

YUKON ARCHIVES TEXTUAL RECORDS TRANSCRIPT

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Abstract

This file consists of 11 pages of handwritten notes made by Benjamin Craig recording various Yukon historical subjects. Included are:

- names of the first North West Mounted Police (NWMP) Yukon Detachment, 1895
- information about Klondike Dawson Schultz, who was claimed to be the first white child born in Dawson City
- names of the original Dawson News staff, 1899-1902
- names of members of the Ogilvie Party who arrived in Dawson City, 1898
- distances of places in Alaska and Yukon from Seattle
- names of stations on the White Pass and Yukon Route (WP&YR) and their distance from Skagway
- names of the Dawson City Volunteer Fire Department, 1899
- contents of the Dawson Post Office on Front Street, 1899
- descriptions of numerous murders and other crimes committed in Yukon, 1897-1932
- and an assortment of other facts

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The North West Mounted Police was formed in 1873.

Inspector Constantine was ordered to Yukon in May 1894.

The first Yukon detachment in 1895 comprized [comprised] the following who went in via St. Michael.

Inspector C. [Charles] Constantine

" D.A.E. [D'Arcy E.] Strickland

Asst. [Assistant] Surgeon A.E. Wills

S./S. [Staff Sergeant] M.H.E. Hayne

S./S. [Staff Sergeant] C. Brown

Corp. [Corporal] E. Newbrook

" [Corporal] P.C. Engel

Const [Constable] F. Webster

" [Constable] E. Telford

[Constable] J. Thornton

[Constable] E.J. Ward

[Constable] M.R. Gowler

[Constable] A. Pinkerton

[Constable] D. Sinclair

[Constable] A.P. McKellar

[Constable] S.R. Churchill

[Constable] H.L. Jenkins

[Constable] J. Brothers

[Constable] E.W. Jenkins

[Constable] J. Murray

The 1st [first] mail over the ice in 1898 was sent, Nov. 15. accompanied by Corp. [Corporal] John Richardson & dog-driver Bell. but near Hootalinqua they went through the ice & the mail was lost.

The next mail left Dec. 1.

In the winter of 1898-9 the [1898-1899] N.W.M.P. covered with dog-team 64012 miles (all of Canada).

7124 Small craft not counting regular steamers went down river during the Gold Rush of 1898 (From Bennett.)

Fire in Dawson

On Oct. 14. 1898 - 2 large blocks were laid in ashes.

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The Dominion Saloon on Front St. was held up in 1902
by Wm [William] Brophy, Mart. Tomerlin & Edwin B. Harris.
Brophy got life. Harris 10 years

Police posts in Yukon in 1902

White Pass Summit.	Montague	Gold Run
Cariboo.	MacKay's	Dominion
White Horse.	Minto.	Hunker
Upper LaBarge.	Selkirk.	Dawson
Hootalinqua	McQuesten	Forty Mile

The "Str. Stratton" [Steamer Stratton] & "Willie Irving" were crushed in the ice
on Oct. 23. 1899.

\$1650 was stolen from the Mining Inspector's Office in
Grand Forks, Yukon. - Party never found.

The Atlin Stage was held up in 1899. 3.⁰⁰ taken.
Robber escaped.

\$100,000 fines collected during 1898-9 [1898-1899] was spent
on relief

On. Sept. 22. 1912, the Yukon Gold Co's dredge was blown
up. & Jacob Neilson on March 20. 1913 was
found guilty of dynamiting the dredge.

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The first white child born in Dawson was born Sept. 8. 1897. She was named "Klondike Dawson Schultz". She was the daughter of Charles Schultz whom I knew in the early days. Her name is now (1932) Mrs. Klondike Dawson Stockwell now living in or near Seattle.

Soon after her birth the miners contributed gold nuggets & dust to pay passage for babe & mother on the last boat for St. Michael to Seattle. The father remained in Dawson. The mother died on the way down river & was buried on the banks of the Yukon River in Alaska. The natives cared for the child & the following year the U.S. Revenue Cutter Bear took her to Seattle.

Schultz told me the story in the early days. Others of course claimed that there were whites born before her but there are many still living who remember the story.

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Dawson News.)

(Original Staff 1899-1902

Established by Richard Roediger & Wm. [William] McIntyre

Editors Sam Wall - Harry Steel - E.B. Wishar

Society Editor - Mrs. J.H. [Harmon] (Anne) Caskey

Reporters - E.S Bunch, Jackson Corbett, Chas [Charles R.] Settlemeir

& "Casey" B. [Bernard] H. Moran

Foreman J. Harmon Caskey assisted by Art [Arthur H.] Deven

mergenthal - Ed. [Edward Kemp] Sargison

Typesetters - Los. Bernard & Harold Malstrom

Pressman - Marcus Riley assisted by

Wilbur J. Ward & Roy [Royal G.] Southworth

Engraver "Little" Riley

City Circulation - Arthur W. & Ernest [Mulcaster] Whalley

Advertising Manager - Chauncey Boyer

Newsboys - Big & Little Conklin, "Uncle Andy" Young

Carter - B.J. Parker - Sally Spring - WA "Art" [Arthur] Ellis

John A Buck - Leon Loomis - Dave [David] Ring

On the Creeks -

Chas & Parley Bell on Bonanza & Eldorado

Frank Asam on Gold Run & Lower Dominion

Max Lang on Hunker & Upper Dominion

Sam Wall was National News Correspondent

for New York Times

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By Arthur Whalley in Alaska Wkly [Weekly] Aug 24, 1951

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Arrived in Dawson 1898

Members of the Ogilvie Party

- 1 Wm Ogilvie Commissioner Died at Ottawa
- 2 J.T. Lithgow Comptroller Dead
- 3 J.A. Girouard Registrar of Land Titles
- 4 Dr. J.N.E Brown Territorial Secretary Died at Toronto
Territorial Secretary
- 5 W.H. Lynch
- 6 T. Buchanan
- 7 D.A. McRae Note by Sept. 7. 1901
- 8 Geo. Layfield Only ✓ Brown ✓ Lithgow
- 9 Robert Conklin Girouard ✓ Finnie Craig
- 10 W.H. Montgomery & McRae where still
- 11 O.S. Finnie Died at Ottawa working in the government
- 12 Norman McLeod in Dawson.
- 13 Thos. J. Reilly Died at Ottawa
- 14 Thos. Hardy Died at Dawson
- 15 Thos. Byrnell Died at Vancouver
- 16 Archie D. Cameron Died at Dawson
- 17 Benj. [Benjamin] F. Craig
- 18 Wm Madden
- 19 John McEwan Died in Vancouver
- 20 M. Bouchasne M. Bouchasne

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		Distances	
	mls		
Seattle	0	Via St. Michaels	
Juneau	899	Seattle	0.
Skagway	999	St. Michaels	2550
Dyea	1003	Rampart City	3550
Canyon City	1012	Fort Yukon	3840
Sheep Camp	1016	Circle City	<u>3960</u>
Summit of Chilcoot Pass	1020	Fort Cudahy Y.T.	4190
Lake Linderman	1028	Dawson City	4250
Head of Lake Bennett	1032		
Caribou Crossing	1060	Stations on White Pass & Yukon R. [Route]	
			Miles from Skagway
Foot of Tagish Lake	1087	White Horse	110
Lake Marsh	1112	Cowley	95.1
Head of Canyon	1118	Lorne	79 4/10
White Horse Rapids	1120	Carcross	-
Takeena [Takhini] River	1135	Pennington	51.6
Lake Lebarge	1151	Bennett	40.6
Hootalinqua	1211	Fraser	27.7
Little Salmon River	1280	White Pass	20.4
Five Finger Rapids	1339	Glacier	14.1
Pelly River	1398	Clifton	8.5
Stewart River	1504	Skagway	0
Dawson City	1573		

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Volunteer Fire Department, Dawson, Yukon 1899.

- 1 F.J. Fletcher, Chief
 - 2 Henry E. Stumer, Assistant Chief
 - 3 B.H. Moran (Casey) [arrow] Secretary Dead
 - 4 Wm [William] Galpin, Treasurer Dead
 - 5 David Marks, Assistant Secretary
- Active List
6. J.M. McNeely Captain, Engineer Co. No. 1. Dead
 7. Fred Jacobson
 8. H.B. Matchett Lieutenants, Engine Co. No. 1.
 9. John E. Hastings, Captain Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1
 10. A.E. Wert Lieutenant, Hook & Ladder Co. No 1. Dead
 11. John Evans, Captain Chemical Co. No. 1
 - 12 David Marks Lieutenant " " No 1
 13. P.E. Dunden, Captain Chemical Co No. 2.
 14. J.L Evans, Lieutenant " No. 2
 15. Chas. [Charles] Bush, Engineer. Dead
 16. Joseph Stingle Asst. Engineer
 17. A.F. Benard. 24 F.E. Diebold
 - 18 J.W. Biddle 25 A.F. George Dead
 - 19 Lloyd Botts 26 H.T. Hatch
 - 20 Oscar Burgland 27 Ben Hammond
 - 21 A.R. Buel 28 F.J. Hemen
 - 22 J.E. Cockram 29 J.L. Kaufman
 - 23 W.N. Duff 30 Jake Kline

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Members of Dawson Fire Dept. 1899 (concluded)

31 Nat Lyons Dead	42. <u>J. [Joseph] W. Wilson</u> Dead
32 W.H.B Lyons Dead	43. J.J. Buckley
33 Alex McGuire	44. J. Alexander
34 F.G. McCarty	45. <u>Benj. [Benjamin] F. Craig</u>
35 J.R. Nichols	46. F.B. Boyd
36 S.R. Nettleton	47. C. [Chester] W. Tennant
37 Grant E. Parsons	48. Paul Snowden
38 Ike Swartz	49. Scott Snowden
39 Henry Sloss.	50 Wilson Taggart
40 Gus Starrett	51. Martin H. Johnson
41 D. Sloppy	

The Post Office on Front St. Feb 8. 1899 contained

171 Lock Boxes

29 Large Lock Boxes

90 Registered Letter Pigeon Holes

198 Call Boxes

2186 Pigeon Holes

2674 in all

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Murders etc

In Oct.1897

Ed. Henderson, on Marsh Lake, clubbed his partner over the head with a revolver then shot him. He was hanged at Dawson.

Christian Fox, descending the McClintock River with his partner Wm. Meehan were shot in 1898 by Indians named Jim & Dawson Nantuck & another. Jim & Dawson were hanged at Dawson. The other died before the day of hanging.

The charred skeleton of a man, later proved to be Louis Bellias was found by Const. James J. Allmark. Bellias' partner John Stravas or Sarga commonly known as "Little Joe the Greek" was tried at Dawson in Sept. 4. 1900 for the murder of Bellias in Aug. '99 was found guilty of manslaughter & sentenced to 7 years with hard labour.

Ole. Olson. linemen, Wm. Clayson & Linn Relfe were murdered by Geo. O'Brien, near Minto in 1900 who was hanged at Dawson, Aug 23. 1901

Alex King shot. Herbert Davenport his partner on their way on a scow to Dawson. King gave himself up at Klondike City. The crime was committed on July 15, 1900 King was hanged at Dawson. Oct 2. 1900

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On Oct. 23 1900, in the Holborn Restaurant James Slorah killed Pearl Mitchell. In Nov. 19. 1900 he was found guilty & sentenced to death but in Feb. 1901 signs of insanity saved him from the gallows. & he was given life imprisonment

Geo. [George] St. Cyr. killed one [James] Davis near Hootalinqua in 1900 On Feb 5. 1901 he was found guilty of murder, but in March signs of insanity saved him from the gallows. for life imprisonment.

In 1902 [Peter] Fournier & [Edward] Labelle murdered [Leon] Bouthillette, [Guy Joseph] Beaudoin, [Alphonse] Constantine, while they slept, on an island 10 miles below Stewart River, frisked them, weighed down the bodies with stones & gave them to the river, then burnt all they could of the evidence. The haul was \$145 & a few trinkets. They also killed Archie Gilbault another French Canadian below Eagle city. Labelle confessed. On Oct. 27. Labelle was tried at Dawson. On Oct. 31 sentenced to death. On Nov 4. Fournier was tried & condemned the same day. Both were hanged at Dawson on Jan 20. 1903 - 52 below zero.

Otto Frank got 14 years for almost beating the brains out of one Sandison, with an axe. in the winter of '98 [1898].

Lainiga, a Swede shot one Bauer in '99 [1899] in the Yukon but got away. Was caught after 3 days in Alaska(?) but got away.

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Prater killed his partner in '99 [1899] then went mad.

In the Monte Carlo, Evans killed a dance hall girl named White & then turned the gun on himself.

Harry Davis in the Monte Carlo shot & killed Maude Rosselle & the shot himself. Blanche Lamont was a witness to the shooting

Le Crice shot a woman in Dawson.

In 1903 Herbert Weiser, on Dominion Creek, was arrested on suspicion of poisoning four fellow Germans by doctoring their sugar. He was found guilty & given 15 years at hard labour.

In 1908, a man named [Emil] Anderson was shot through the jaw, near Selkirk & was rendered first aid by Stillman at Selkirk. In his broken English, Anderson told how he was coming from Whitehorse in a small boat, with two others named [David] Bergman & [Ned] Elfors, a Finn, who had joined him in Seattle. On June 8th, 11 miles from Selkirk, Elfors had induced Bergman to go with him to hunt bear. He came back for Anderson to get the game. Elfors fired at him but he got away. Bergman's body was found later by the police - shot to death. On July 6 Elfors was tried for murder, Found guilty & was hanged at Dawson Oct. 6, 1908

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In 1915 Alex Gagoff killed four men near Whitehorse,
& was hanged at Whitehorse on March 10, 1916
Tom Gagoff, the murderer's cousin threatened to stop the
execution by force, was arrested at W.Horse by H.G. [Henry George] Mapley
& was given "3 months hard" & fined \$500 or 3 months more.

Romolo Cesari murdered Dominico Melis in Whitehorse
in 1914, but was saved from the gallows by insanity
after sentence.

Jackie MacIntosh, an Indian, killed Pelly Jim, also
an Indian. on Oct. 11. 1927 at WhiteHorse, in a drunken
brawl. On Jan 8. 1928 he was given 3 years for
manslaughter.

Barney West killed Michel Essanasa in 1932
at Dawson. He was hanged at Dawson on Sept 27. 1932

Below Carmacks in 1926 Const. Thornthwaite found
the body of Chas. Smith riddled with bullets & hidden
in a cellar. Harry Davis, his partner was given life
imprisonment for slaughter.

John Sipkus was shot by ___ & then shot himself
in year ___

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Murder

June ?

Rokuichi Yoshioka murdered his wife Hisa at the Fox Ranch in West Dawson and Percy James, an Indian was found shot in the back. ~~in the year ?~~ Yoshioka was hanged at Dawson six months after.