

## **The Professors Emeriti, University of Alberta: The Birth of Geology in Alberta**

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The Province of Alberta is blessed in the abundance of natural resources it has within its borders. Since their first discoveries, the professors within the Department of Geology at the University of Alberta have been involved in the exploration and exploitation of these resources.

Founded in 1908 the University grew and Drs. Allan, Warren and Rutherford were added to the Geology Department and in addition to teaching classes on the history of the Earth, they also taught classes in human history and literature. Since that time, the Department of Geology has grown substantially, and there are presently fifteen Emeritus Professors. These individuals have given countless undergraduate and graduate students their foundations in geology.

Their biographies are listed within these posters, each one dedicated to a separate Professor Emeriti. Included, are many vintage photographs gathered from University archives, and various personal collections.

The fifteen posters not only highlight the Emeriti Professor's careers, but also the stories of a by gone era in geology - one of months spent in the field, mapping on horseback and logging river cut sections from canoes. Their exploration and investigations led to many significant economic discoveries, and fundamental concepts and theories in geology we all take for granted today. This exhibit of Emeriti Professors from the University of Alberta exemplifies that in fact "The past is the key to our future."