

Slide show/Lecture



Peter Pond, who was born in Milford, CT explored and mapped Upper Canada West of Hudson Bay using a canoe as his main conveyance. His exploits influenced Alexander Mackenzie, the first European to cross North America by land to the Pacific. Mackenzie in turn influenced Lewis and Clark. Mackenzie was knighted and became wealthy writing a bestselling book about his travels. Peter Pond died in poverty and his burial place is in an unmarked grave somewhere in Milford.

Bill McDonald, a Milford resident and sportswriter for *The Connecticut Post*, took an interest in Pond because of his love of canoeing. In 1988, as a tribute to Pond, he took a 12 day, 200 mile canoe trip down Clearwater River in Saskatchewan and Alberta, first descended by Pond in 1778. This slide show is a result of that trip.

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