

## McINTOSH, Anna

Anna McIntosh, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whalen, was born on April 18, 1891, in Avonhurst, a small village 30 miles northeast of Regina, Saskatchewan. She was the eldest of 11 children. Her father had come from Oxford Mills, Ontario, and had homesteaded and prospered in Saskatchewan.

Anna studied art and trained to be a teacher at St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She moved to Sutherland in 1919, after marrying Angus McIntosh, a C.P.R. brakeman. They raised a family of four children.



She began her active community life by serving on the Sutherland Town Council for seven years, beginning in 1948. She was a Town Councillor when the community amalgamated with Saskatoon, and was one of the leading proponents of that merger. She ran for Saskatoon City Council at that time, and was elected to represent Sutherland. She was the fourth woman to serve on City Council.

During her time on the Sutherland Town Council, Mrs. McIntosh served as a member of the Police Commission and the Public Works Commission. She was also Chair of the Social Aid Department and acted as Deputy Mayor. On the City of Saskatoon Council, she was a member of the Transit Board, and the YMCA, Red Cross and Playgrounds Committees, as well as other committees, and was Deputy Mayor twice.

Mrs. McIntosh worked hard for a Community Hall in Sutherland, which prompted her to become involved in town politics. She also helped to pave the way for a new Roman Catholic Church, Holy Family Church, in Sutherland. She organized the Women's Voluntary Services during the Second World War for the Red Cross; was on the Executive Committee of the Cancer Society; was President of St. Paul's Hospital Auxiliary; and was active in the Catholic Women's League; the Catholic Welfare Board; the St. Thomas More Guild; the Soroptomist Club; and the Liberal Party.

Mrs. McIntosh started painting in her early years in Winnipeg, which continued through her life. She had at least one, one-person exhibition at the St. Thomas More Gallery.

In 1967, she received a pontifical decoration from Pope Paul VI for her work in the Catholic Church. In 1982, she was one of 100 Saskatonians honoured at a Century Saskatoon Award Appreciation Banquet, for her service to the community.

Anna McIntosh Park in Sutherland was named in her honour.

"Mrs. Mac" died on August 19, 1986, at the age of 95. Her grave is located in the Roman Catholic Section of Woodlawn Cemetery.