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Breton and District Historical Society
Celebrating 40 Years
Preserving Breton's Heritage

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In 1978 a group of dedicated individuals from the Breton area formed the Historical Society for the purpose of publishing a community history book. Over the next two years the group worked to gather stories from families, community businesses and organizations who had resided in the Breton area. The "Ladder of Time" was the final product and was released in 1980, celebrating Alberta's 75th anniversary as a Province. The Ladder of Time also won for the best community history book in 1980.

The Historical Society went on to restore the Keystone Cemetery which had been started by the original settlers of Keystone in 1912. As the cemetery had been left to the ravishes of time and the elements over the years, as the families moved from the community, the Society felt that the ones at rest there deserved to have the site maintained. They cleaned up the site and erected a bronze plaque with the names of individuals who are at rest in the Keystone Cemetery. Today the site is a silent testament to families who settled the community of Keystone.

We wonder if the individuals who started the Society with the single purpose of publishing a community history realized where their vision was going to lead them. In 1988 the Society leased the circa 1947 school at the Breton elementary school to establish a community museum. Since that time renovations have been carried out, exhibits and programs developed to help tell the story of Breton and area. The Board has been diligent in providing leadership making sure that the work carried out meets professional standards. The Breton Museum is proud to be an accredited museum since 2006 as part of the Alberta Museums Association Recognized Museum Program.

Take time to stop by the museum and be proud of Breton's heritage.