

Original Submission - Nyholt

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Requested name: Gerrit Nyholt

Background Information (Reason for name request):

Gerrit Nyholt was the owner and founder of Golden Gate Park Zoo of Saskatoon. Golden Gate Farm. Gary Nyholt, son of Gerrit was the co-owner and zoo manager. I believe this was the first zoo in Saskatoon. RR 2. Written in the brochure I have "Everyone loves animals," is a saying that is certainly true of the Nyholt family. Residents of Saskatoon, and tourists as well, can enjoy the antics of the zoo's many animals and become educated in their personal lives. Beginning with a pony and palomino ranch near North Battleford, the Nyholt's. After a few years trial in North Battleford, these attractions brought out so many sightseers that the owners deemed it viable to enlarge the exhibits and open the premises to the public. After a few years trial in North Battleford, it was decided to move to a larger city where the greater population gave promise of a larger attendance, therefore, in August 1959 the Golden Gate Park Zoo opened in Saskatoon. Around 500 inhabitants in 1964 saw approximately 80,000 visitors. Could also contact Gary & Rosemary Nyholt, now living in Saskatoon.

1965 - The City of Saskatoon purchases the animals, birds and equipment from the Golden Gate Animal Farm on the west end of 33rd Street which was in financial difficulties. The animals were kept in their current location as facilities were prepared at the Forestry Farm.

1966 - On April 6, 1966 an agreement is signed between the Federal Minister of Agriculture and the City of Saskatoon to transfer 140 acres of the land belonging to the Sutherland Forest Nursery to the City. A formal transfer ceremony was held at the park on June 3, 1966.

1972 - The new Zoo opens at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm.

If you have submitted a person's name, please provide a short biography (Given name, date of birth, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements or other related information):

Gerrit Nyholt

Birth 1911 Death April 8, 1997

Past Board Member WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUMS:

Gerrit Nyholt, North Battleford 1979-81

Monday June 24, 1985. After 3 decades, Gerrit closes family fun farm at age 73 (North Battleford).

Do you wish to address the Naming Advisory Committee? Yes