



Cranbrook Arts is pleased to be partnering with the Cranbrook History Centre to bring you part of their collection of Adolphus Burton's paintings. The full collection features 99 paintings donated by Skip Fennessy to the Centre in 2017. There are 65 paintings displayed here in the gallery.

To learn more about the Cranbrook History Centre, please visit their website at [www.cranbrookhistorycentre.com](http://www.cranbrookhistorycentre.com)

or visit in person: 57 Van Horne St S, Cranbrook



### Gallery and Workshop

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 Wednesday: 12:30-4:00  
 Friday: 12:30-4:00  
 Saturday: 10:30-4:30  
 Sunday: 12:30-4:30

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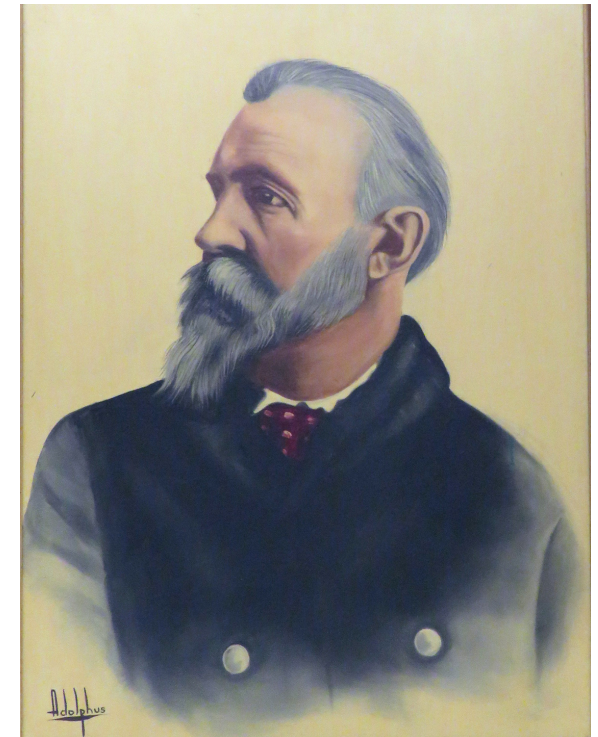


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# The Adolphus Burton Collection

donated to the Cranbrook History Centre by Skip Fennessy



A. Burton, Col. James Baker, Oil on Canvas

**January 13 - March 5, 2023**

Exhibition Reception:

Join us at the Gallery

(1401 5th St N)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

12:30-3:00

for a teatime reception.

All are welcome!



### The Unnamed Portraits

Several of the portraits on exhibition and in the collection as a whole, are unidentified. The Cranbrook History Centre would love to learn the identity of those still unknown characters. A framed print of the St. Eugene Hospital by Lloyd Burgess hospital is being offered as a prize to anyone who can prove the identity of any one of the unnamed paintings. We will be collecting any information the public can provide on any of these works. Several of the unnamed portraits can be viewed in person, and there are images of the additional unknown works available at the gallery desk. We have a short form for you to fill out with your information. We will pass along any information to the History Centre and they will contact you for details.



### Adolphus Burton 1916 – 1995

The Burton family moved from Adolphus's birthplace, Trail, to Cranbrook before his first birthday. His father Bill became a well-known Cranbrook citizen contributing to the community in many ways as a band leader, library board member, founding the Cranbrook historical society, and serving as an alderman from 1951 to 1955. He worked for the Courier newspaper for ten years where he honed his skills as a photographer. The musically artistic side of his father translated into the visually artistic side of Adolphus, (Duffy). After serving in the Airforce, Adolphus worked as a commercial artist in his own sign shop for many years before he returned to Cranbrook in 1985, after forty years away. His goal at this time was to record on canvas, as many of Cranbrook important old timers, who were born before 1900, as he could.



This project became an obsession and photographs were frequently supplied to him to aid in the work he was doing. While a resident himself in the FW Green Home he painted many of the residents. Adolphus Burton died in 1995. In 2013, some of his paintings, those adorning the walls of the FW Green Home, were repatriated to their families after a local advertising campaign and with the help of Dave Humphrey, local historian. In one of his press interviews during his retirement in Cranbrook, Duffy indicated he hoped his collection would eventually make its way to a museum. A collection of ninety nine paintings was donated to the Cranbrook History Centre by Skip Fennessy in 2017. Skip Fennessy was a good friend of Adolphus Burton and at Duffy's request he gathered up the paintings still in Adolphus' possession at the time of his death. He subsequently granted Adolphus's wish to see them kept in perpetuity in a museum. Sixty five of these paintings are in this exhibition including some which are unnamed.