

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 206th Edition – May 27th, 2007

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Reflection - Puddle near Dawson School – April 9, 2007

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Reflections on the Changing Season

Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

We've been dodging round these puddles now for just about a week,
and it's hard to find the streets these days for sure.

It's not a lot we're asking; it's not a lot we seek:
just a route back home to get our craft to shore.

But when your craft has wheels and the road has turned to water,
then the way cross town's more complex than before.

Still, the snow must melt in April and the melt helps thaw the river,
and a gradual thaw means less chance of a flood.

So we'll pick our way in gratitude and dig out boots and rubbers,
for we know that after water - then comes mud.

Pack Dogs to Helicopters

Author Pat Callison – copyright

CHAPTER 31

NORTHERNERS – Part 2

My reminiscences about northerners wouldn't be complete without mention of my friend Gordon Dickson. Not that he needs any introduction to anyone associated with mining.

I first met Gordon when I was flying for Northern Airways in the early 40's and he was prospecting for a mining company in the Brown-McDade area west of Carmacks. Without a doubt he was one of the toughest prospectors roaming the hills of the Yukon, carrying his grub and mapping gear on his back and be out in the hills for several days at a time.

He staked and sold several interesting claims and during these periods required the services of many bush aircraft, so it seemed sensible to him to learn how to fly and buy his own aircraft.

So he trained in Whitehorse, got his private license, then purchased a light aircraft, a Fleet Canuck which could use floats, wheels or skis, but not made for carrying heavy loads.

While he did considerable flying for a few years, my personal opinion was he was a much better prospector than he was a pilot.

Shortly after he had started flying he sent a message to me at Dawson saying he would be arriving the next day and wanted me to fly him in by float plane to an area north of Mayo where he was planning to stake some claims. He said he would be bringing another pilot to fly the Fleet back to Whitehorse while we flew north the next day.

I had built a landing strip about 2,000 feet long on the old dredge tailings and it suited my purposes during breakup, and for skis during the winter months, besides it was closer to Dawson than the main airport which was 12 miles out the road. During the summer I was equipped with floats and the Yukon River at Dawson served as my operations base.

The Fleet dipped its wings over town, so I headed out the 4 miles to meet Gordon and his companion.

When I got there I was surprised that they weren't on the ground waiting for me; they were still flying around.

They came around, lined up for the approach but I could see right away that they were far too high. Sure enough they roared past me and overshot the runway. The little engine was on full power as it was pulled up and made the circuit across the valley and around again. Back it came, flew past me at about 100 feet, and roared off again.

I just stood there watching this performance when it dawned on me that Gordon had probably never landed on a 2,000 foot airport and he wasn't just certain how to go about

landing on what must have appeared to him as an awfully short runway.

I watched in helpless fascination and wondered if he would ever get the thing onto the ground. Then he came down but too far along and I doubted he would be able to stop before he ran out of runway. What was really bothering me was that at the end of the runway was a dredge pond, all of 20 feet deep. I fully expected to see the aircraft disappear off the end and into the pond. About 50 feet short of disaster the aircraft stopped, turned and taxied back to where I was waiting at the hangar.

The two men got out of the aircraft as though they had just made a good ordinary landing - I still couldn't believe that they had actually pulled it off.

Gordon is a big man weighing about 200 pounds and his companion was just about the same size, so I knew it must have been a tight fit for them in the Fleet seats, but I couldn't believe my eyes when they started unloading. There were the usual packsacks and gear Gordon would need in the bush, but there were two cases of dynamite, each weighing 60 pounds, and to top off the load a case of dynamite caps.

If they had cut the landing any closer the dredge pond would have been 20 feet deeper.

There is a short time just before spring breakup that many lakes are almost clear of snow. The thawing during the day and freezing night they turn into skating rinks. They are not, however, as smooth as they look from the air, there can be rough spots and soft places and it can be dangerous to land with wheels.

These conditions didn't deter Gordon and he often landed with wheels on ice when he considered it necessary.

There were such conditions when he wanted to land on Lake LaBarge to do some prospecting nearby. Just after landing and still travelling at a good rate, one of the main wheels dropped into a soft spot. The aircraft went over on its nose and the propeller struck the ice. The aircraft flipped back upright, and skidded across the icy surface.

When Gordon got it stopped he and the prospector who was with him got out to survey the damage. The engine cowling was bent, but that wasn't too much concern, the serious damage had been done to the wooden propeller. It had a split of several inches along its length and was apparently unserviceable.

The obvious thing to do was to hike the 30 miles back to Whitehorse for a replacement and fly it in. But Gordon had bought the aircraft to put an end to walking so one way or another the aircraft was going to fly.

He rummaged around in the aircraft and found a roll of locking wire, wrapped the split propeller with it.

When he had finished he thought it would do, but the prospector had another opinion about the airworthiness of the Fleet so he picked up his gear and told Gordon he preferred to walk the remainder of the way.

Gordon got into the aircraft, started up and took off. He said the engine ran a little rough but he was airborne and headed for the Whitehorse airport.

When the aircraft touched down the engine stopped and that was that, it wouldn't start again. Another friend of mine, Gordon Cameron, who worked in aircraft maintenance at

the airport, saw Gordon Dickson land and went out to see what the problem was, and helped Gordon push the Fleet into the hangar.

Gordon Cameron shook his head when he saw the wired up propeller but when he removed the engine cowling, the carburetor fell off. Apparently, the neck of the carb had broken off when the aircraft nosed over on the ice and the only thing holding it in place was the bent cowling pressing on it. When the aircraft landed it had jostled the cowling sufficiently to remove the pressure, the carb came loose and the engine quit.

Luckily Gordon had not made any attempt on the lake to examine the cowling or he would have lost the carb there and even he couldn't have made the aircraft fly without the carburetor.

Gordon Cameron had the wired up propeller mounted and hung it on his office wall and for years told the story of Dickson's feat, even though most of the people in aviation found it hard to believe, but the doubters hadn't known Gordon Dickson.

While we kidded Gordon about his ability as a pilot anyone of us would have liked to have had even half his knowledge about exploration and mining.

To be continued

YHMA honours heritage preservers

Whitehorse Star - May 16, 2007

The Yukon Historical and Museums Association (YHMA) and Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor presented the association's annual heritage awards last Friday evening at the Yukon Transportation Museum. This year's Volunteer of the Year Award went to Linda Thistle for her work with the Yukon Church Heritage Society, otherwise known as the Old Log Church Museum. She was appointed to the board in 1985 and has held the position of president for the last 14 years, making her the longest-serving president since its inception. She has been on the YHMA board and has assisted at many events.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Lyn Bleiler, whose contribution to the heritage of the Yukon and the Mayo region is truly exceptional, the YHMA said. She is a founding member of the Mayo Historical Society, a co-author of *Gold and Galena* (1990) and *Heart of the Yukon* (2006). Bleiler was instrumental in developing Binet House into an interpretive centre. She accomplished all of this while serving as the president of the Mayo Historical Society for the last 20 years.

The Historic Places Initiative Heritage Conservation Project of the Year Award went to the Frostbite Music Society for its preservation and restoration of the Chambers House. Last night, it was moved to the waterfront of the Shipyards Park area. The Chambers House is a historic building that was restored to become the society's new home.

The YHMA also presented a 30th Anniversary Award of appreciation to the territorial Historic Sites Unit of The Department of Tourism and Culture. Over more than two decades, the unit has contributed enormously to the preservation and understanding of Yukon's heritage and culture. "Members of the (unit) past and present have contributed unstintingly of their time and energy, volunteering shoulder to shoulder with other members of the heritage community on numerous heritage projects and works," the YHMA said in a statement. "These include building repairs and painting, and planning, organizing and presenting at conferences and symposia. In their personal lives as well as professional, the unit generously assists children with research projects, judges at heritage fairs, and wholeheartedly supports its colleagues in the heritage sector. "The unit consistently goes beyond the call of duty when assisting the public with heritage issues and concerns." The award was presented to unit representative Doug Olynyk.

Hi Sherron,

My photos are a bit dark, however here they are. Marc Johnston took the photographs with my camera.

Yes, Marc is working on the Yukon Rose in Dawson City and the Loon in Mayo.

Regards,

Lyn Bleiler [lynbleiler*aol.com](mailto:lynbleiler@aol.com) (In Vancouver)



Heritage Conservation Project of the Year Award to Frostbite Music Festival representatives Brenda Barnes (left) and Sally Wright.

Photo courtesy Lyn Bleiler [lynbleiler*aol.com](mailto:lynbleiler@aol.com) (In Vancouver)



Brent Slobodin (right) president of the Yukon Historical and Museums Association presents Doug Olynyk, representing the historic Sites Unit of the Department of Tourism and Culture with the association's 30th Anniversary Award of Appreciation.
Photo courtesy Lyn Bleiler lynbleiler@aol.com (In Vancouver)



Elaine Taylor, Minister of Tourism and Culture (left) presents Lyn Bleiler with the Lifetime Achievement Award in Heritage for her contributions to the preservation of Mayo and the Yukon's past.
Photo courtesy Lyn Bleiler lynbleiler@aol.com (In Vancouver)

VOTE YOUR FAVORITE WONDER OF CANADA

Also, are Yukoners voting online at "The Seven wonders of Canada" voting site???? Both Dawson City AND The Dempster Highway made the top 50 voting list. You can vote for 7 "Wonders" but time is running out to get either on the list.

Click here - <http://www.cbc.ca/sevenwonders/> You should see the word VOTE highlighted in blue, or on the side panel, click on and go to it and the 50 locations are listed. Yukon's two nominees are not doing too well...not much interest at present, media wise up here....maybe we can stir things up between us.

Kathy Gates kmgates@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

P.S. for those entering the "Seven wonders of Canada" voting online, the deadline is extended to the end of this month...so vote every day.....every minute maybe...there was some wonderful choices, not just in the Yukon..although sometimes it is difficult to get the vote registered...too many voting I expect.

P.P.S. loved the past few MocTels...especially Emily Stilwell's Dawson photos and writing....It reminded me to get out some of my old photos of the ice break-ups....Some were spectacular, others not so.

Three Tubby Tubman stories

Recorded by Maribeth (Tubman)Mainer mainerm1@shaw.ca (In Burnaby)

In the years following the opening of the Alaska Highway, a lot of construction equipment moved back and forth between Alaska and the "lower 48", passing though the Yukon. At the same time, my dad, "Tubby" Tubman was learning the Caterpillar business in and from an office above Front Street in Whitehorse. Canada Customs was next door. A good working relationship developed that lasted long after Dad relocated.

A large amount of construction equipment had to be shipped back to the States. Fraser Watson made good use of the catalogues and the Caterpillar salesman next door to appraise that equipment. The Customs agents certainly had ready access to documentation when any of Tubby's shipments came through from Nebraska.

In return, the agents would invite Tubby to view items of particular interest that they had occasion to open. Apparently, there are people who believe their parcels will not be searched or don't care.

A few years later, Tubby and Peggy returned from a trip to San Francisco with a new camera and its accessories. They handed Nick Carswell their declaration on arrival at the airport. He took one look and told them, "Bring it in to the office in the morning". The

next morning, everyone in the office gathered around the list, crossing one thing after another off the list. When they were done, the declaration had been reduced from “too much” to “no duty owed”. The principle involved: you scratch my back; I’ll scratch yours.

Aubrey Simmons and Murray Gentleman were other customs agents of that time. I remember Aubrey Simmons more as a Member of Parliament than as a customs man.

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Many years later, my youngest sister was working as a customs broker at the BC/Washington border. Dad thought it would be a good idea for her to get to know the Canada Customs people and where better to start than with someone she had known since childhood. One day, she presented herself at Canada Customs and asked to see Murray Gentleman. The receptionist declined, as Dawn had no appointment. Dawn asked if she could leave a message. Grudgingly, the receptionist agreed. Dawn then said, “Please tell *Stampede* that Dawn Tubman says hello”. To the receptionist’s dismay, her boss was out of his office with hand extended, immediately.

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One day, Moe Grant invited Tubby to come to Atlin with him. They flew there in Moe’s Tiger Moth. They were liberally entertained by the Roxboroughs. Tubby decided to retire earlier than the rest of them but was unable to locate the gate to the picket fence. Finally, he solved the problem by climbing over it, ripping his pants in the process.

The next morning, Mrs. Roxborough wanted to know why Tubby had not come down for breakfast. The others informed her that he couldn’t because he had ripped his pants. To his dismay, she appeared in his room and insisted on mending his pants. He was able to appear in public and return to Whitehorse with his dignity recovered.

Below is an article that was in the Whitehorse Star, May 4, 2007:
Submitted by Donna Clayson ytdogteam*telus.net (In Ardrossan AB)

Restaurant will embrace the past

By Matthew Grant
Whitehorse Star

Main Street will soon be heading back to the 1950s.

Lisa Jodoin, a Whitehorse resident and former recording artist, said in an interview Tuesday she will be opening a new ’50s retro restaurant – Lil’s Place – in six to eight weeks where the Pasta Palace was located.

“We just took possession (Tuesday),” she said.

“We’ll have burgers, fries, meatloaf. Blue plate specials, root beer floats and sundaes.

“They weren’t really concerned about cholesterol in the ’50s. I think I’ll have to take

some artistic licence and put in some healthy options.”

She said the new restaurant will be a family place with a juke box, live music and a soda fountain.

“It’s complete with retro furniture. I love the era; it’s always been part of my life, all of my life.

“I grew up listening to Elvis Presley,” she said.

There’s no word on whether Ritchie, Fonzy and the rest of the Happy Days gang plan to drop in.

INDISPENSIBLE PEOPLE – VINCE YOUNG

In reply to a message from Bill Maylor –

Stirling Young wrote: I am Vince Young's brother; we came to the Yukon in 71.

I shared your message with him and he was pleased to hear from you. He lives most of the time in Peace River area where he supposedly retired, but he comes back every month or so to see his friends and do a little work for some of the old hotels etc. He still has his finger in the business, as he will go insane quickly with nothing to do.

Stirling Young (In Whitehorse)

Stirling,

Thanks for your note. And thanks for passing my regards on to Vince. Is Mr Crawford still around too? There are lots of businesses around the Yukon that rely on their years of experience; I know we did at the Hospital. It didn't matter where in the Yukon that I would go, to work at Nursing Stations, Vince's truck would be around at a hotel or restaurant. I have even checked it out parked on the side of a highway in mid-winter when Vince had to catch a bit of shut-eye because he responded to every call, day or night, without a thought of his own free time.

Maybe you can introduce him to the Moccasin Telegraph and he can add some more Yukon color from a different perspective. The years since 71 when you arrived have seen many changes to Yukon communities and the "colorful characters" are fading away. The MocTel is being preserved by Yukon Archives, so the stories will remain for posterity. I'm sure that Vince could add something worthwhile too. Plus, you get a list of all the hundreds of members that have signed on so you can make or renew contact with them. Was Vince a photographer also on his travels? Pictures in MocTel promote more stories.

For instance, my invitation to Lorne and June Raymond from Mothers Cozy Corner at Haines Junction got them to sign on even though Lorne is Technologically Challenged. But they have indirectly sparked several stories about the highway west of Whitehorse

and the lodges along the highway. I am hoping to get Nancy and Addy Dieckman to sign on too for some Ross River stories.

Cheers Bill Maylor [b.maylor*sasktel.net](mailto:b.maylor@sasktel.net) (In Neilburg SK)

Thinhorn Sheep - Department of Environment - Government of Yukon
<http://www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca:80/sheep.html>

Submitted by Elwood Lyle [elyle*shaw.ca](mailto:elyle@shaw.ca) (In Westbank BC)



Dall Sheep

Submitted by Elwood Lyle [elyle*shaw.ca](mailto:elyle@shaw.ca) (In Westbank BC)

MOCTEL 205 INSPIRED COMMENTS

Your latest is just grand. I hooted so at the first poem that my husband had to come read too, and the whole edition. I will contact Kathy re the Dempster story and wish I'd known in time to see the spot on my favorite TV stations. Is there another? as we love the Dempster too. And knew Kathy and her mother. Helped Kathy with the museum one summer. All your editions have such interesting stories. You are a wonder!
Peg Watson

WATSON, Peg formerly McComb pegwatson@hotmail.com (In Dawson - 1974) Vancouver Island

BOUTILIER BROTHERS

Just packing up and getting ready to leave on Wednesday for Kelowna.

Have opened some boxes of old photos and came across this clipping from the Star in one of our albums. It is of the Boutilier Bros who lived in Dawson from the early years and hand mined on Adams Creek and Bonanza. Jeri & I bought their claims on Bonanza Creek in 1970 and Jeri started her gold panning business "Poverty Bar" at that time...1970. The Boutiliers left about that time going to live in Victoria. I'll tell you more about them when we see you. I seem to remember the Boutilier name mentioned recently in one of your articles on the highway lodges? That would have been their father. I have put some pictures of interest aside to go over with you. Hope to see you at Chapters [in Kelowna, Saturday May 26th] but if not possible will make sure to call you. We have to go to Vernon also during our visit, so I hope we can connect,

Cheers,
Bill & Jeri Weigand bweigand@shaw.ca (In Steveston BC)



KLONDIKERS LEAVING: The Boutiliers, Harold, Annie and Don, are packing it up this fall after the cleanup's made, and are going to settle down permanently in Victoria, after a lifetime on the gold creeks. The brothers came to the Yukon in 1907 and attended school in Whitehorse, later moving to the Klondike. For years now they've been on Adam's Gulch on Bonanza Creek and were there last weekend, entertaining friends as usual with much laughter, tales of the Klondike, and superb meals. Boutilier Summit on the north Alaska Highway was named after Charlie Boutilier, the men's father.
Star photo

Harold, Annie and Don Boutilier – Whitehorse Star photo

SPECIAL EDITION DAWSON SPRING AND SUMMER

In the photo of the people heading for the YOOP Hall, I was just thinking that I hope someone will identify the buildings along the street which I think is King Street. I think I know a couple of the buildings but I would prefer if someone can identify them without hesitation.

As I was looking at this Edition of my photos, I realized it would have been correct to print King Solomon Dome (not Solomon's Dome.) I think we called it King Solomon's back then.

I am looking forward to the responses.

Thank you, Sherron.

Emily Stillwell eistillwell@hotmail.com (In Moose Jaw SK)

ANOTHER NAME FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER PHOTOS

Dear Sherron,

In the picture with the logged poles, I've decided that the man with the hat by the green car is Jack Colbourne. I was most likely with the Colbournes on an outing. I'll try to send a picture of them that was taken at that time.



Logged poles.

Photo copyright - Emily Stillwell eistillwell@hotmail.com (In Moose Jaw SK)



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This picture was taken I believe when they were living in Penticton. They later moved to Kelowna.



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The second picture is one which was taken probably when I was with them to the wood camp.

Emily Stillwell

The photo taken in the Penticton area looks very much like the Munson Mountain area with a late winter look about the orchards below .- Sherron

Dear Sherron,

Glad you got the pictures. Munson Mountain sort of rings a bell. Yes, it is on the east side somewhere for sure. Yes. I have sent the photos so they could be used in the weekly issue of the MocTel.

If you'll notice Jack Colbourne is wearing the same hat in all three pictures and this is how I identified him in the picture with the poles. It came to me at about 2 a.m. this morning.

Colbournes would be well known. Jack mined with a partner. I just can't think who it was at the moment. Myrna and John Gould will know. I wonder if Ethel who was living in Kelowna is still alive. She was in a house by herself when I visited her many years ago. Perhaps, you have met her? She would be well up in age now.

Little Tommy is the one I think someone told me became a mining engineer and was at Key Lake in Saskatchewan. I don't know about his older brother, "John."

Emily

Dear John,

Do you know if Jack Colbourne mined with Ernie Schinck or with someone else? I realize that Jack and Ernie owned Klondike Motors at one time.

In the photo with the logged poles I have realized that Jack Colbourne is the man in the hat. I have forwarded two photos to Sherron Jones to put into the next weekly Moccasin Telegraph. It would be nice to have more information to add about Jack Colbourne.

As well, do you know who the people are who are heading for the YOOP Hall? Can you identify the buildings behind them? And, do you know who the people are standing in front of the YOOP Hall? I took those pictures in 1962.

Many thanks for your trouble.
Emily Stillwell

Hi Emily;

Yes Jack Colbourne did mine with Ernie [Schinck] they mined on Paradise Hill on Hunker for a number of years. They also had the garage Klondike Motors which they sold to Will Crayford.

By the way I have seen your photos in the Moccasin Telegraph they are great.
Regard John Gould (In Dawson)

ETHEL COLBOURNE



Ethel & (son?) John Colbourne at the Okanagan Yukoners Annual General Meeting in Kelowna - October, 2006. Note Ethel is wearing a Dawson City shirt.
Photo courtesy Bill Jones ve7yi@shaw.ca (In Vernon)

Hi Emily, That is not Dad's, vehicle it is the right color, but the wrong shape. I don't recognize anyone in the picture. Jack Colbourne mined with Ernie Schink, who was his business partner in the Garage (later Klondike Mtrs- owned by Will Crayford). The pictures are great. It would be good to get some pictures of the same buildings now.

Myrna Butterworth myrnab@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

YUKON ARTIST ONLINE

Here is an interesting website. I have a difficult time listening to the music with dialup.

www.danielhalen.com

Submitted by Donna Clayson ytdogteam@telus.net (In Ardrossan AB)

THEN AND NOW

["This is the house on the hill above Eighth Avenue that nobody appeared to live in although seen in the photo are tracks to the door. Someone told me that the town water pressure was too low to provide water to the family. Who did this house belong to and did they ever live in it? Is it still there?" – Emily Stillwell in Spec Edition MocTel Dawson 1955-57

The photo was of a yellow coloured home, which we later learned was then owned by Judge Finney. – Sherron]



Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

I don't know who it used to belong to, but for the last 25-30 years or so it's been the summer residence of Hain and Nancy Wing, who own and operate the Midnight Sun Hotel here in the summer seasons, along with their adult son and daughter. As you can see, there's been an addition on the north end of the building. This photo was taken on May 22. The leaves are mostly out in Dawson now after a long, hot Victoria Day weekend.

The water pressure may have been low then, but it's not now.

Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

Isn't it interesting how one photo of a house that seemed at the time I took it to be rather non historic can turn out to be of so much interest.

The house looks great. It was good of Dan to send the photo. When I looked into the Dawson Sun, there was a photo of the Berton house so now I know which one it was. A photo of it would be good for the MocTel, too, seeing as how there was discussion about it.

Emily Stillwell

THE BERTON HOUSE IN DAWSON

This photo and caption is duplicated from the Special Edition. It would be easy to mistake this dwelling for the Berton one. See next page. – Sherron



Dawson - photo taken 1955 - 57

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“I believe the house on the right belonged to Frank and Laura Berton and was home to their son, author, Pierre Berton.) Note: It is 100 years, since Laura Beatrice Berton arrived (in 1907), to teach in Dawson. Ref: her book “I Married the Klondike.” ”



The Berton House - 2006

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)



Berton House - 2006

Photo courtesy Dan Davidson uffish@northwestel.net (In Dawson)

I did notice the Berton House error. It's not a log home, of course, but a wood frame. The square portion with the hip roof is the original building. Frank added the rest as the family grew. It's on 8th Avenue, just across the street from Service's Cabin. These photos were shot about a year ago when I did a set of exteriors and interiors for the use of the Home and Garden TV's Designer Guys, who came and remodeled the interior in October [2006].

Dan Davidson uffish*northwestel.net (In Dawson)

ARTISTIC TALENT



Thursday morning in Calgary Alberta

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

OBIT

I wanted to tell you that it is with great sadness I tell all of you that my Brother-in-law, Frank (Sonny) King, passed away on May 14, 2007. He had been battling brain cancer for the past 2 1/2 years. He died at home, with Lynne and the boys and their families at his side. We will all miss Sonny so much as he was such a strong, vibrant man, and a very important part of our family.

There is no funeral. He was cremated and he requested no funeral.

Sonny just turned 60 years old on Dec. 10. They are still living in Whitehorse. Sonny was still very involved with the same business he owned, Pacific Northwest Moving (United Van Lines), but his son, Sheldon, was more and more involved in the everyday running of the business with him the last few years.

He leaves his wife, Lynne. Sons, Shayne (Annette, Kayden, Cooper), Sheldon (Roanna).

There will be a memorial at a later date.

Actually, I went up there in November. In our family we had a "4 decade party". Five of us had birthdays within a month. I am so glad we had the chance to do that with him...

Sonny King (60), Brian Hannah (60), Patty Miller (50), Ryan Hannah (40), Sheldon King (30).

Patty (Hannah) Miller [pattymiller999*msn.com](mailto:pattymiller999@msn.com) (In Farmington BC)



Sonny King (60), Brian Hannah (60), Patty Miller (50), Ryan Hannah (40), Sheldon King (30).

Photo courtesy Patty (Hannah) Miller [pattymiller999*msn.com](mailto:pattymiller999@msn.com) (In Farmington BC)

Whitehorse Star, Friday, May 4th 2007

Violet Lebarge Storer
October 1, 1922 - April 18, 2007
A Historian of the Yukon

It is with great sadness that our family announces the sudden passing of our Mom and Grandmother on Wednesday, April 18th 2007 at the Pine Acres Home in Westbank, B.C. She was predeceased by her loving husband Phil Storer, in 1993. Violet will be deeply missed by her children: Colleen (Rolly) Williams, Sharon (Peter) Mankowske, Judy McKinnon, and Joey Lebarge; her grandchildren: David, James and Kayla Williams; Sean and Jessica Mankowske; Maria, Susan, Darin and Maureen McKinnon; and Jason and Jeff Lebarge; as well as her great-grandchildren. She will be missed by many relatives and dear friends. She was predeceased by her parents Jenny and Bill Lebarge; her brothers and sisters, Pat, Harold, Mary, Pete, Sadie Lebarge; and Amy Cletheroe, Elizabeth Jackson, Pauline Irvine and Peter Lebarge.

Violet was born along the Hootlinqua River, in the Yukon. Violet is of Tagish Kwan descent and was raised in a traditional First Nation family, as a hunter and gatherer, where she learned traditional values from her mother and father. She taught herself to read and write with the assistance from nurses when she stayed in the hospital as a child. She was turned away from public schools and protected from attending the residential schools by her family. She learned about the world through reading, and spoke her thoughts through writing. We remember her dictionary at the family table as her reliable resource.

Our mother was able to share her valuable history and stories with many other people. The following are some of her accomplishments of projects that she worked on with her good friend Linda Johnson:

"Violet Storer was a very active reader and thinker, continually borrowing books on many different topics from history to science to favourite fiction authors from The Public Library while she lived in Whitehorse, and from family and friends. She was keenly interested in Yukon's history and cultures, and contributed to many First Nation's heritage and cultural research projects on languages, land use and occupancy, travel and trade, cultural practices and traditions. She participated in numerous conferences and workshops in the Yukon and elsewhere, generously sharing her knowledge with First Nations people and others, of all ages, including: Kwanlin Dun Cultural History Project (Whitehorse), Ta'an Cultural History Project (Whitehorse), The Alaska Anthropology Association Conference (Juneau), The Circumpolar Women's Conference (Whitehorse), The International Oral History Conference (Anchorage), The Public History Conference (Ottawa), classroom sessions at Whitehorse schools, and many more events. She interviewed Elders Angela Sidney, Frankie Jim, Annie Ned, Clara Schinkel and many more to gather oral histories in connection with tracing family Genealogies, lifestyles, and camping places. She worked on the Kohklux Map History Project, visiting Tlingit people in Haines and Klukwan to gather stories and prepare for two conferences to

commemorate the Map at Klukwan and Fort Selkirk. Her knowledge of her mother's and fathers languages (Tagish, Tlingit, Southern Tutchone, Northern Tutchone) as well as English made those projects possible. She enjoyed visiting the Yukon Archives to review photographs and other documents, as well as reviewing and transcribing oral history recordings to ensure heritage and cultural information would be available for future generations. Her gentle nature, hard work and great sense of humour made her a joy to be with. I shall miss her very much.

Sincerely Linda Johnson, Director, Libraries, Archives and Record's Management, Yukon College)."

We will be bringing Mom's ashes home next year to spread her ashes in the Yukon.

The family is deeply grateful to the nurses and supporting staff at Pine Acres Home, for taking care of our Mother and Grandmother. We thank you. Violet will also be missed by her many friends at Fern Brae Manor.

Charles (Chuck) Badcock After a brief illness, our Dad passed away on May 14, 2007, at the Grace Hospital. Dad has been re-united with Mom. Chuck was born on June 7, 1927, in St. John's, Newfoundland, one of six children. He was predeceased by his wife, Jo, in 1992 and by all of his brothers and sisters except for his younger sister, Gladys. He had a wide-ranging career beginning with service in the Merchant Navy. He saw action in WW2 on Atlantic convoys and subsequently joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp. **Chuck met his future wife, Jo, on one of his postings to Whitehorse in the Yukon** before serving in the Korean War. **His three daughters were born during separate postings to Whitehorse.** After training as a physiotherapist, he was the head sports therapist at Royal Military College in Kingston for seven years. On his retirement from the army, Chuck joined the Winnipeg Blue Bombers as trainer (1970-80) and spent a further 11 years with the Winnipeg Jets. Chuck became very well known and highly regarded as a sports therapist across Canada and as such was trainer for the Winter Games in Saskatchewan, the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand and was the chosen therapist for several NHL All Star games. He helped establish the Canadian Athletic Therapists' Association in 1966 and was its long-serving secretary/treasurer. In recognition of his life-long contribution to sport, he was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame last November. Dad will always be remembered with love by his **three daughters Shirley, Dale and Lois** and their families and by his many friends and the numerous hockey and football players and patients he treated over the years. Special thanks to the staff on 4S and 3S at the Grace Hospital whose care and compassion helped Dad and his family. In his memory, donations may be made to "The Chuck Badcock Athletic Therapy Scholarship" through the University of Winnipeg Awards Office, 515 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. A memorial service to celebrate the life of Chuck Badcock will be held at the St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 2700 Portage Avenue, on Tuesday May 29th at 3:00 p.m. Nothing, but our sadness can really pass away, Think of him as living in the Hearts of those he touched... Nothing

loved is ever lost And he was loved so much. Arrangements entrusted to: Chapel Lawn Funeral Home www.chapellawn.mb.ca 885-9715

REMOVED FROM THE LIST

We have enjoyed MocTel, and appreciate all the time & effort you put into it; for all of us Yukoners & ex Yukoners; to read and enjoy. Thanks a whole lot.

Would you please remove my name from your mail list, for the summer months, and I will be in touch again in the fall.

Many thanks;

Norma Reeder

REEDER, Ted & Norma npreeder@telusplanet.net (In Yukon 1974-92) Carnwood. Ab

Hi Sherron: Well it has finally warmed up in the Yukon during the day. Still 1 degree at 5:30 this morning. I will be in the Kelowna and maybe Vernon, July 2-10 so will look you up if I have time. Send me your phone number.

My Brother in Vernon is getting married in Kelowna on the 7th.

Sherron I have not had time to read one of the Moccasin Telegraph newsletters and find that I must ask you to remove my name from the List. I am so busy and every time I get one I store it to read and never seem to have the time and starting to feel guilty about not taking the time. Good luck with your work it is such a good thing.

Hope you and Bill are healthy, happy and enjoying life.

Hugs, Faye

EBY, Faye fjeby@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

What if there were no hypothetical questions? Would people just have to get to the point.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

From the Whitehorse RCAF Women's Auxiliary Cookbook.

From some of the names I recognize it must be early 60's

Submitted by Florence Roberts yapper@klondiker.com (In Whitehorse)

Lime Marshmallow Fantasies

Base:

3/4 cup butter

1 1/2 cups flour

1/2 cup brown sugar

Topping:

2 packages lime jelly powder

1 cup cold water

1/4 tsp salt

2 egg whites

coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Rub butter, flour and brown sugar together. Press into 9" square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool. Place jelly powders and cold water in sauce pan. Bring to a full boil for 1 minute. Cool. Beat egg and salt until foamy. Add to gelatine mixture and continue to beat, until soft mounds are formed. Quickly spread over base. Sprinkle with coconut. Place in Frig to set. Cut into 1 1/2" squares. Yield 36 squares.

Janice Westfall

Rivers, Manitoba

DATES TO REMEMBER

Okanagan Yukoners' Picnic

Summerland Ornamental Gardens June 24, 2007. 11 am to 3 pm, Pot luck lunch at 12 noon. Be sure and bring your own eating utensils. (Knives, forks, plates etc.) And lots of food !!

International Sourdough Reunion

Will be held at the Ramada Inn in Penticton from September 19 to 23, 2007

Rooms are \$99 per couple flat rate.

For reservations call :

Toll Free 1-800-665-4966 Code word is: Sourdough 3474

ISR Registration is \$70.00

Registration limited to 175 People

Contact person is:

Larry Chalmers PO Box 1095 Oliver, BC V0H 1T0

Phone: 250-498-6887 e-mail: aksala49@telus.net

Island Yukoners Picnic – Saturday, Aug 11, 2007 at 11 AM at St Mary’s Hall in Nanoose Bay. Bring your own picnic lunch, beverage & utensils and join in meeting old friends and acquaintances in an informal setting, which allows lots of time for chatting.

Turn off from highway 19 is at the PetroCan Station which is Northwest Bay Rd. Go about 1.2kms to Powder Road, turn right turn about 1/2km to the church on the right. Signs will be up thanks to Stan Hegstrom.

New committee this year are Carol Pearce, Sharon Redmond, Fay Ash and Harriett Butterworth.

For further information contact Harriett Butterworth at harriett*shaw.ca (In Nanaimo)

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH

If you have received this copy of the Moccasin Telegraph from a friend and wish to sign up to receive future editions yourself, the criteria is that you **are or were a Yukoner**. The goal of this project is to provide an opportunity for folks to reconnect.

– Sherron Jones sherronjones*shaw.

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