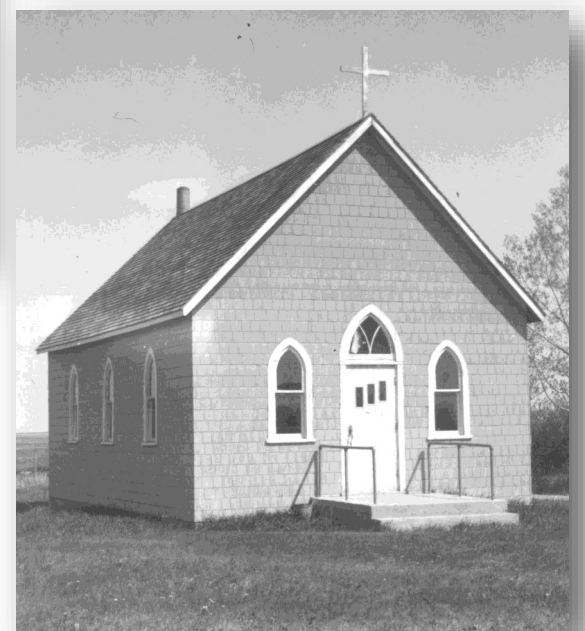
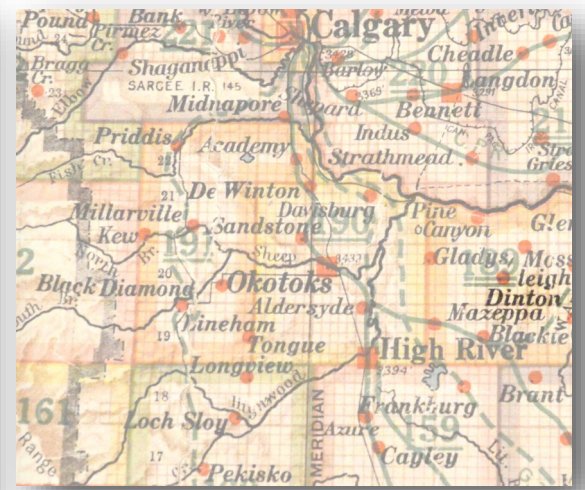


PLACE NAMES OF THE FOOTHILLS



The Dinton Hall, at left, and the St. Thomas Anglican Church and cemetery.



St. Thomas Anglican Church, 1963.

Dinton

One of the first settlers in this area, east of Okotoks, was Colonel Alfred Wyndham who established a ranch on the south half of 33-21-25-W4 in 1887. He called his ranch 'Dinton' after his home in Dinton, Wiltshire, England. Soon, the whole area took on the name Dinton and it officially became the Municipal District of Dinton No. 189 in 1913.

The Dinton Post Office opened in 1904 at the home of William Laycraft. The Dinton School opened in 1906 on the southwest corner of 18-20-26-W4. It operated until 1947.

St. Thomas Anglican Church was also built in 1906 on the northeast corner of 20-20-26-W4. The Dinton Store was built in 1909 in the opposite corner from the church, and the post office relocated to the store. The post office closed in 1924 and the store operated a few more years until it was destroyed by fire in 1928.

The Dinton Community Hall opened in 1917 south of the church and quickly became a hub of activity. The hall was renovated in the 1960s and in 1962 the Dinton Park near the hall was updated with new playground equipment and ball diamond.

Today, the hall and park are still located at Dinton. So, too, is St. Thomas Anglican Church after undergoing significant renovations in 1984. Services are offered there under the High River Deanery of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary.

The church has proven to be a popular location for filming movies, including *Brokeback Mountain*.

Source: Gladys-Dinton Through the Years.



Dinton Hall with St. Thomas Anglican Church in background, 1959.