

## History

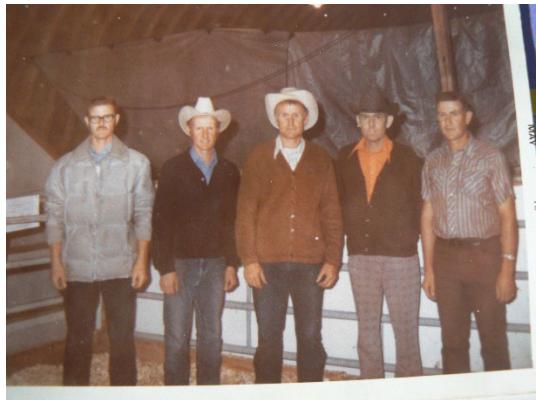
In 1962, we, the Mackenzie Brothers, sensed a change was needed in our cattle operation. As a result, we purchased the first

Registered Red Angus Herd in Canada. To do this, some went to the Sally Forbes' Beckton Stock Farm in Wyoming to represent the Mackenzie Brothers, and I went to the Triple R Ranch in Idaho. A little later, I went to Mobile, Alabama and purchased 35 head for our herd. As one brother said, "The Alabama cows have been good producers and added to our

herd." To keep expanding our herd, we also purchased animals from Texas, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. Whenever we heard of a Red Angus calf from a Black Angus Registered herd, we were off to check it out.

Now, after obtaining our herd, we faced our first stumbling block: the Canadian Angus Association would not let us register our cattle with them. So, for six years, we registered with the American Red Angus Association. 1968 was a big step forward in history because the Canadian Angus Association opened their registration books to the Red Angus Cattle.

The unanimous decision was made, "that we need to show our cattle as a great way to introduce cattlemen to our Red Angus." Rodney (Rod), being the main push in this new adventure, headed out for the show circuit, taking some of my animals with him. I met him at the shows when I could, after teaching school. Another stumbling block was, it was very difficult to show because the Red Angus cattle were not yet accepted as equals by the judges.



*Figure 1  
Mackenzie Brothers  
Ken, Don, Mark, Rodney, Ted*

Finally, we pulled through, putting the Red Angus cattle in the limelight. We were so excited when the judges started to recognize us! The following newspaper clippings, verify this big event:

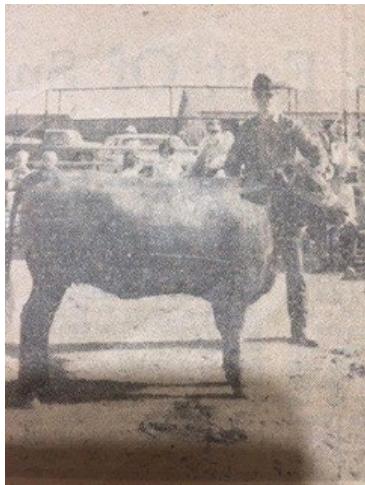


Figure 2  
I Won the Grand Champion  
Female Honors

The rest is history. The Mackenzie Brothers had no problems going forward in showing and winning. Rodney continued his showing, still taking some of my animals, until he became very sick. My brother,



Figure 3  
Rodney Won Reserve Champion Bull  
Honors

Rodney had a special something about him. Everyone loved him and

respected him. He worked very hard, even helping me in showing. The next exciting wins were the last Rodney helped me with before he passed away. I won with a Red Cheroviann female (a real good blood line, which I continue to keep in my herd) the Grand Champion honors at Canadian

Western Agribition. At another show, she won Reserve Junior

Champion honors.



Figure 5  
Grand Champion  
Alberta Aberdeen Angus Show

Rodney showed another one of my females at the Alberta Aberdeen Angus Show, winning Grand Champion honors. I have fond memories of a wonderful, kind

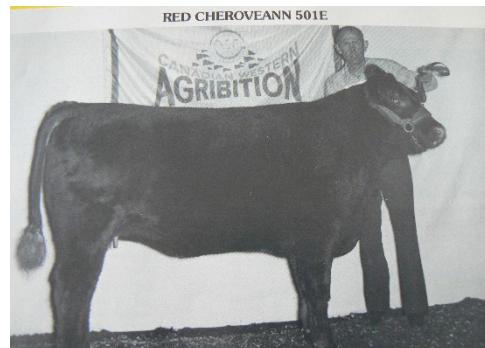


Figure 4  
Grand Champion  
Canadian Western Agribition Show

brother who cared so much for his family, especially for me. My showing days slowed down, but our children did not slow down. They were full of exuberance and kept us busy. Our daughter, Kansie Kae (see Figure 18), as the Canadian Angus Queen, acknowledged winning contestants at various shows. Our daughter, Zana Rae, didn't slow us down either, by all the prep qualifications that were required for her to compete for the rodeo queen. Tawnya Dae, our third

daughter, kept us on call continually with her being an instructor, choreographer, and director in the arts. Our sons didn't miss a beat either, Roderick (Rod) and Kendyn started showing with me and in 4-H. This kept us engaged in a worthy cause as they also brought home Grand and Reserve Grand Championships.



Figure 6  
Tawnya Dae  
Very accomplished in the  
Fine Arts



Figure 6  
Zana Rae  
1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up Rodeo Queen



Figure 7  
Rod Wins Grand Champion Honor



Figure 8  
Kendyn Wins Reserve Grand Champion Honor

Roderick continued to always beat his brother until one show, it was reversed. Kendyn won Grand Champion and Roderick won Reserve Grand Champion. The judge made a comment to Roderick, "It is 'kinda' hard when little brother beats you!!!" Those

were great years we had together. Then, our children moved on, continuing their education in other fields.

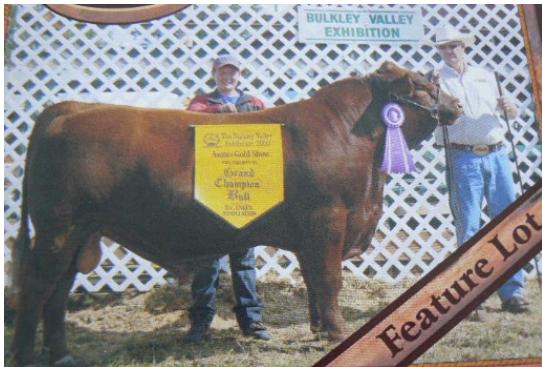


Figure 9  
7W  
Grand Champion Honors

### Grand Champion at Smithers.

Our grandchildren watched us show, falling in love with the cattle, bringing enthusiasm and renewed desire to show. We let them start showing our animals in different shows and in 4-H. They, also, brought home Grand Championships and Reserve Grand Championships. Here are pictures of Braydon and Kaily Gough showing.



Figure 10  
Kaily Gough winning Grand Champion Honors -RED Kuruba 56W won Grand Champion 4 times

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### THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY SHOWING WAS WITH VISION 50T

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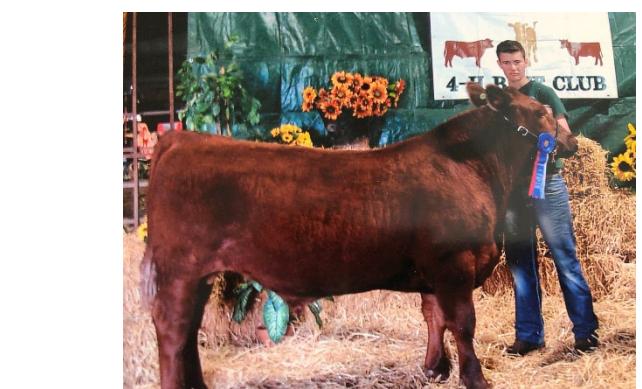
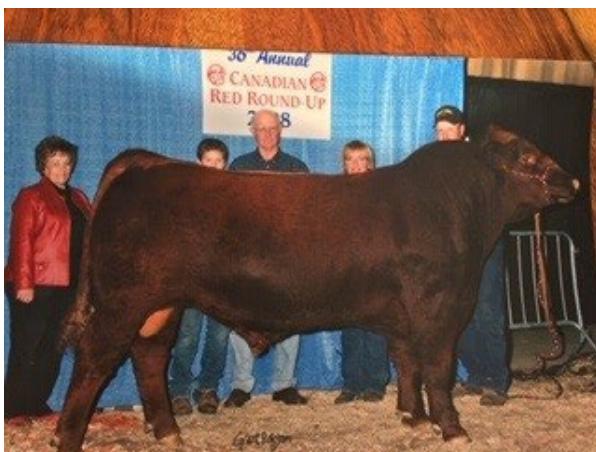


Figure 11  
Braydon winning Reserve Grand Champion Honors

Figure 12  
Vision 50T Purchased at Canadian Red Round Up  
Rebecca, Braydon, Ken, Lois & Blair McRae  
2008

We purchased Vision 50T in 2008 at the Canadian Red Round-up from Mar Mac Farms in Brandon, Manitoba. What an excellent decision he was, not just for showing well, but he sired outstanding offspring. Some of his winnings included:

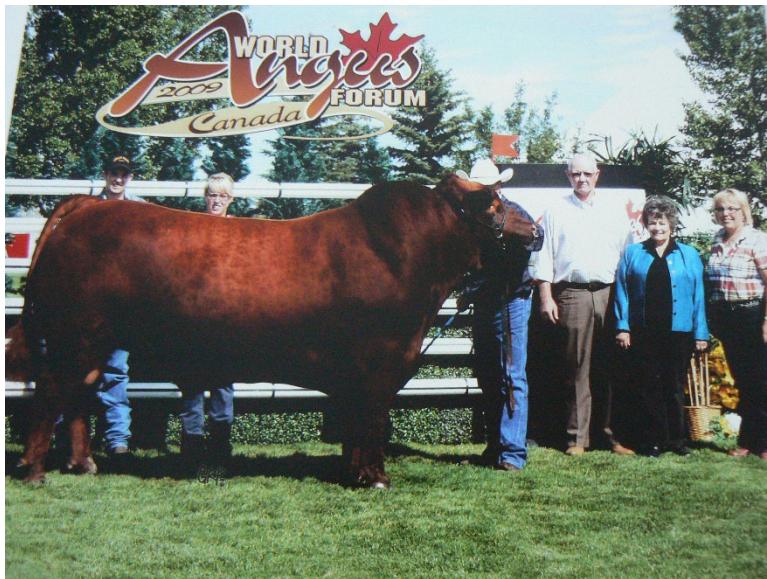


Figure 13 Winning Silver Metal at the Canadian Angus WORLD'S FORUM in 2009  
Brett, Melissa McRae, Blair McRae, Rebecca, Lois McRae



Figure 14 Grand Champion at Dawson Creek's Gold Show 2009  
Ken, Vikse's, Nick VanGaalen, Rebecca



*Figure 15 WINNING SUPREME CHAMPION at Dawson' Creek GOLD SHOW  
Best of All Best Breeds*

*Braydon, Kaily, Kady, Kari, Tawnya & Scott Gough, Kendyn, Jaydyn, Ken, Vikse's, Rebecca, RBC Representative*

**It was an exciting time in my life. We still have semen for sale from him. My showing days went on with continuous winnings until 2015, when I downsized my operation.**

### **Vision 50T Awards**

#### Silver Metal

*2009 – Canadian Angus World Forum*

#### Grand Champion

*2009 – Dawson Creek Gold Show*

#### Supreme Champion – Best of All Breeds

*2009 – Dawson Creek Gold Show*

# HONORS AND AWARDS AND NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

**1971** --- 1<sup>st</sup> Production sale of registered Red Angus Cattle in Canadian History, 5-10 years at our place with a BBQ supper, Barn Dance & Cowboy golf tournament

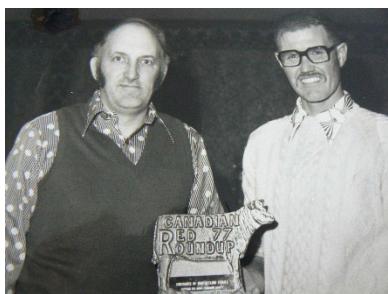


Figure 16 Ken receiving Award at Red Round-up by Wayne Sibbald

to our Daughter Kansie Kae being crowned as the Canadian Angus Queen.

**1998** —Mackenzie family awarded the Alberta Century Farm and Ranch Award for 100 years of family ranching on the Mackenzie Homestead

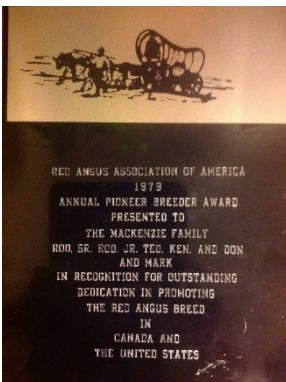


Figure 17 "Pioneer Breeder Award"  
(1st Canadians to receive the Award)

**2004**—Mackenzie Brothers—Red Angus Association of America  
50 Most Influential Breeders Award

**2004**—Canadian Angus Association  
Honorary Presidents Award



Figure 19  
Cecile Fleming presenting award to  
Ken and Don

**2006** Inducted into the Alberta Angus Hall of Fame as Breed Builders

**2012**—50 years since we brought the 1<sup>st</sup>

Registered Red Angus Herd into Canada



Figure 21  
50-Year Award

**2017**—50 years of Membership in Canadian Angus Association Award



Figure 20  
Don, Ted, Mark, Ken and Rod (Bottom)

**2021**—50 years of the Longest Annual continuously Running Bull Sales

**2022** – Honour of Appreciation for Lasting Legacy of the Red Angus Breed

You will hear me being quoted many times “Cattle have always been a big part of my life, and will continue to be to my last day, they have never hurt me.”



Figure 23  
Ken and Rebecca



Figure 22  
Lasting Legacy Award