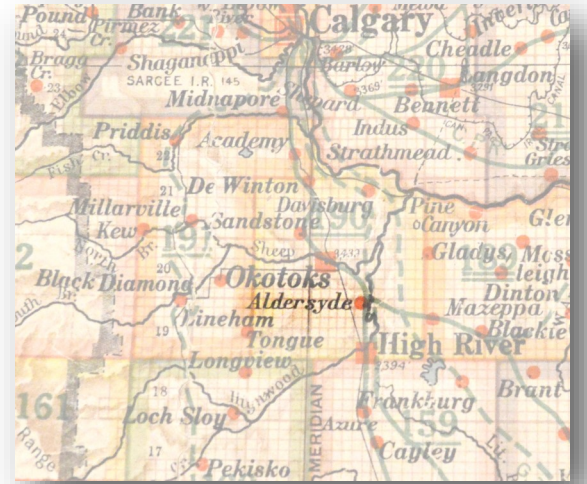


# PLACE NAMES OF THE FOOTHILLS



Aldersyde CP Station, train and grain elevators, circa 1970.

Courtesy Off the Beaten Path with Chris & Connie.



Maple Leaf School, built in 1911.

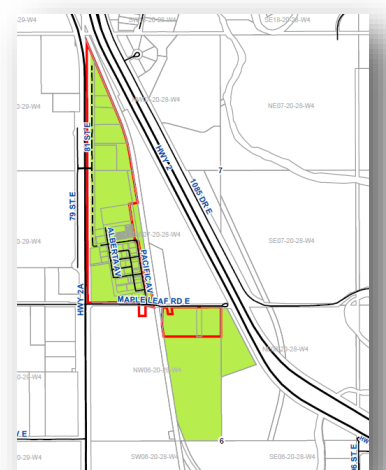
## Aldersyde

Aldersyde is a hamlet in Foothills County. It was first surveyed in 1906. There are a couple of different versions of how Aldersyde got its name. The Century of Memories history book says the name was suggested by J. D. O'Neal after the profusion of alder bushes in the area. Another explanation says the name was suggested by a

Scottish settler to the district, after the fictitious location in a book written by Annie S. Swan, in the late 1870s: *"Nearly fifty years ago when I was a girl in my father's house in Midlothian, I wrote a story of the border country dealing with Scottish life and character and named it Aldersyde, a purely fictitious name..."* (From an interview with Swan in 1927)

In its heyday, Aldersyde featured a CP train station, post office which opened in 1907, three grain elevators, numerous stores, boarding house and residences. The first church was opened in the area in 1902 and operated until 1907. A second church was built in the townsite in 1911 which served the community until 1946. It was put up for auction in 1974 and is now located on private land. Children of the area attended Maple Leaf School located west of the present townsite. The first school was a wood frame school that opened in 1903. It was replaced by a brick school in 1907 which closed in 1953. The school was dismantled and the bricks were used to build the community hall in Aldersyde.

Today the hamlet consists of numerous residences, a hall and commercial and industrial businesses.



Aldersyde today.

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This is the name that will be given to the new settlement between Okotoks and High River.

We regret to report the death of Mrs Dewie the eldest daughter of E. W. Bricker also that his son Archie is very ill but on the mend. Mr. Bricker has suffered very much from death and sickness in his family this year and the sympathy of the whole community goes out to him in his trouble.

H. R. Moore is building a fine residence on Main St.

Mr. O'Connor is moving out to his homestead, having sold his farm in this vicinity.

M. Le Blanc is ill at the residence of E. W. Bricker. The Maple Leaf school where he teaches is closed in consequence.

Some of our residents will think a volcanic eruption has taken place when they see the sidewalks and graded roads in a few days.

That's it!!! What? That Hicks has a well stocked store of pure fresh good at low prices. Call and see. Bring your produce.

A stranger, the other day, commented very favorably on the site chosen for Aldersyde as being one of the most beautiful on the south branch.

The grain in this district is already 2 or 3 inches high.

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Sources: Century of Memories history book, County of Foothills, and Fencelines & Furrows history book.