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Oxbow's Past



Ralph Allen Memorial Museum - 802 Railway Ave.

Did you know that the Ralph Allen Memorial Museum wasn't always in this spot? It was originally a train station and situated across the tracks. Back in the early days, travelling by train to Estevan to do some shopping was a popular thing to do!



Old Town Bell/ Ada Staples Library 516 Prospect Avenue

In Oxbow's early days, time passed at the chiming of this bell. It tolled at different intervals throughout the day and in emergencies. It is permanently on display in front of the Ada Staples Library. Ada Staples was a former teacher in Oxbow, who bequeathed her estate to the library. This library was built in her honour in 1981



Mrs. Wylie's Boarding House/Boozorium - 610, 612 Prospect Ave.



Originally located at 100 Railway Ave. In 1892, a lady named Mrs. Wylie opened a boarding house for travellers to stay and have a meal. By the time the 1920s rolled around, prohibition was in full swing in the USA. Smuggling booze (or rum-running) was big business, and this building was sold and converted into a liquor warehouse. Once the rum-running days were over, the building was split in two and moved from Railway Ave. to Prospect Ave, where they are still used as houses.

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Cottage Hospital - 812 Prospect Ave.

Before there was a hospital in Oxbow, there were two cottage hospitals. These were homes, lived in by nurses who cared for anyone who was sick or having a baby. This building was the first cottage hospital, built in 1905 and is currently a home.



223 Main St.

Painted by Nadine Hames and Erin Fraser, this mural is a reproduction of an old photograph taken in 1906. In the photo, the McMurtry brothers and Tom Osten (a few original settlers to the region), were bringing horses up from the USA-Real-deal cowboys!



Spencer's Pharmacy - 222 Main St.

Can you believe that this building has been a drug store since 1894? The store has been owned by a few different people since those days and has been renovated as well.

Old Theatre - 404 Main St.

This is where Oxbow's old theatre stood, called Oxbow Moving Picture Show. In 1917, you could watch a film for 15 cents!



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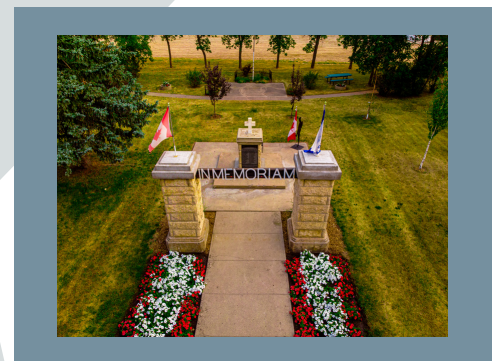
Union Hospital - 418 Main St.

There was once a building here that served as a hospital from 1927-1961. Healthcare wasn't always free in Canada, so if you were sick, you had to pay \$4 per day to be cared for here



Oxbow Centennial Park Corner Of Marion Ave & Hylie Ave

The Centennial Park is where Oxbow's Memorial Monument stands; a memorial honoring the fallen soldiers of WWI and WWII. The cenotaph was once located south of the tracks at the end of main street, but was moved here in 1969.



Rink - Boscurvis Ave.

Curling and hockey have always been popular sports in Oxbow. Early residents played in homemade open-air rinks until 1910 when the first indoor rink was built. This rink was built in 1961, and stands where the original rink once stood.

Oxbow Prairie Horizons School 806 Tupper St.

Before this school was here, there stood a huge stone building, which was also a school. It was built in the 1900s and was the biggest school in the area.

