

# McCann's Building Movers, Ltd.

Calgary, Canada

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Ronald "Doc" McCann, Sr. founded a house moving business in 1965 with an old Army Jeep, a few beams and dollies. It was called R. McCann Building Movers. At the time sons Pat (age 14) and Ron (age 12) were involved from the beginning. The company's first job was moving a construction camp at the Mannix Sqaw Rapids Dam project.

Eight years later the business was incorporated, June 1973, as McCann's Building Movers Ltd., with Doc and wife Edith handling all office and administrative operations. By this time Pat and Ron were now supervising field operations. In 1985 Judy, a daughter, assumed the day-to-day administration of the business allowing Edith to retire. Pat's responsibilities expanded to include estimating, purchasing and scheduling. Doc, having passed on the

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*Doc and Edith in the early 1950s.*



*Ron, Judy, and Pat McCann, Sr.*



*Doc and Edith in the early 1980's.*



*Dwayne and Pat, Jr*



*Gary and Kath Guichon purchased this house, built in 1919, and had it moved from east of Nightingale near the Wheatland Huterite Colony to Ardenode area north of Strathmore. The trip took over three hours.*



*The company's current headquarters in Calgary.*



*Delivering to a customer that lived beyond his 20' W bridge with 5.5'H sides. Since the buyer and only one other family lived beyond the bridge there was no problem blocking the bridge to traffic for over two hours. It was a tight fit.*



*Three of twelve army barracks in Calgary being moved to the Sik Sika Indian Reservation. The buildings were stored on blocks through the winter and placed on basements the following spring.*

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