

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 114th Edition – MAY 29, 2005

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Springtime

Photo courtesy Heinrich Lohmann heinrich@lohmann.ca (In Airdrie, AB)

HOBBIES FOR RETIREMENT

By Gus Barrett sourdoughs2@shaw.ca (In Qualicum)

Some go in for carving things,
Some collect old stamps
Some people make birdhouses,
Or gaily coloured lamps.
There're those who save used tinfoil,
Or tiny scraps of twine,
My hobby's much more tasteful,
I'm into making wine.

Some like to save old Barbie dolls,
Doorknobs or telephones.
But Barbie dolls are fickle
And telephones have tolls.
Those who save old money
Are set up for a fall,
My outlook is much rosier,
I'm into alcohol.

I can't see saving tinfoil,
Or silly bits of string,
Stamps that someone else has licked
Is really not my thing.
I could make lamps as well as wine,
The two just seem to fit.
Then, one way or another,
I could still get lit.

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One of Those Days'

By Jeanne Harbottle (In Vernon)

The world is made of characters, some of which I know,
The ones that can, the ones that can't and some who do and don't,
I must confess that I am blessed with whole body and head,
But, when it comes to brains I leave half of them in bed,

I rose with great agility, as some clumsy child,
In my haze, no time to waste I deftly missed the stairs.
I know I should have used my feet, but was forced to try a new technique,
My butt was first, my feet were last, my elbows used in pairs.

My day today was much the same as any other morn,
Breakfast made, husband gone, household chores all done,
I donned my duds to walk the dog and sweep the walk I must,
I grabbed the broom, shooed out the mutt and pulled the three doors shut.

It wasn't for a little while, I found to my dismay, that we
Had left the doors all locked, and must enter another way.
I gazed at all the windows, doubled all around, and snow upon the ground,
Even those close to the ground were tightly locked and rust bound.

I found just one that I could try and madly went to twisting,
The frozen screws were hard to turn; my fingers were a tingling,
Pixies yap was sharp and loud and could drive the witless wingy.
She shivered and yipped and jumped around, I thought that she was dizzy!

The screws came loose and I upped the sash and thru in the freezing monster,
But, as for me it was to be another small disaster.
The space was small for a gal not tall but, in a parka made for mister,
I would have a better chance if I would just remove it.

The zipper jammed half way up, no way I could out-wit it.
So I gave a bound lit on the sill exposing my posterior,
The up side in, the bottom side out. I presume posed quite a picture.

My wit in bed, I used my head to tumble to the interior, and the hell with my exterior.



Bud & Jeanne Harbottle - June 1983

Photo courtesy Linnea Castagner castagners@whitvcable.com (In Whitehorse)

MORE MAYO

Hi Karren & Henry,

I enjoyed your exchange re some of the homes in Mayo in last issue of the MocTel. I do have the address and e-mail for Betty (Gordon) Lone who now lives in Morden, Manitoba. (I will send you her contact info in a separate message.) She and her husband Howard still have some mining interests in the Dawson area and they told me that they go up to the Yukon just about every summer to work on their claim. I have suggested she sign up for the MocTel so you may see a response from her sometime. And, yes, she still does have red hair, although, as with all of us, there are many "silver threads among the gold" (or, in her case the red!).

It might also interest you to know, Karren, that I believe after you folks left Mayo, Charlie and Marj Profeit lived in the house where you had lived. I'm sure you remember Jimmy Profeit (not Charlie's brother, Henry!) who is Marj's son. He is my cousin as Marj is my mother's niece. They lived in the house until Charlie, who worked for the Yukon Territorial Government (YTG) as a road crew foreman, was transferred to Dawson sometime in the late 1950's or possibly very early 1960's. I cannot remember who took over the house thereafter. It might have been one of the Van Bibber families.

One of the houses in the three further along the street that Henry mentioned where he lived, was occupied in the mid to late 1950's, for a time at least, by Jock and Helen Kerr. Jock was the local judge and, as a good Scot, loved bagpipe music. I remember going over to their home and being quite taken by bagpipe music, with which, up to that time, I was unfamiliar. Henry, if you could send me a copy of the photo you have of your house

and the log one that you were building, I would be able to identify which one the Kerrs lived in. It may have been where your folks lived. I can't remember for sure. Incidentally, I remember being fascinated by the log house you were building, particularly because of the booms and block and tackle you had set up to move the logs into place. I can't remember much else about the building but I do remember you explaining to my parents and me how it was being built.

Just to fill in a bit on the George Andison family. George's first wife's name was Ethel who died in 1931 and she is the mother of Jack Andison who was a carpenter and worked at Elsa for many years before moving to Whitehorse where he passed away. Jack's wife was Agnes and their children were David, Mary, Bob and Darryl. George then married Phyllis Marshall, Fred Marshall's mother, as Henry indicated. Phyllis passed away in 1940 and George then married Christena Matheson, who, as Henry also indicated, was Jean (Matheson) Gordon's mother. Hence Jean Gordon and Jack Andison were step brother and sister. Jean, of course married Wilfred Gordon and their daughter is Betty Lone. George, Ethel, Phyllis and Christena all now rest in the Mayo Cemetery. George was a very spry man into his senior years. I remember when he was past 80 how he would walk with his back as straight as a board at a very fast clip around town. I also remember walking by his house one day and seeing him up on the top of his roof administering repairs. George also had one of the early movie cameras in Mayo and used to show some of the films of the early days in Mayo at public events. George passed away in 1969 and Christena in 1976. Jean still lives in Mayo and I had the opportunity, as Karren noted, to visit with her (and Betty) in 2003 when I returned for the Mayo Centennial celebrations. (Credit for information on many names and dates to the Mayo Historical Society's publication, "Gold and Galena", page 337.)

As a footnote, Mary (Andison) Laing is on the MocTel list and lives in Calgary. Bob Andison married Gloria Blindheim and they live in Whitehorse where Gloria had a ceramics pottery business for a number of years. She now works for the government. Bob is doing mine maintenance. I know Karren has been in touch with Gloria. David is in Edmonton and I understand that Darryl may be somewhere here on the Island.

Thanks for more memories.

Harvey Burian hburian@telus.net (In Parksville)

Thanks Harvey,

You filled in many of the loose pockets as I was going completely by memory. I never knew the name of George Andison's first wife, and yes, now that you mention Ethel Marshal, it does ring a right bell. Of course children were not allowed to use an adult's first name until you were about 21 years, or they would get their ears boxed. You are certainly correct that George walked uprightly and brisk, and would shame many men of much lower age. As he was a Mason away, way back, and when the Northern Lights Lodge was thought of, he was one of the founders in 1955. He was my Inner Guard when

I was Master, and he always took care of the coffee etc. George was a real community worker, and I still remember May 24th when we used to have a town picnic at 5 Mile Lake, he was always there with his big ice cream freezer. Did not matter what it was, he was always in there working and not leaving it to "Joe!"

Thanks for the information on Betty and the silver threads among the red. I don't know how I get by as I only have a bit of silver on the temples around the ears. Bessie Friezen (Profeit) 30 years ago said to me, "You son of a gun, you are into that Grecian Formula," and fortunately I did not need that stuff.

When Karren mentioned Profiet buying their place, I suspected it was Charlie and Marg for the other boys were in the south. Yes, Charlie was in charge of Klondike Highways North and Colin Yeulet Highways South.

When we moved to Carmacks in the fall of 1952, Jock Kerr was the next tenant. Jock was Magistrate in Whitehorse in the latter 40s, and in 1948 one of my crew members on the boat was up for Drunk and Disorderly. Jock was the Magistrate, and he looked at the young fellow and said, "Ther'y dollars or ther'y days", in that heavy Scottish brogue and there was no fooling around. When they were in Mayo they lived in the original log home in the middle. That was the home where I grew up and had lived after we rebuilt it in 1949-50. Dad had the two places, the original log building and the frame building. Yes, working alone on that log building I used my marine skills on rigging to handle the logs by myself. That is why I had a centre spar and a boom to do the lifting.

In 1959 at the power plant, two Air Force young fellows were fishing in the fish transportation canal where there was a fence and a **NO FISHING** sign. An old Fisheries Officer from B.C. caught them, and they started to get smart with him. So he took their fishing gear, arrested them and took them to the Police Station where they were held till their case came up the next day. Jock was the Magistrate and fined them each 25 dollars and their fishing gear confiscated. They started to complain to Jock and get smart which was a dumb thing to do, for he was a retired Staff Sergeant of the RCMP. He said to each in kind soft words, "Where did you take your basic training lad", to which each blabbed thinking here was a kind old fellow! He then in a loud voice said, "**TENSHUN!**" and they were both up there ramrod straight. He said, "I have a good mind to have your Commanding Officer send you back to take it over again, and maybe they will get it right this time!" It was the last case in the docket, so Jock closed the court and as he got to the outer door he turned and glared at them. They knew better than even wiggle and would face AWOL when they returned to base. The Fisheries Officer was still laughing when he was telling us about it.

Harvey, the attached photo you will find interesting. It was taken in 1936 just after the flood, and the building on the right is the one that the Kerr's lived in. The log building on the left was then being used as a laundry as that was my Mom's work while dad was at the camp. It was later torn down and used for stove wood, and I got the exercise of sawing it up. It was originally a garage where dad kept the Chevrolet 1 ton that he used as a freighter. It was later sold to your uncle Alfred, and he took it down to Independence

Creek where Alfred had a wood camp. No matter which way you turn, you run into a crossroad of Yukoners of the past! Cheers,

Henry Breaden hjbreaden@shaw.ca (In Nanaimo)

Yukon Electric Hockey Team, ca.1964

My niece, April (Lortie) Garrett, found this photo in my father's old photo box and emailed it to me. My little brother, Ray, is in the photo. Judging from his age, I'd guess it's from about 1964-65. I don't recognize any other faces, but some of your younger readers probably will.

Ralph Lortie rlortie001@sympatico.ca (In Mississauga, ON)



Yukon Electric Boys Hockey Team, ca. 1964

Raymond Lortie, in his good times, is to the right of the goalie (red toque)

VIC FOLEY'S SISTERS

Hi Henry,

I spoke with Will Crayford and Gordon McIntyre this week. Neither knew Vic Foley that well, but did provide some new details.

Gordon said Vic's sister Helen was married to Jack Gallagher, the liquor agent at Mayo for a number of years. Gordon believes he got the job purely on political patronage. Do

you remember Jack? Is he mentioned in Gold & Galena? Gordon also recalled a miner named Tom Foley at Elsa, and thought Vic was somehow related. Ever heard of him?

Will recalled Vic coaching a softball team from Keno or Mayo, and coming to Dawson for an August 17th tournament. He said he last saw Vic at a Vancouver Yukoners Association get-together in the early 1980s. He wasn't doing so well at the time, so I suppose it's possible he died in 1986, the last year he was listed in the phone book. If this was the case, his death certificate will become public in January 2007.

Regards,
Greg Nesteroff gregnesteroff@yahoo.ca

Hello Greg,

Yes I remember Jack Gallagher in Mayo who was the Territorial Government agent and liquor vendor. My interest was that I could get 75 cents a dozen on returned bottles. At that time the liquor came in bulk and was bottled in Mayo by the liquor vendor. It must have been quite a job to clean the bottles, relabeled them and fill. In later years all liquor came in bottles and cased. When I was mate on the Nasutlin, it is surprising how clumsy the crews were when handling cased liquor. Somehow they always landed on the corner, and another surprise was a bucket was always there to set the case on. That is interesting that Helen was married to Gallagher and is something that I didn't know. Of course I never got to know Helen when they were in Mayo as I was quite young at the time. Yes, Gallagher is in the Gold and Galena page 376, and it says that he was the Govt. agent and liquor vendor in the 1930s.

I do remember when the ball team used to travel to Dawson for an Aug. 17th tournament or a return visit was made to Mayo on alternate years. I think the women's team used to do the same thing. But it seems that it was in the 30s as I was quite small, but Vic never came to Mayo till the 40s that I know of. Very interesting to reminisce those old names.

Cheers, Henry Breaden hjbreaden@shaw.ca

Hi Sherron and Henry,

Many thanks for the info on Jack Gallagher.

> Would it be okay with you if I were to use your messages in
> the MocTel.

Sure thing. You might also want to note that Vic had another sister, Gladys DesBrisay, who lived in the Yukon for a while with her husband Paul. Jean Gordon told me about them. By 1958 they were living in Haney, BC. I have no idea which sibling came north first, but Vic was definitely there the longest.

There were 13 children in the Foley family, and I've been trying with some difficulty to sort them all out. Some died young, and others went by middle names or nicknames. I

discovered yesterday that Vic's brother Jervis, born 3 May 1899, died on 2 Apr 1993 in Belmont, Calif. There is a phone listing for a Jim Foley in Belmont, quite likely a relative. I'll try calling.

> it does say "It is believed he became blind and lived at the C.N.I.B. residence in Vancouver, BC. where he died at the age of 90." Seems like they knew of his age at death when they wrote that. -- Is that consistent with dying in 1986?

Not quite. He would have been 83 or 84 then. I know he was at the New Vista Care Home in Burnaby as of '86; perhaps he moved to the CNIB residence afterward. I haven't really chased down this angle -- an e-mail to the CNIB went unanswered. I'll ask Lowell about the sources used for the book when I write him regarding the Vancouver Yukoners reunions.

Regards,
Greg Nesteroff gregnesteroff@yahoo.ca (In Castlegar)

JIMMY McGARRY & HAWKINS STREET

Ralph: Seeing pictures of your first home on Hawkins Street, really brought back memories of the Yukon for me when I arrived in 1952 to play hockey for the Legion Team. I stayed with Jack and Doe Simpson but shortly thereafter moved into the house where your family first lived, (then owned by Duke/Lil Cunningham). It was close to the Arena that was under construction and to the home you had moved to. (New home still had the front porch on it...ha!) I got a job with Canada Packers and worked with Fred Alywin and walked the distance between..kept me in shape. Seeing the pictures of the house took me back over 50 years - the people on Hawkins Street were all fantastic neighbors. All of your submissions to the Moc Tel are terrific.

With the submission of Jimmy McGarry, that really brought back some good memories of good times. Jimmy worked a bit in the cocktail lounges with myself, Jimmy McLaughlin, Paddy Kane, etc. and I remember one night he was telling us of his singing and entertaining in the UK and performing with Ruby Murray. As a matter of fact he phoned her and we all got to talk to Ruby, she was performing at the Palladium at the time. Jimmy was such a good singer as you know; however, I was not aware of his soccer talents, that came as a surprise to me. When I married in August of 1955, Jimmy used to join us for dinner often when the bars closed from 6-7 pm. It was RUSH hour! Jimmy's sister came for the funeral and I remember driving her and the children around that day and after the reception drove her back to your place.

Like I say, your entries about the hockey, etc. in the Yukon really bring back memories - Sandy always was a good ol' friend of mine too.

Regards, Norm Becker snbecker@shaw.ca (In Penticton)

Hi, Norm. It's really great to hear from you. I had forgotten that Duke & Lil Cunningham had bought that house, and that you had lived there.

Your remarks about Jimmy and the other guys are very much appreciated. I had remembered Paddy Kane, and regret that I didn't mentioned him in the McGarry story. But your comments about talking to Ruby just blew me over.

I don't suppose you can recall Jimmy's sister's name, and married name. I remember that she looked quite a bit like Jimmy - and her kids were really cute.

If it's OK with you, I'll send your message to Sherron Jones for the MocTel. Also, would you mind if I forwarded it to Bernie Burgess?

It's wonderful to get a response to a MocTel submission - they aren't often received - so thanks a lot. I'll let you know if anyone else responds to the Jimmy story.

Thanks and best regards.

Ralph

P.S. Thanks for looking after Sandy on those cold nights.

Hi Ralph: You're right, I can't recall Jimmy's sister's name or married name, but you're right again she did look quite a bit like Jimmy and her kids were really cute and so well behaved.

It's okay to send our message on to Sherron and I think it is so great that you got in touch with Bernie Burgess on the web. When I think back it was a real thrill for me to talk to Ruby Murray and as you put it, we were blown away that Jimmy could pick up the phone in the Yukon and call her - just like that. You certainly may send this along to him. Ruby was so popular at that time, and such a lovely voice.

Regards, Norm Becker

YUKON SPIRIT ALIVE AND WELL

Today I received a subscription with twice the amount I had asked for and a note reading:

You'll notice the cheque is for \$40. when you have suggested \$20.

As I was writing the cheque I had the lights go on -- I'm willing to venture there is a senior out there who can't afford to assist -- Let's just say it's anonymous -- but the idea might take. It seems to me that's what our Yukon spirit is all about. Anon.

I have had three people so far who were letting me know they couldn't stay on the list because they could not afford to pay. I immediately replied that I had marked them paid and wished them well. They were truly grateful.

Please know that I am not after the almighty \$, but instead just think that it is time we all shared in the effort. Anyone who can not afford the MocTel fee, but are still interested in receiving it only needs to say so. - Sherron

QUESTION FROM DON MACHAN – TESLIN HOTEL – VIC FOLEY

I recall that on one of the many journeys, with my family, along the Alaska Highway. We stopped at the Teslin Hotel or Lodge, which was operated by a well-known personality of the 1950's, whose name I cannot recall. Vic Foley was working at the Hotel as bartender. I had known Vic casually when he was in the Mayo and Keno area. I would be pleased if anyone could enlighten me as to the name of the hotel (Lodge) owner and what period of time Vic was employed there. It was a fairly new facility at the time as I recall.

I would also be interested in any memories of one of the most colourful personalities of the Yukon I knew, Dr. James Clark, in Mayo.

Kind regards. Don Machan, demachan*telus.net Qualicum Beach, B.C.

P.S.. I am slated for surgery, June 22, to remove another tumour from the right side of my brain...much smaller than the one removed two years ago. (a right meningioma)



Robert & Elly Porsild – Grey Mtn Cemetery – Whitehorse

Photo courtesy Aksel Porsild yukoner1*shaw.ca

Just returned from Whitehorse, where we placed the headstone on my Dad's grave; we also placed a small urn with some of Mom's ashes beside the stone. Thanks again for the stone, as you can see it looks great!

Aksel

NEWS FROM JEAN TURNER IN EAGLE ALASKA

Summer has begun here in Eagle. The tour buses started coming in this past Saturday. All of the gardeners are patiently waiting to put their plants in the ground, as we usually wait until June 1 for the last frost. It still hovers around freezing at night, but days have been gorgeous. We're hoping that we don't have a return visit of last year's wildfires. I guess there were some massive lightning strikes around McGrath, Alaska a couple of days ago.

Jean Turner njturner@aptalaska.net

MOC TEL TOO EXPENSIVE

Re: donation/subscription

Thank you for your offer of sending us the Moc Tel in return for a \$20 subscription, however I think we will decline. Perhaps if it were \$5 a year, we would consider it, but at \$20 a year, I think it is too expensive. Judging by the number of people who are still not signed up, I wonder if we are not the only ones to think that way, in the Yukon, at least.

And it would only be fair to those people, who might be thinking of having their email addresses added to the list for the first time, to be notified that the Moc Tel is no longer free and that they will be required to pay the \$20 fee at some point if they have nothing to add to the publication.

Thank you for compiling and distributing all the stories sent in to the Moc Tel so far.

Have you ever considered the idea of a forum, discussion group or chat room rather than the format that the Moc Tel currently uses. For example, the Yahoo Groups; you can start a Yahoo group at any time for no cost. You have to agree to have advertisers, but they are not really annoying to readers. This might be a good starting point. You would be the moderator, doing less work on the content of the Moc Tel because your contributors would be posting their contributions themselves for all to read. The content could be archived under various topics for the readership to access at any time.

Subscribers could arrange to have a daily digest of emails sent to them, individual emails sent or they can just check in to the site when they like. Their choices are many, and it is user friendly. Your financial output would very likely be minimal. These groups are plentiful, leading me to suspect that they are neither expensive nor difficult to maintain.

Pam and Dave Charman

CHARMAN, Dave & Pam (RENDELL) charman@klondiker.com (In Whitehorse – both born in Dawson)

When I receive a message like the one above it makes me wonder if my effort is worthwhile. I would never hesitate to continue to mail to someone who says they can not

afford \$20. but when someone judges that my effort is not worth paying for or that I may make a profit it is depressing. As my husband commented when he heard about these kinds of concerns, he said for all the time you give the MocTel you would be fortunate to make \$2.00 an hour for you effort.

My first instinct was to cease and refund the donations I have received to date and I would be prepared to do that if that is the consensus.

I would like to say that there are a few more than 200 who have donated money. Some are continuing to receive it because they were going to leave because they couldn't afford it at this time while I have marked paid those who submit material on a regular basis. But I must say that many of them are among those who have donated.

I also encourage those who are receiving it as a second address in a family to feel they can just let me know they are still interested in me sending it to their address. Several have done that already. In some cases I do not know the people and do not know that two people on the list of the same surname are actually in the same family. In other cases I do know them and would just like to hear that they would like to continue to receive the editions. - Sherron

IS IT TIME TO CEASE THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH SERVICE AND REFUND THE DONATIONS?

Re the "donation/subscription" of \$20.00 per year.

I would not have a problem in making a donation to defray your costs, but you have stated that there are about 600 people you send MocTel to. This amounts to some \$12,000 per year, which I feel is a bit excessive.

I would be willing to donate something in the \$5.00 range, as I enjoy reading MocTel.

Please advise if this would be satisfactory, if so, what form of payment do you prefer?

Regards, David

I was unaware that you invested "hours" per day in this project to the detriment of your part time job.

Please advise the form of payment for the \$20.00

Perhaps there is new / additional software or methods that will reduce the amount of time / effort to collate and produce the MocTel?

Regards, David

The last page of MocTel does not indicate that there is a "subscription cost", or any cost at all! It only indicates that if a person wishes to receive MocTel, provide e-mail info etc.

If you incur costs to publish MocTel then I believe we should all "donate", in equal shares, to defray these costs.

To suggest that there is a subscription cost, is to imply that publishing MocTel is a "business", which would also have G.S.T., P.S.T. and income tax complications.

As I still would like to receive MocTel, I am willing to "donate" my equal share to defray your actual costs for publication.

Please advise what my prorated donation would be.

Thank you,
David Allen

ALLAN, David & Sally dlallan*mars.ark.com (In Whse 1966-69, Destruction Bay 1969-74, Whse 1974-98) 250-338-9538 Courtenay

I have added this name above because the messages have been back and forth for over a month and I do not have the energy for it anymore.

I have only been suggesting 'a donation' and was asked to choose an amount to make it easier for those wishing to know what was fair. Any amount is acceptable and even an explanation as I have had from at least one that they do not feel they should pay and I won't get into that. Otherwise I have no idea whether I should continue to send out the mails or not. I have had so little response from so many that it was time to see if the mail was being read or deleted.

I have looked into the tax implications and was told that GST does not apply unless you receive \$30,000 in a year. I know that PST would not apply since the MocTel is a service and not merchandise. As for the Moccasin Telegraph making a profit and having to pay income tax, I doubt that will happen. There are still a lot of people out there that spend money to make it happen and although I have only given money to one of them so far I do know that there should be more who receive some. – Sherron

For your information the current count of donations comes from these groups. (These numbers include some who are two people to one family.)

Ex-Yukoners – 140

Sourdoughs – 50

Honorary – 11

Old-Way – 21 (mixed Ex-Yukoners and Sourdoughs wishing their MocTel in e-mail format)

The following will continue to receive the MocTel.

Marked paid (cannot afford) – 4

Donation being sent in future – 25

Marked paid (regular submitters and family) – 28

The following have not let me know what they would prefer.

Ex-Yukoners - 179

Sourdoughs - 90

DICKSON & JACQUOT FAMILIES

I was looking for someone who was able to tell me about the family links of these families and I remembered that when I was working on the Tribute to Josie (Jacquot) Sias I learned that Rick Mortimer had been a trapper, wrangler etc in the Yukon Klane area for a few years was a good source of knowing some of the family members first hand. Although Rick will be the first to tell you he didn't ask for last names then. He has been able to help sort out the information we have available.

After I made contact with Anne Dickson I consulted Rick to see if he knew which Jacquot family members, Annes' husband's sister had married. So here is the answer and the address to a great website he found belonging to Anne's son David Dickson.

<http://www.dicksonoutfitters.com/outfitter/body.html>

Take a look at the photos as well as the message. For the hikers among you, I am sure you will be drooling at the beauty.

Hi Sherron,

Some further information on the Jacquot Brothers. (all blue type is mine - Rick).

We were right!

Eugene (**Gene**) Jacquot married **Ruth** Dickson (daughter of Tom Dickson, and sister to Buck and Dick Dickson who was Anne's husband and father of David Dickson who now runs the hunting outfit out of White River.)

Louis married **Mary** (daughter of Copper Joe) in 1920. They had 3 children:

Louis jr

Josephine (Sias)

Rosalie (I know nothing of her and wonder if she died young?)

This information from David Dickson's web site:

<http://www.dicksonoutfitters.com/outfitter/body.html>

Of the twelve children born to Tom and Louise Dickson, most were born at the homestead on Kluane Lake. Four Dickson children later owned and operated outfitting

concessions of their own throughout the Yukon Territory, Sue (Van Bibber) had concession #16, Bobby (Austin) Dickson had concessions #2, #3, and #4 while Belle (Desrosiers) owned concession #14 and #15.

(Since I know that Grace Chambers of Burwash, was sister to Belle and Sue, it follows that she was also Tom Dickson's daughter. I remember Douglas Dickson (Buck's son) referring to Grace as 'Auntie Grace.'). As was Babe Southwick of dog-racing fame - by the same logic). I remember someone telling me back in those days that Grace, Sue, Belle, and Babe were all sisters, but can't remember who.... probably one of the Dickson boys though.)

When it became necessary to form registered outfitting areas in the Yukon, Buck's area became concession #10. In 1959, my father, Richard Dickson “Dick” bought the area from his brother Buck.

Dad kept many members of the Dickson family working with him over the years. I learned the many bush skills I know today from my Dad, uncles and cousins who all helped guide in the same area.

Dad successfully owned and operated the business for thirty years, selling it to me in 1989. We continue to operate the area using the same principles as my Dad, Uncle and Grandfather.

Signed by David Dickson

[Below is from a different web page.](#)

<http://www.yukonoutfitters.net/ykoutfitting.asp>

There have been guided trips recorded for non-resident hunters in the Yukon since 1912. The early years of the industry produced some famous and successful guides and outfitters, including Johnny Johns, Eugene and Louis Jacquot, Thomas Dickson, Buck Dickson, Andy Smith, Tom Connally, Bella Desrosiers, Alex Van Bibber, Curley Desrosiers, and Louis Brown. All lived in the Yukon and made a significant contribution to the social fabric and economy of the Territory. In 1958 the present system of outfitting concession areas was established.

Sherron, I never met Tom Dickson nor his son Buck, but I know all the boys in Buck's family from when I lived in Burwash in the '70s. I also knew Belle Desrosiers (Curly's wife I believe), Sue (Van Bibber- married to Alex), and of course I know Dick Dickson and have known David since he was about 12 or so.

An interesting note about Curly Desrosiers is that he and Alex Van Bibber, along with Simon Mervin from Mayo, and (I think) - Lonnie Johnny, worked out the trail that the Army wanted to use to run an oil pipeline over into NWT. (North Canol road area). Alex told me that they had a severely hard trip and hit temperatures of 70 below in trying to get back to Mayo by dogteam. I knew Lonnie Johnny too. He was from NWT originally and resided in Mayo in the late 70's.

Anyway, Sherron, this should help clarify some interesting questions we've had!

All the best,
Rick Mortimer trapper*nemontel.net

I didn't trap and guide every year I lived in the Yukon. Wanted to but the economics weren't there for trapping after about the late 80's. I probably trapped 10 or 12 years altogether. I think I put in 18 years guiding.

I don't know many people who only live(d) in one place while in the Yukon, and like most I was all over the place. Worked and lived in Clinton Creek for almost 2 years, Elsa for a while, Mayo, Burwash and White River of course (about 8 years), McQueston River, Carmacks for a couple of years. Telegraph Creek for a year and guided for Dempsey Callison.... Old Crow for a couple of months. Guiding takes you all over and you get to see the back country which most folks never do. I guided for Peter Koser for 3 years out of Ross River, but didn't live in Ross River. (Lost Liver 'they' call it). Guided for Widrig out of Bonnette Plume Lake for quite a few years but didn't live in Mayo at the time either. In fact the last time I guided for Kluane Outfitters, (Gene Jaquots old area) was 1999 and I was living in Whitehorse. First time I guided that area was in 72 for Phil Temple.

Rode some good horses and saw a lot of good country.

Rick Mortimer

MESSAGE FROM DIANE (BEISSER) PETTIFOR

We've been very busy building a new house where our cabin was at Army Beach, Marsh Lake. I've been printing the Moc/Tel for my parents to read and once things slow down, I'll catch up on reading the issues. My dad, Joe Beisser worked for Proctor Construction in Mayo (where I was born) from 1953-1960 on road work and then they moved to Whitehorse where he worked for General Enterprises/Irly Bird in their lumber yard until he retired in 1993. He really enjoys the stories as he knew a lot of the people in them. Keep up the good work.

Sure, you can use my message and maybe add that one of the road construction projects that Proctor Construction worked on was a winter road to the Bell River north of Mayo – they even worked at -40 and -50 below with the caterpillars and graders. There was to be oil and gas exploration in the Bell River area so they built the road for transport trucks to bring up drilling rigs, pipes, bunkhouses, etc.

We look forward to reading more MocTel.

Diane (Beisser) and Gary Pettifor gpettifor*polarcom.com

THE JONES' VISIT THE JONES'



Maureen & Ken Jones from Chilliwack.
Photo courtesy Sherron Jones

Ken & Maureen stopped by for a visit at the Jones' in Vernon, on their way to Armstrong for the weekend. They participated with their singing group T.H.E. at St. James Church on Sunday morning. We attended and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. For those who do not know Ken & Maureen, Ken is the son of Millie Jones the late Don Jones & "Big brother" to Heather Jones. Maureen and Ken met in Carcross. I am still hoping Maureen & Ken will give me a bit of a bio one day. Maureen's mother came from the same area as the Callison family; while Ken is a fourth generation Yukoner and the only ancestors I have heard of so far is Millie's parents the McMurphy family of Carcross.



Maureen bottom left and Ken top right with their group T.H.E.
Photo courtesy Bill Jones ve7yi*shaw.ca

MOE GRANT TRIBUTE

Hi Donna, Just wanted to thank you for the wonderful tribute you put together for Moe Grant. I can hear him chuckling.....no....laughing, at the stories and probably telling a few more to those who may be close enough by to hear! A great job!

Take care, Harvey Burian

Thanks for a great story on Moe; he is one of the Yukon legends. Myrna Butterworth

The tribute to Moe Grant was an absolutely excellent article. Very enjoyable reading!
Many thanks. *Stan Marinoske*

Can't get in to download this **gem**. It worked okay on your second e-mail so I have downloaded the excellent story of Moe. Thanks, Jim Pollock

Moe Grant is **our** favourite member of the "**COLOURFUL PEOPLE**".
He is truly one of the best ambassadors of the Yukon.
It's time he gets a Governor General's Award!

Greetings,
Klaus and Bruni Hoenisch

I enjoyed the story on Moe Grant also. One memory I have of Moe goes back to 1964 when he was with Whitehorse Motors. Blanche and I owned a Volkswagen at the time, and you know how cold they could be in Whitehorse in wintertime. Blanche dropped me off at the Federal Building one winter morning and went on to her job at the hospital. About half an hour later I got a call from Moe saying "fifteen hundred is the final offer "I said "that sounds good to me but what the hell for", and he replied "Blanche just came in and traded that Volkswagen for a 64 Ford Fairlane." That left me with very little to say, so for the next five years we drove a Ford.

Gus Barrett

A MESSAGE FROM GILLIAN CAMBELL

We played the 138th Clinton Ball.. last weekend.. Yukon Doris Gates hired us..Great time we had...and we were looked after Royally.. Had a nice surprise.. Jinks Ross's Sister was there.. Vern, with her husband..It took 8 hours to get there as there was a very bad accident just before one of the Tunnels (on the Fraser Canyon highway), so rather than sit there for 4 hours we turned around and went to Merritt. We were so tired when we did get there...but made it about 5.15.p.m. the Evening started @ 5.30.p.m. my Dancers arrived before us....so they did the Meet and Greet..we played the show with a 5 Piece Band and 4 Dancers.. then played Dance Music until 1.a.m..Clinton is a lovely place. Quiet..reminded me a little of Dawson City....everyone knows everyone...really nice

people we met too...so that's the news for now. Vern was married to Lil and Macs Munroes Son I believe....Cheer for now.. Hugs Gillian ...Thanks for all the info as usual.

BUTLERS VISIT VERNON



Ron & Colleen Butler, Sherron & Bill Jones, Barb & Fred Aylwin, Klaus Hoenisch
Photo courtesy Bruni Hoenisch

May 24, 2005 - Ron & Colleen visited Vernon this week and invited some other former Yukoners, (and some former neighbours on Alsek Road in Whitehorse), out to the RV Park at Swan Lake for an afternoon visit. Nice to see you again Ron and Colleen.

POETRY AND OTHER NONSENSE

Just talked to the publisher. Book is now in the printing process and should be available about 10 June. Anyone interested may order directly from me at # 7 - 2734 West Island Highway, Qualicum Beach, B.C., V9K1P7. My phone No. is 1-250-752-0312, e-mail sourdoughs2@shaw.ca Giving me their name and mailing address.

The price of the book is \$20.00 including delivery costs.

How do you like this summer weather. Just gorgeous here today - Blanche golfing, me painting (that's house, not art.)

Gus Barrett

VIEWING POWER POINT FILES (.pps)

Henry Breaden has just explained that you can download the VIEWER for pps or power point files ---- so I looked up the address

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=428d5727-43ab-4f24-90b7-a94784af71a4&displaylang=en>

Just go to the above address and on the right hand side of the screen is a bar that says DOWNLOAD and proceed.

I know some of you do not have the view and when you receive a pps file you have not been able to view it. They are a composition of music and photos and usually a poem or some other message and usually very well done.

YUKON PROSPECTORS ASS'N - HALL OF FAME

Visit this web site to see the list of 172 inductees in 1988.

<http://north-land.com/ypa/hall.html>

VIC FOLEY – RESEARCH SUCCESS !!!

Vic Foley died in New Westminster on 13 May 1986 at age 83. I learned this today by calling the largest cemetery in Burnaby, something I should have done ages ago. They told me he was cremated there, although they didn't handle the disposition of the ashes.

I looked up his obituary in the Vancouver Sun, which provided me with one more critical detail: his son was named John. Although there is no guarantee he still lives in Vancouver, I started phoning all the J. Foleys in the Lower Mainland. The only John Foley I spoke to was no relation. The rest were either not named John, or I just got an answering machine.

> Wow you really are getting quite the group of MocTel readers on your Vic Foley mailing list.

Yes, that's the best part, I think -- meeting interesting and helpful people, even if it's only over the phone or via e-mail. Plus learning a little about the North, which I previously knew nothing about.

Many thanks for putting me on to Insa!

Greg Nesteroff gregnesteroff@yahoo.ca (In Castlegar)

Insa Schultenkotter is leaving the MocTel due to internet transmission difficulties in Keno so I put Greg in touch with her, just in case she has heard any stories of Vic Foley's time in that area. Insa likely has not even read the MocTels which refer to Vic Foley and Greg research project.

Greg also sent along a copy of the Jim Robb story about Vic Foley which ran in the Whitehorse Star last Friday, but there is not much point in running it again here since the story runs pretty close to what we have seen in the MocTel. – Sherron

REMOVED FROM THE LIST

Kindly remove me from your mailing list; just do not have time to keep up with the reading.

Linda Anderson

ANDERSON, Linda cwfa@telus.net (In Whitehorse 1969-78) Calgary
(Linda was just added on at the time of the Softball special.)

Please take me off the mailing list for MocTel. I find that I just don't have time to read it all and don't know the majority of the people who write in. It's been 54 years since we left Dawson and I was in my mid teens at that time. I think it's a wonderful thing you are doing and I know a lot of people get a lot of pleasure out of it. I wish you the best of luck in the future. Lorraine (Craig) Mackie

MACKIE, Lorraine (CRAIG) lrnickie@shaw.ca (In Dawson 1935-1950) Nelson

I do enjoy MocTel, but find it an awful lot of reading. Although I appreciate the efforts of all who contribute, and especially all your hard work putting it together, I regretfully request that you take me off the mailing list.

Thanks. Anita Mayhew

MAYHEW, Anita (CRAIG) anitamayhew@sympatico.ca (Born Dawson, lived Bear Creek 1936-50) Hudson Quebec

(Sisters, Lorraine & Anita were just added after the Vancouver Yukoners Banquet.)

We would like to stop receiving MocTel, not because of the \$20. but we find that we don't have much interest in reading most of it.

We only lived in the Yukon for a short 3 years from 1958 to 1961. Thank you very much for sending it to us - we should have cancelled much sooner.

Lloyd and Marie MacDonald

MacDONALD, Lloyd ljmacd@telusplanet.net (In Haines Jct, Mayo & Whse)
Sherwood Park AB

Thanks for all your hard work in putting the Moc Tel together. I have enjoyed reading most of the stuff but I find that I recognize very few names and I don't get a chance to read the whole thing so would you please remove my name from the list.

Thanks again. Bud Skinner

SKINNER, Bud budnsherry@shaw.ca (In Whitehorse 1966-70, 1973-80) Courtenay

Sherron - Thank you so much for all the wonderful Moc Tel stories, etc. At present, we are traveling and would like to be taken off the list. If we ever get a permanent phone, I will be in touch.

Thanks again, Joyce and John Doyle

DOYLE, John & Joyce jjdoyle3*juno.com (In Beaver Creek, Watson Lake & Whse)

Would you please remove my name from your mailing list. You have an excellent newsletter however I am finding it difficult to find time to do it justice.

Thank you. Bill Mott

MOTT, William phinese*telus.net (In Yukon 1947-69) Vancouver

Take me off the list, Sherron. Eleanor Millard.

MILLARD, Eleanor emillard*yknet.ca (Since 1965, in Dawson 18 yrs, Whitehorse 12 yrs, now in Carcross)

Unsubscribe please. As much as I appreciate your efforts, I find that I do not read most editions as I do not know the people. Hope to see you this summer at the Yukoner's picnic.

Take care. Aileen

DOBROVITZ, Aileen (MILLER) aileen1*shaw.ca (Born 1949 Mayo, lived in Carmacks, raised in Whse) (250) 729-8921 Nanaimo

Please take me off your list. Not that I don't enjoy your mails but we are having too many problems with our phone system and thus too many problems to download your editions. I really appreciated getting your mails. You put so much work and love into it.

Thank you Insa

SCHULTENKOTTER, Insa insa*polarcom.com (In Keno City, operate Keno Cabins B&B) 867-995-2892

ADDED BACK ON THE LIST

Hi Sherron , This is my new address paulieann*telus.net Thanks for contacting my brother, it gave him a reason to phone me. I am enjoying Moc Tel . Ann Ravenhill

RAVENHILL, Ann paulieann*wlake.com (Born in Dawson, lived in Whitehorse) (250) 392 7427 Williams Lake, BC

NEW ADDITIONS

I have lived in the Yukon for over 12 years and I wish to receive the e-mail on the Moccasin Telegraph:

Joyce Bachli recommended it to me.

Thanks

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Harsh words break no bones but they do break hearts.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

You see and hear every where, how good garlic is for your health. The following recipe I have made for the last 15 or more years. You can eat 2 ‘toes’ (cloves) a day, no smell and the left over juice makes an excellent salad dressing.

Marinated Garlic (Anne M. Domes) octavia13@yknet.ca (In Faro)

8-10 bulbs of garlic
1/2 liter dry cheap wine
4 ounces. vinegar
4 bay leaves
peppercorns, dried pimento (3)
1/2 tsp. Marjoram
1/2 tsp. Thyme
2 tsp. salt
2tsp. sugar

Peel garlic and put in stainless steel pot, cover with the above mixture and boil – covered - for 3 minutes. Let stand over night. In the morning boil another 5-7 min. depending how soft you like the garlic. Fill in jars, cool, cover with 2-3 Tsp. vegetable oil, when cold - close. DO NOT REFRIGERATE.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The **OKANAGAN YUKONERS’ PICNIC** will be held at the **Summerland Ornamental Gardens** this year between 11 am and 3 pm on **SUNDAY, JUNE 26th**.
Lunch will be at NOON.

Vancouver Island Yukoners' Picnic - St. Mary's Aug. 13th 2005 - Nanoose

The Yukoners' Picnic will be held at St. Mary's Hall in Nanoose, Sat. Aug. 13th, 2005.

The **73rd International Sourdough Reunion** will be held **September 26 - 30, 2005** at the Quality Inn 101-128 th St. Everett WA.

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The goal of this project is to provide an opportunity for folks to reconnect.

— Sherron Jones sherronjones@shaw.ca

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