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## NEW EXHIBIT AT LOUGHEED HOUSE



***“Herein We Dwell:  
Unexpected Images of Calgary in the 1890s”  
February 3rd - May 29th, 2016***

Calgary, AB. – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – The dynamism of early Calgary is captured in Lougheed House’s new exhibit, *Herein We Dwell: Unexpected Images of Calgary in the 1890s*. A rare glimpse into the everyday life of Calgary’s early neighbourhoods and people is offered, with 23 photographs from the Glenbow Archives and Library and Archives Canada on display. The exhibit also includes artifacts relating to the photography profession and additional photographs are displayed in a slide show.

Curated by Peter Duthie, founder of Folio Gallery and former Exposure Photography Festival Chair, the exhibit commemorates the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of Lougheed House in 1891. The House’s construction on 13th Avenue SW, at the time a rural location, reflected the decade’s push to build a prairie metropolis. Built in Victorian Eclectic style for Sir James Lougheed and his family, it was a home that hosted royalty and forged connections. In the 1890s, Calgary was a fledging city of approximately 4,000 residents undergoing rapid development.

Exploring the social context of the time of Lougheed House’s construction through photography allows us to re-examine Calgary’s past and identity. The exhibit’s photographs show unexpected perspectives on daily life, from a tennis match in January to Chinese cultural activities. Familiar streets and locations can take on new meaning when viewed from the perspective of the landscapes and faces of our past. Visitors can snap selfies at an historic photo booth featuring images from the exhibit and enter their photos in an Instagram contest. Participants are encouraged to use the hashtag #1890syyc. The exhibit is supported by the Calgary Foundation and runs as part of the 2016 Exposure Photography Festival.

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**Peter Duthie**, Exhibit Curator, and **Kirstin Evenden**, Lougheed House Executive Director are available for interviews in person or by phone. Peter Duthie is the founder of Folio Gallery, the former Exposure Photography Festival Chair, and an educator.

**Exhibit Photography Link:** <http://tiny.cc/herein>

**Included Photograph:** Nurses at old General hospital, Calgary, Alberta. Emma Griffis, later McGill, on right. Friend holding guitar. Glenbow Archives NA-4938-11

**Free Opening Reception in the Lougheed House Gallery**

**The public is invited to the free opening reception on February 5th, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. with Exhibit Curator Peter Duthie in attendance.**

In partnership with The City of Calgary's Calgary Neighbourhoods division, Kerri Singh will present portraits of downtown community members from April 22<sup>nd</sup> until May 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lougheed House Drawing Room. The **pop-up exhibit** is entitled ***Urban Portraits*** and entrance is included with admission.

The historic photo booth will be available for the duration of *Herein We Dwell* and the Instagram contest details will be available at [www.lougheedhouse.com](http://www.lougheedhouse.com)

**Lougheed House**

Built in 1891 for James and Isabella Lougheed and their growing family, historic Lougheed House is a 14,000 square-foot sandstone prairie mansion with extensive gardens on 2.8 acres in Calgary's beltline community. One of the finest residences in Canada's northwest and the political and social hub of fast-growing Calgary until 1938, Lougheed House is now a National and Provincial Historic Site and Museum run by the Lougheed House Conservation Society. Subject to availability, historic interpreters are available to give guided tours. Self-guided and audio tours are always available.

**Regular admission prices:** Adult \$8.50, Seniors & Students \$6.50, Children 6-12 \$5.00, Families \$25.00, Children under 6 are admitted free of charge.

**Lougheed House** is at 707 - 13 Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2R 0K8 and is open:

Wednesday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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