

Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 45 05



DVD capture



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DVD Time Code = 00 45 05

Location: Cowley, AB, Railway Avenue and Cameron Street

GPS: 49d 34m 10.02s -114d 4m 20.16s

Map / Satellite Image: [Google Link](#)

Site Name: Signal Street

Travel Directions:

42 km west of Fort Macleod on Hwy 3 (Crowsnest Hwy). Right (north) onto Hwy 510 / Range Road 1-3, left (west) onto Railway Avenue. Cameron is the third street. The site is in front of the fire station. See also:

<http://ca.epodunk.com/profiles/alberta/cowley/2000546.html>

Remarks:

It is in search of love that Jack, in a scene that portends his ultimate fate, unknowingly enters a hostile place and falls prey to Joe Aguirre's own "sucker punch."

Jack's reaction has been the subject of considerable debate. Does he respond by leaving Aguirre's trailer in humiliation? Or, as has also been suggested, does he depart with his head held high in an expression of "pre-Stonewall pride"?

Quotation:

"Well, look what the wind blew in."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB

GPS: 49d 58m 39.06s -113d 44m 41.94s

Map / Satellite Image: [Google Link](#)

Site Name: Lonesome Ranch

Travel Directions:

John and Kerry Hart farm, Hwy 520 and Range Road 283, 15.5 km west of Claresholm. From Claresholm, follow 43rd Avenue (also known as Hwy 520) west 15.5 km. (Beware: This road takes an abrupt and poorly marked curve at 7.2 km. Don't make the same mistake Ennis's parents did!) Turn left at Range Road 283 and go south 1.3 km. Turn left again and follow the driveway 0.6 km.

Remarks:

Alma was no Jack, but when the opportunity presented itself to persuade Ennis to move out of this dump, she did the best that she possibly could. Although Alma's marriage eventually fell apart, her clothesline and kitchen are still intact and visible at this site.

The cabin, where Ennis moved after his divorce, is located on the same property. On the way to or from the Hart farm, hungry pilgrims might want to check out Roy's Place "at the light" in Claresholm. Roy and Bob serve good food at reasonable prices.

Important:

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Quotation:

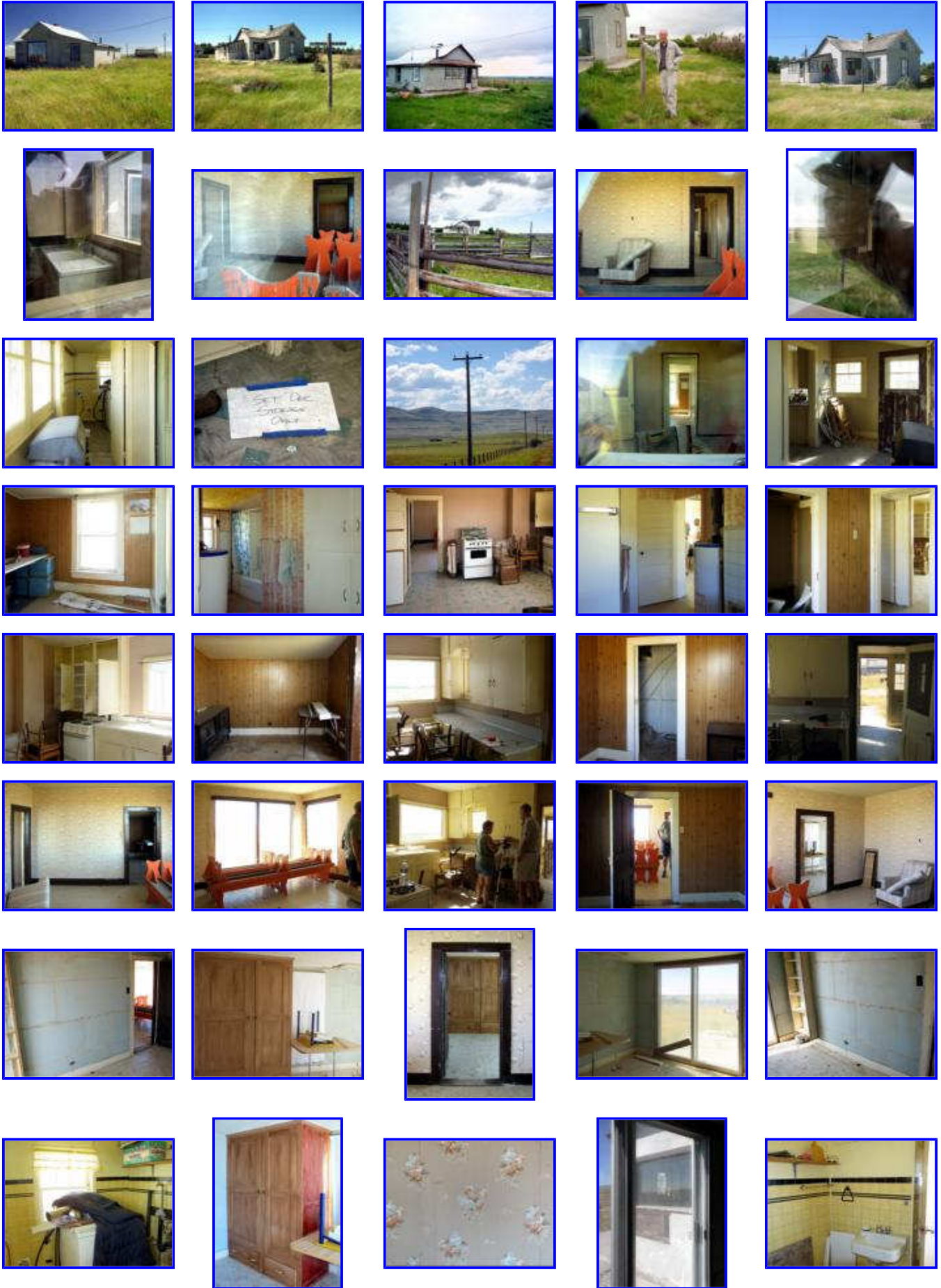
"Can't we move to town?"

Pictures of surrounding area:



[Floor Plan](#)







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Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB

GPS: 49d 58m 39.06s -113d 44m 41.94s

Map / Satellite Image: [Google Link](#)

Site Name: Lonesome Ranch

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Remarks:

The Lonesome Ranch has the characteristic grittiness of *Brokeback's* many flatland settings. Wallpaper and paint are peeling, furnishings are shabby, children cry, work is hard; in short, this place is about as experientially distant from Campsite #2 as one could possibly imagine.

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Quotation:

"I'm tired of these lonesome old ranches."

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Location: Hwy 520 near Range Road 283, west of Claresholm, AB

GPS: 49d 58m 39.06s -113d 44m 41.94s

Map / Satellite Image: [Google Link](#)

Site Name: Lonesome Ranch

Travel Directions:

John and Kerry Hart farm, Hwy 520 and Range Road 283, 15.5 km west of Claresholm. From Claresholm, follow 43rd Avenue (also known as Hwy 520) west 15.5 km. (Beware: This road takes an abrupt and poorly marked curve at 7.2 km. Don't make the same mistake Ennis's parents did!) Turn left at Range Road 283 and go south 1.3 km. Turn left again and follow the driveway 0.6 km.

Remarks:

Alma has a small army of loyalist fans who see her as the blameless victim of Ennis and Jack's tragedy. Others argue that she was hardly innocent, citing her manipulative behavior, both here and at the Laundry Apartment.

Innocent or otherwise, like her first husband Alma was perfectly capable of throwing a sucker punch: "I'd have 'em if you'd support 'em" and "Jack Twist? Jack Nasty!"

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Quotation:

"You don't want it to be so lonely, do you?"

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Location: Rockyford, AB, Rodeo Grounds

GPS: 51d 14m 9.36s -113d 8m 14.52s

Map / Satellite Image: [Google Link](#)

Site Name: Electra Rodeo

Travel Directions:

From Hwy 1 (Trans-Canada Hwy), take Hwy 21 north to Township Road 263. Turn right (east) on Hwy 263. Rockyford is at the intersection of Hwy 263 and Range Road 233. From Main Street, Rockyford (where you will find three important *Brokeback* buildings), walk approximately two blocks northeast on 1st Avenue E to the rodeo grounds. See:

<http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/r05.htm>

Remarks:

Jack almost starved rodeoin' in little towns such as Electra. The filmmakers used a wooden fence and different camera angles to disguise the fact that this is also the site of the Childress rodeo, where Jack's overtures were more warmly received.

Should you find yourself in Rockyford in late July, why not enjoy the rodeo yourself? For information, call (403) 533-3950. See also:

<http://www.FindingBrokeback.com/Rockyford/>

Quotation:

"Send in the clowns!"

Pictures of surrounding area:





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Chapter 9 - Tough Times - 00 50 45



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Location: Calgary, AB, King Edward Hotel, 9th Avenue SW and Fourth Street SE

GPS: 51d 2m 39.90s -114d 3m 12.48s

Map / Satellite Image: [Google Link](#)

Site Name: Electra Bar (Jimbo's Bar)

Travel Directions:

On 9th Avenue SW, at Fourth Street SE, between Macleod Trail and Fort Calgary Historic Park.

Remarks:

In spite of his charms, Jack could not score here with Jimbo (played by Calgary local Tom Carey). Similarly, the King Edward (King Eddie) has been unable to lure enough of its SE Calgary neighbors to remain solvent. Run down and contaminated by "toxic mold," this century-old hotel and blues bar was boarded up two weeks after *Brokeback Mountain* filming was completed in August 2004. The area is now slated for redevelopment. See:

<http://www.friendsofthekingeddy.com>

<http://www.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/story.html?id=4f351573-43f6-4e94-bbbc-43e73da94295>

[http://cantos.ca/sites/default/files/Final_Five_Announcement\(May_21.09\).pdf](http://cantos.ca/sites/default/files/Final_Five_Announcement(May_21.09).pdf)

If you walk three blocks along 9th Avenue to the east, you will find Fort Calgary (or a reconstruction thereof) and a museum / interpretive center. At this juncture of the Elbow and Bow rivers, Calgary had its humble beginnings as a North-West Mounted Police outpost in 1875. As did their predecessors, today's Mounties always seem to get their man. See:

http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20060521/rcmp_marriage_060521/20060521/

Important:

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Quotation:

"So save your money for your next entry fee, cowboy."

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Westwinds Baseball Area

GPS: 49d 42m 35.46s -113d 25m 0.66s

Map / Satellite Image: [Google Link](#)

Site Name: Fireworks Area

Travel Directions:

East on Chief Red Crow Blvd., turn right (south) on Archie Maclean (3rd) Avenue. Go 0.9 km on 3rd Avenue, crossing the rail tracks. Take the second right turn (west) at Alberta Hardware. Go 0.3 km and turn left (south) at Collar Tire. Go 0.8 km and turn right onto gravel driveway. See map of [Fort Macleod](#).

Remarks:

Some 200 citizens of Fort Macleod were invited to watch the shooting of the fireworks scene. Caroline Boschman, a reporter for *The Lethbridge [AB] Herald*, wrote an interesting first person account of this long night; it can be read [here](#). Later, a local minister learned the nature of the film and wrote an op-ed piece in the Fort Macleod newspaper, claiming that the town's citizens had been deceived; it can be read [here](#).

Early plans called for this scene to follow a shot of a Fourth of July parade down Fort Macleod's Main Street, but it was not to be. We are informed that some of the town's merchants were unwilling to cooperate with the filmmakers. This is moviespeak for "they wanted big money."

Late summer visitors to this area will note a profusion of tumbleweeds (also known as Russian thistle and wind witch), some the size of a soccer ball, others much larger. Wheat farmers from the Ukraine and the Volga River Valley immigrated to western Canada during the early part of the 20th century, bringing along their prime wheat seeds which were often sewn inside the hems of clothing for protection. A few Russian thistle seeds got mixed in with the good stuff and, despite intensive efforts to eradicate the invasive plant, it is now very much at home throughout southern Alberta.

Even if you have never seen a tumbleweed, you probably recognize the song "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," a staple of cowboy music since the 1930s.

<http://www.cowboylrics.com/lyrics/sons-of-the-pioneers/tumbling-tumbleweeds-13413.html>

Quotation:

"Shouldn't we move a little closer?"

Pictures of surrounding area:



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Location: Fort Macleod, AB, Westwinds Baseball Area

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Remarks:

It takes more than a bit of searching to find this community baseball diamond located near an old airstrip south of Fort Macleod, but those who were energized by Ennis's manly silhouette against a backdrop of patriotic fireworks, or moved by Alma's reaction to her husband's fury, will want to visit this place as part of their Fort Macleod pilgrimage. See:

<http://www.fortmacleod.com/>

Quotation:

"Wanna swallow 'bout half your fuckin' teeth?"

Pictures of surrounding area:

