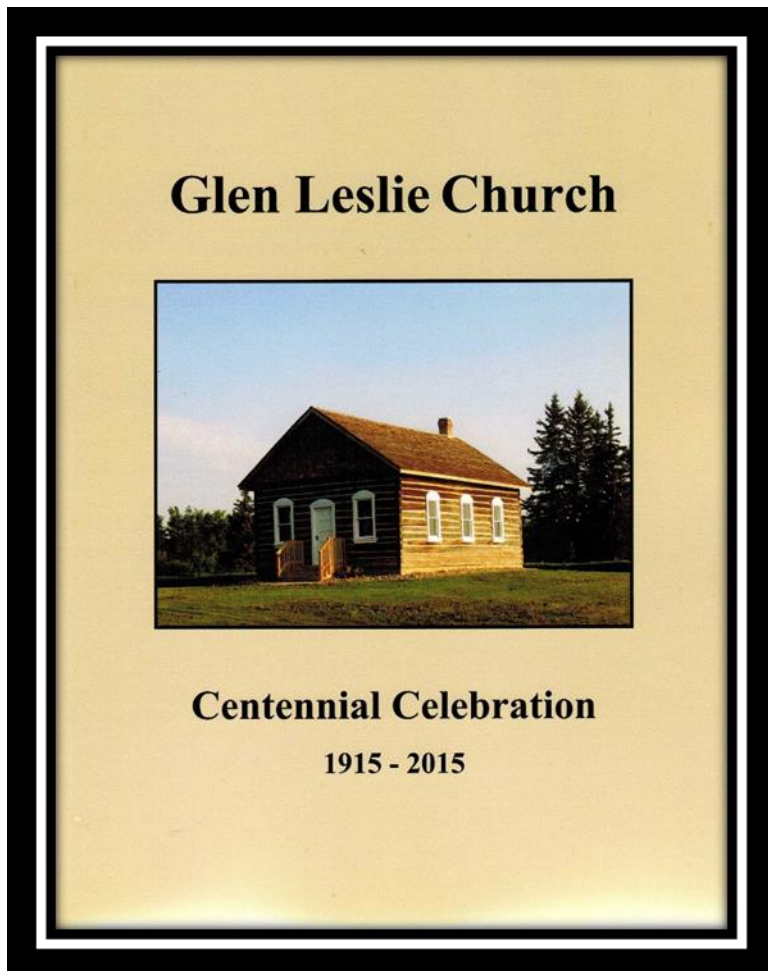


The Glen Leslie Church Preservation Group

is proud to present a local History Book



If you are interested in the history of small communities in Northern Alberta from the early 20th Century, this 150-page “Glen Leslie Church Centennial Celebration” book may be the one for you.

Follow the settlement of an area east of Grande Prairie known as Glen Leslie from conception until today. Envision the struggles the pioneers endured in an effort to provide a better life for their families and in the establishment of Communities. Read how Reverend Forbes and Thomas Leslie acquired land on which to build a Church and plot a cemetery. See how the building also served as the school house for the Somme School District from 1918 – 1928 and was also the local Community Centre. Examine an excerpt from the diary of one of

the teachers who taught during that time-frame. See how important the local store and post office was to the area along with information on the local clubs. Read how the cemetery was established and continuously maintained by local volunteers.

Over the years, the little building had suffered the ravages of time and was in serious need of restoration. The Glen Leslie Church Preservation Group was formed in 2011 to oversee the restoration project with the culmination of the effort taking place in July 2015 with a celebration that was two-fold – celebrating the restoration as well as the 100th anniversary of when the Church was built.

The Church received its municipal designation as a “Historic Resource” in 2010 followed by the provincial designation in 2011 and as such is now listed on the Alberta Register of Historic Places.

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