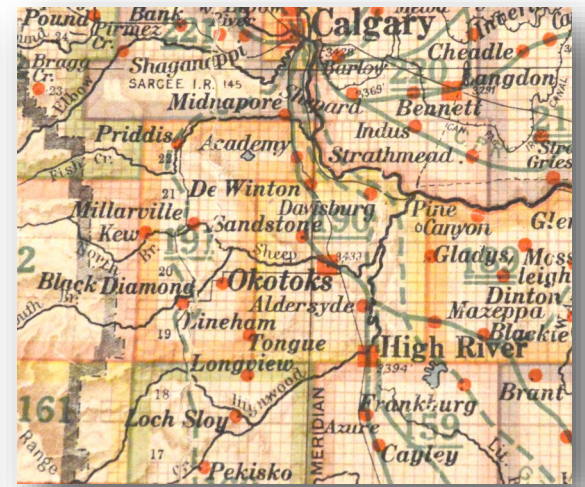


PLACE NAMES OF THE FOOTHILLS



Postcard of Turner Valley, 1940s.



Turner Valley doesn't show up on this 1910 map as it didn't exist yet.

Turner Valley

Turner Valley was named after two brothers, Robert and James Turner. They were early settlers who had come from Scotland in 1886 and settled on the north fork of Sheep Creek at the head of the long valley now named for them.

Turner Valley is considered the birthplace of Alberta's oil industry. On May 14, 1914 the Dingman Discovery well blew, and for the next 30 years the Turner Valley Oilfield was the largest oil and gas producer in the Commonwealth. At its peak in 1942, the Turner Valley oilfield produced almost 10 million barrels of oil per year. The Turner Valley gas plant closed in 1985 after almost 70 years. It is now a provincial and national historic site. Tours of the plant are offered in the summer.

Turner Valley was incorporated as a village in 1930 and then as a town in 1977. It has a population of 2,559 residents as of the 2016 census.

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