

## **MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 251<sup>st</sup> Edition – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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**Pussy Willows**

Doug Bell [cheechako46@northwestel.net](mailto:cheechako46@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

### **A Bush Pilot's Memories – (continued)**

By R. O. (Bob) Harrison

On one occasion that I overnighted in Bamako in Mali, I bought Sylvia a beautiful African print wrap around skirt as a gift. When I returned, Sylvia put on the skirt and we prepared to go out to the Flying Club at the airport. While riding on the back of the motorcycle on the way to the get-together, I heard a shriek and turned to see a half-naked lady seated behind me. The new skirt had become caught in the bike chain and was ripped off her waist. We made a u-turn and headed for home so Sylvia could get dressed again, and we could carry on to our destination.

Our fuel was cached in 45 gallon barrels throughout the program area, and when the locals learned that the jet fuel is basically kerosene, fuel theft became a problem. The

people use kerosene for cooking, lighting, and other purposes. O.M.S. had special bungs made for the barrels that needed a special wrench to open. That didn't work, as a hole was just punched in the barrel. Some places it got so bad, that we had to wait to have fuel brought to us from under lock and key.

There was a Cessna aircraft belonging to the Ougadougou flying club, which went missing on a flight from Ougadougou to Bamako in Mali in December, 1978. The pilot reported that they were lost and short of fuel, and they were attempting to land on a bar in the Niger River. They were still missing after several days, and we were asked to keep a lookout for them. I was flying the Pilatus Porter at the time, and found the missing aircraft upside down in the Bani River, a tributary of the Niger. I reported the sighting to the authorities and the search soon found the survivors in a remote settlement where they had taken refuge.

A few days later, at the Bobo airport, I was asked to show a fellow where we lived as the people who were rescued wanted to thank me in person. Here is what happened:

Day One- a live goat was brought to the house and presented to me.



Day Two- cases of beer, whiskey, pop, and all things necessary for a party were brought to the house.

Day Three or Four- we were honoured by the rescued, and their friends and more gifts were received. Gifts were received once a week for several weeks.

### Guest list.

Bobo-Dioulasso, December 10th 1978.

Mr OUEDRAOGO Sibiri Alain, Tax Service Inspector in OUAGADOUGOU was rescued in a plane crash in Mali - Some people from Tikaré, his village have paid a visit to Mr and Mrs HARRISON to thank them for the rescue. Mr OUEDRAOGO is a prince from the canton.

Members of the delegation were: of Zittenga

OUEDRAOGO	Théophile
"	A. Alexis
OUEDRAOGO	Saïdou
"	Seydou
"	Boukari
SAWADOGO	Issaka
OUEDRAOGO	K. Alexis
SORE	Idrissa
OUEDRAOGO	Leonard
"	Louise
"	Robert
SAWADOGO	Abbolinaire
OUEDRAOGO	Hamadé
"	Léon
"	Kéoudo
"	Jérôme
SAWADOGO	Boukari
OUEDRAOGO	René
"	Boureïma



In our last year in Africa, I had a crash in a helicopter in a remote area of the Ivory Coast. There was a bang, and a shudder and a fire in the back cabin of the helicopter where the dispensing equipment was located. I made a hard forced landing and was uninjured. I got out and watched the helicopter burn up. I was a couple of kilometers from a small settlement. I walked there and found there was no communication from there so I arranged for a ride on the back of a moped to another village where there was a pick-up. From there, I was driven to another village where there was a police station and communication. I reported the accident there, and they made me go back to the site and show them the wreck before taking me to Boundiali, where there was an airstrip and I could be picked up by fixed-wing.



I wasn't picked up until the next day as the company knew that I had crashed and was all right. But they did not know where I was until the next day. I was picked up by helicopter and we visited the crash site before going to Bobo. A day later, I finished my route with another helicopter. We left Africa in the Spring of 1980 and returned to Canada.

After our return from Africa, I took a year off of work and returned to helicopter flying in B.C. a year later. That was short-lived as I failed my medical examination to hold a commercial pilots license. A Ministry of Transportation approved doctor only renews this license on the results of a mandatory medical exam. In my age group, this is required every six months. And so ended my flying career.

I worked in logging for close to a year and, in 1984, Sylvia and I went on a trip in the camper with no destination in mind. We went into Mexico as far as Mazatland. We stayed in an R.V. park by the ocean for 30 days and thoroughly enjoyed it. That was one of many trips south to shorten the winters and the beginning of our retirement.

“Another early memory is of a rodeo at Ootsa Lake ...There was also an aircraft selling rides from the water. The first plane I had ever seen. It was love at first sight.”

“One of my summer jobs was to bring the milk cows in for milking from the pasture. I did the milking. One afternoon, when looking for the cows, I heard the unmistakable sound of an aircraft. The pasture was mostly poplar covered, and I could not see the sky. So I ran as fast as I could to the top of a hill, where I could see. I got there just in time to see and admire the aircraft fly by.”

“I always had a keen interest in airplanes and after my first airplane ride; I wished that I could learn to fly. I never thought I would be able to learn how to fly. My first airplane ride was in Lewiston, Idaho where we were visiting Dad’s brother. The fall of 1950 found me in Chilliwack, B.C. with a couple of my cousins taking flying lessons at the Chilliwack Flying Club. I soloed on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1950 after 7 ½ hours of instruction.”

“So I ...accepted the job and started my northern bush-flying career. I fell in love with the north and my new job.”

The End . . .

## **Whitehorse – 1955**

Emily Stillwell ©



**Main Street**

Photo courtesy Emily Stillwell [eistillwell@hotmail.com](mailto:eistillwell@hotmail.com) (Moose Jaw SK)



**The two log sky scrapers**

Photo courtesy Emily Stillwell [eistillwell@hotmail.com](mailto:eistillwell@hotmail.com) (Moose Jaw SK)



**The Old Log Church**

Photo courtesy Emily Stillwell [eistillwell@hotmail.com](mailto:eistillwell@hotmail.com) (Moose Jaw SK)



**The Federal Building**

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**RCMP Barracks**

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**The McBride Museum**

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**Who can name these paddle wheelers?**

Photo courtesy Emily Stillwell [eistillwell@hotmail.com](mailto:eistillwell@hotmail.com) (Moose Jaw SK)



**The Old Whitehorse Hospital in center of photo.**  
Photo courtesy Emily Stillwell [eistillwell@hotmail.com](mailto:eistillwell@hotmail.com) (Moose Jaw SK)



**Sam McGee's cabin**  
Photo courtesy Emily Stillwell [eistillwell@hotmail.com](mailto:eistillwell@hotmail.com) (Moose Jaw SK)



**These teachers were attending a conference in Whitehorse. I believe two of them taught at Destruction Bay and one at Johnson Crossing. I think the one on the left was Marion, and the one on the right was Ruth. Does anyone recognize these women?**

Photo courtesy Emily Stillwell [eistillwell@hotmail.com](mailto:eistillwell@hotmail.com) (Moose Jaw SK)



**Ruth is replacing the flat tire on her car. This was west of Whitehorse on the Alaska Highway. Emily was invited to travel with them around the loop. You may recall from an earlier story that we didn't make it past Boundary due to a glacier being across the road.**

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**Haines Junction**

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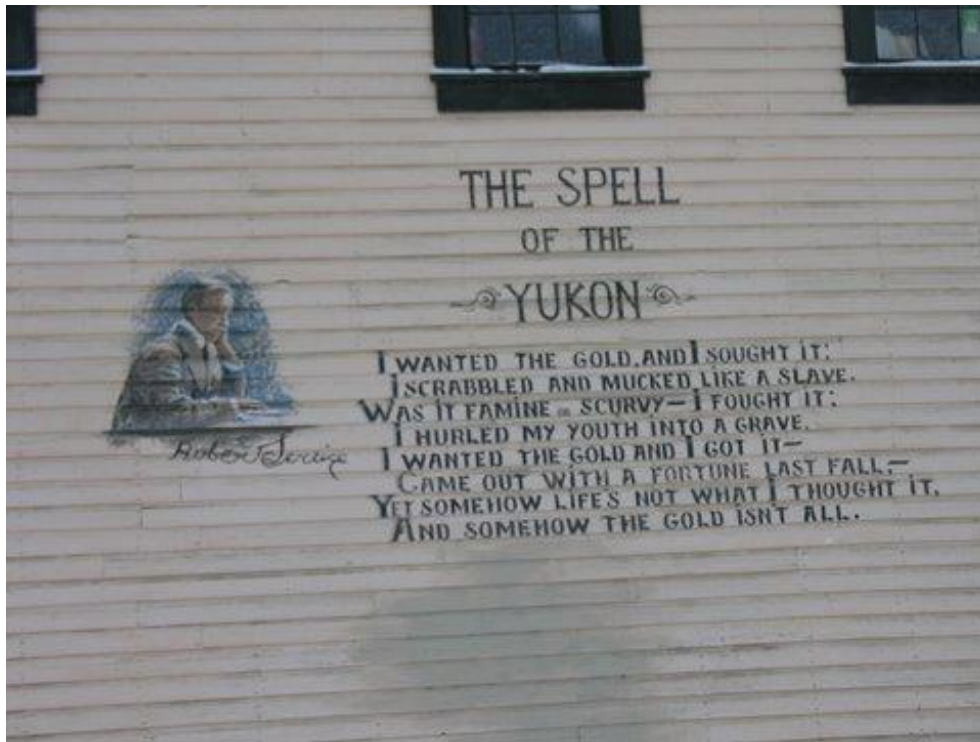
## **2008 PHOTOS OF DAWSON BUILDINGS – Part 2**

Courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\* northwestel.net](http://janus*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



**Diamond Tooth Gerties - Gambling Casino, the only one in the Yukon.**

Photo courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\* northwestel.net](http://janus*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



**Robert Service poem painted on a building across from Klondike Kates.**  
Photo courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\* northwestel.net](http://janus*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



**An old wagon, wouldn't it be nice if it was full of the Yukon Fireweed flowers.**  
Photo courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\* northwestel.net](http://janus*northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



**The famous "Pit" of Dawson City.**

**The "Pit" is the Westminster Hotel and is still in operation.**

Photo courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\* northwestel.net](mailto:janus@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



**Sign says it all, opened for another season now.**

**The boards have been removed from the windows of Klondike Kate's and they are open for another season.**

Photo courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\* northwestel.net](mailto:janus@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



**More old buildings on 3rd Avenue.**  
**This and the next photo look like material for Jim Robb – Sherron**  
Photo courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\*.northwestel.net](http://janus*.northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



**Another old building.**  
Photo courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\*.northwestel.net](http://janus*.northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



**Famous Robert Service cabin, taken in April 2008.**

Photo courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\* northwestel.net](mailto:janus@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)



**Old Dawson Daily News- 3rd Ave.**

Photo courtesy Kris (Haydon) Janus [janus\\* northwestel.net](mailto:janus@northwestel.net) (In Dawson)

*Many thanks to Kris for taking the time to photograph and caption these photos for you to enjoy. Do hope you will send us some comments on any that bring back some memories to you. – Sherron [sherronjones@shaw.ca](mailto:sherronjones@shaw.ca)*

## MORE VANCOUVER YUKONERS BANQUET PHOTOS



**Rear view of the River Rock Casino Hotel**

Photo courtesy Dave Perks [birdsivu@telusplanet.net](mailto:birdsivu@telusplanet.net) (In Grande Prairie)



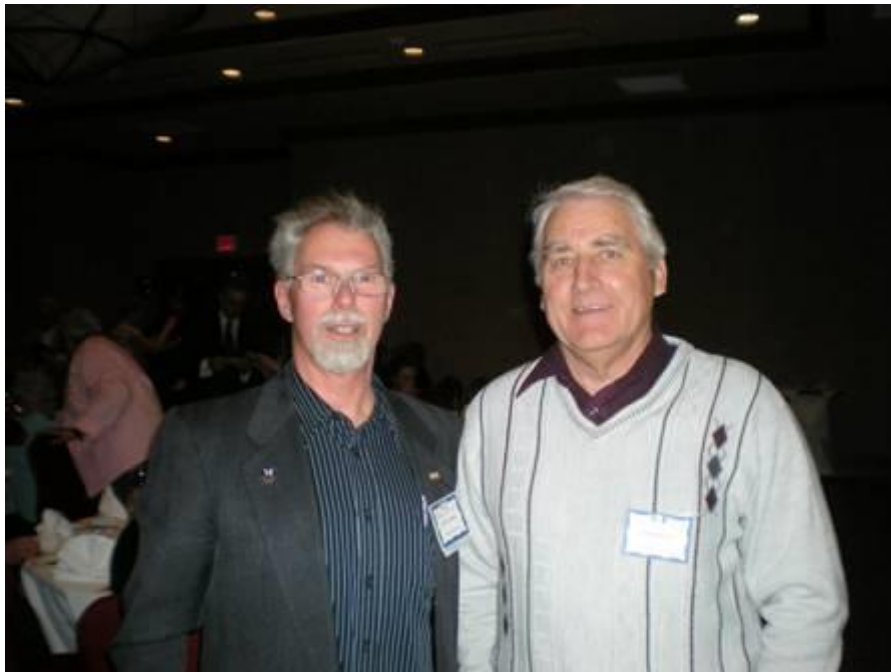
**Dave Perks and Jim Perry near the registration desk**

Photo courtesy Dave Perks [birdsivu@telusplanet.net](mailto:birdsivu@telusplanet.net) (In Grande Prairie)



**Real Flowers !**

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Dave Perks & Jim Dooley

Photo courtesy Dave Perks [birdsivu@telusplanet.net](mailto:birdsivu@telusplanet.net) (In Grande Prairie)



From the right Stan Hegstrom, Maureen, Ken and Millie Jones, Willie Braga, Jim McCausland. Photo courtesy Dave Perks [birdsivu@telusplanet.net](mailto:birdsivu@telusplanet.net) (In Grande Prairie)



Jim McCausland & Willie Braga  
Photo courtesy Stan Hegstrom [stanvh@shaw.ca](mailto:stanvh@shaw.ca) (In Victoria)



Diane Paton-Peel, Omar Peel, ??

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Dot & Con Lattin

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Babe (Richards), in the background Sue Morgan, Al Morgan, Joanne (Keobke)  
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John & Pat Brown  
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## DOWN NORTH AVIATION HISTORY

*RE:* Chris Weicht's newest book, **Yukon Airways**, is the fifth book in a seven volume series titled **Air Pilot Navigator**.

*Hi Chris*

*Have placed your message as well as the list of Yukon engagements in the next edition.[MocTel 250.]*

*Did you happen to notice the son of Harold Davenport a mechanic with White Pass Aviation joined the MocTel recently. The son has the same name as his father. Also Murray Biggin an air history enthusiast and member of the Transportation Museum board joined us recently as well. Expect you will see Murray in Whitehorse.*

*Wish you well on your tour.*

*Sherron*

Sherron, Harold Davenport (Sr), his aviation history goes back much earlier than his time with White Pass. He emigrated from England in 1915 and joined the Canadian Air Board at the Jericho Beach Air Station (Vancouver) as an Air Mechanic in 1922. His full story is told in my first published book "Jericho Beach and the West Coast Flying Boat Stations" which is now in the process of its fourth edition and will be available this fall. I will watch out for Murray Biggin in Whitehorse and will say hello for you.

Chris Weicht [creeksidepublications@gmail.com](mailto:creeksidepublications@gmail.com)

Mr. Weicht is very accurate indeed, my Dad was born in 1903 (trivia-the same year and near the same place as Bob Hope), got married in 1938, I was born in 1940, and my sister Jane in 1942. He landed in Vancouver in 1915 after a long train ride from the East coast. His parents lived on East 49th near Fraser St in Vancouver for the remainder of their lives to 1965. Dad retired from the DOT in 1976, moved to the Shuswap Lake till 1989, died on Dec 2, 2001 in Calgary and is buried at the Eden Brook Memorial gardens, along with my mother who died in 1991.

He was never really ill over his 98 years, never had surgery and never used drugs, he did have dementia pretty bad near the end, and his thoughts were of the BC coast where they flew fisheries duties with the H2S boats, and his buddies in Whitehorse.

About a month before his passing, he could hardly remember my wife's name, but could tell me how to time a Liberty engine in his flying boats. He was physically sound at his passing, I think he had lost all reason to live and just decided to check out peacefully. Whatever you guys did to keep fit in the Yukon, it worked for him.

He was a very fair and ethical person as a father; he was 80 years old when we presented him with a grand son, who he totally enjoyed. He gave up driving a car at 91 years, not because he had to, we just figured it was time.

I attached a photo of flying boats with his work clothes on. I have no idea what the occasion was that prompted this photo. I would guess 1923 or so.



Dad with his Boeing

Photo courtesy Harold Davenport Jr. [hport28shaw.ca](http://hport28shaw.ca) (In High River AB)



1922 Jerico – H2-1

Photo courtesy Harold Davenport Jr. [hport28shaw.ca](http://hport28shaw.ca) (In High River AB)



Davenport 1924

Photo courtesy Harold Davenport Jr. [hport28shaw.ca](http://hport28shaw.ca) (In High River AB)

Sherron, thanks for the copy, I really appreciate these travels down memory lane.

Harold Davenport Jr. [hport28shaw.ca](http://hport28shaw.ca) (In High River AB)

## **DAWSON MUSEUM**

*I was in touch this past week with the Director of the Dawson Museum, Laura Mann, who now lives in the Millen house. She indicated she is interested in Dawson material. So please contact her if you have anything that you think the museum might be interested in. Her e-mail address is [lmann\\*dawsonmuseum.ca](mailto:lmann@dawsonmuseum.ca) This was part of her message.*

“On a more self-serving note, I appreciate your dedication to having the stories preserved in the Yukon Archives. I would ask that if there are stories that pertain to Dawson, I would really love to see them come to the museum archives as well. We handle literally hundreds of requests for information and genealogy searches every year and it increases virtually every year. That information would no doubt prove very valuable in the research that people undertake but also in our collection and our goal of presenting as complete a picture of the history of Dawson as we can.”

## **MOCTEL 250 – LES MILLEN PHOTO**

Hi Sherron....the picture of Les Millen sitting on the chesterfield with three other people, I would say "**Ray Williams**" is the chap with the glasses on, next to Les. I think the next person is "**Patsy Murdoch**,"(daughter to Gladys and George); I believe Ray and Patsy married one another, but I cannot place the next gal's face. Perhaps another MocTel reader can verify this identification. Ray Williams was a good friend to my brother, "**Lionel Brasseur**", and Ray taught me some great "boogie woogie" tunes on the piano. His mother "**Gertrude Williams**" was also a dear friend to my Mom, in my pre and early teen years. Hope this is helpful! What a tremendous issue once again of the MocTel....sure enjoyed the beautiful photos sent in by Madeleine (Millen) Wakefield and Emily Stillwell. So long for now, Tina

Tina (Brasseur) Parsons [artinap@shaw.ca](mailto:artinap@shaw.ca) (In Victoria)

Hi Tina

Thank you for your lovely note. It's good to hear from you. Did **Ray Williams** deliver water? I could be mistaken, but it seems his name is familiar in that context. If so, then he's the young man who used to tease us so much that we ducked behind Jackie's skirts and peeked at him from this hideaway. We loved to see him because he was fun and exciting and knew how to stir us up so much that we had to take cover from his banter.

Thank you for getting in touch.  
Madeleine

I cannot recall **Ray Williams** delivering water, but you know that **Dinty Dines** used to deliver, I believe, and **John Buss**(?). Dinty was a good pal of your Dad's and also of my Mom and Dad's. Ray Williams would probably be around 79 yrs. old now...do not know if he is still living or not. He was a "fun" type fellow, very jovial and funny, so that could have been him, teasing you when you were little.

By the way, I loved the picture of you 4 children sitting on the couch of your home on 6th? That is the house that I looked after Louiza in, and your Dad would say "hi Cookie" to me, as I walked by!!

Tina (Brasseur) Parsons [artinap\\*shaw.ca](mailto:artinap*shaw.ca) (In Victoria)

## **Re: Edition 250:**

In the picture that Madeleine Millen sent in of her Dad and 3 others sitting on a couch: They are **Patsy Murdoch (daughter of George and Gladys) and her husband, Ray Williams**. If this is their wedding (and it looks like it is) then it would have been taken somewhere **around 1950**. The woman on the right looks very familiar but we can't identify her.

Fay Callison [fayash\\*shaw.ca](mailto:fayash*shaw.ca) (In Nanaimo)

## **MOCTEL 250**

I'd like to thank Tina Brasseur Parsons for her comments. Les used to call her Cookie – perhaps from the Dagwood comic strip where this personage was his and Blondie's daughter. I'm not sure, but it is a name that gives an image of delightful spunk. She lived in the next block from us when we were at the north end of Dawson. I remember that my sisters and I looked up to her as she was pleasant and kind and liked to talk and listen to us, even though we were younger. I wonder if she recalls the year of this photo. I've just read some notes from my aunt Doris, Les's sister, who said Les first arrived in Dawson in 1935 or 1936.

By the way the Brasseurs were neighbors of the Fultons, who often babysat us. We referred to them as Auntie Fulton and Uncle Gid for George. My brother, George William Millen, is named after him and Willie Braga, who is my godfather at baptism, and whose mother, Angela, also and often babysat us, much to our happiness. Les inherited the Fulton's place at Rock Creek on the Klondyke when they left the Yukon. It's right between the Osborn's place and the Firth's.

I'm looking forward to reading more about the people of Dawson's Houses.

Also Emily Stillwell's photos are excellent. I wasn't familiar with Mayo, but I do appreciate her keen eye and her pictorial history of all the places she went to. I'm amazed at her ease in going to the many different locations and keeping a photographic record of them that so many of us enjoy today.

Thanks for your terrific work, Sherron. I enjoy the MocTel, your art form, immensely.

Love,  
Madeleine (Millen) Wakefield [mwakefield@shaw.ca](mailto:mwakefield@shaw.ca) (In Calgary)

## **MOCTEL 250 – BRINGS MORE MEMORIES**

I could be mistaken, Sherron, but it seems that Bill Anderson (wee Willy on air at CFYT) bought the two storey house on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the same block as Ralph Troberg's first house that was in the middle of the block (next block north of ours when Les (Dad) was in Customs) around the time of his engagement to Elsie Gownlock, so he may have lived in the little house first.

Bill Anderson was the funniest man ever. His perspectives on life were hilarious, on air and off. Les enjoyed their chats and usually had tears in his eyes after one of them because he was laughing so hard. Even when he recounted them to Jackie, I remember, it was difficult for him to finish before laughing again. He enjoyed him immensely.

Bill's engagement and marriage to Elsie were huge steps that showed another side of him that was more tender and thoughtful and meaningful, still Bill, but expanded. They were ideally suited.

I can't quite pinpoint the location of the McCauley House, but it's on flat land, and the Nordling's House was on the south side of the hill between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues one block south of Nielson's House. It would also be one and a half blocks east of Bonnie DeWolfe's family home. Maybe Nordlings moved to the McCauley House, but I don't remember them being in that particular location.

My older sister, Louiza, used to babysit for them, and she found Axel and Daisy Nordling's sons, Ralph and Allen, challenging to look after in every way. Their sister, the baby in the family, was more on the quiet and calm side. Louiza's stories were very funny, and maybe even 'hair raising'. I think she finally had to give her 'resignation' as these boys may have tired her out, which would have taken quite a bit of doing.

Daisy Nordling taught typing at the Dawson High School when I was in grades 10 and 11, and I think she was the best typing teacher there ever was. Of course the typewriters were manual. For our drills, she set a metronome, and we learned to type to the beat she set. Accuracy and speed were equally important.

We began slowly, getting used to the layout of the keyboard and learning rhythm, then we progressed to a faster tempo and then even faster. It took time. Heidi Shawbeck was the fastest typist in my grade and perhaps in the whole school. She was accurate to 120 wds/min. It seems impossible, but if you saw her fingers fly across the keyboard in a blur, you'd understand. I was always trying to catch up to her, but I remained far behind at 80 wds/min, which is good, but way behind in comparison.

Daisy was a petite, slim, well-dressed, and beautiful woman who was a delightful perfectionist and a terrific role model for us. I loved her classes. And I'd love to know where Heidi is today. We were good friends.

Madeleine (Millen) Wakefield [mwakefield@shaw.ca](mailto:mwakefield@shaw.ca) (In Calgary)



(From front to back) Beverley Seely on the left and George Millen on the right, then Louiza Millen on the left behind Beverly and Teri (Leslie) Millen on the right behind George, then at the very back is Madeleine Millen with the red scarf. April, 1954, Dawson City, Yukon.

The four Millen children are the children of Les & Jackie Millen, with Beverly daughter of Lawrence & Hyacinthe Seely.

Photo courtesy Tina (Brasseur) Parson [artinap@shaw.ca](mailto:artinap@shaw.ca) (In Victoria, BC)

Hi Sherron....this is a photo of me in 1947 on 6th Ave., Dawson City (in front of the Millen's house, just a few doors down from our house.) Louiza was the first born to Les and Jackie Millen. I often popped in to play with Louiza or to hang out with her Mom, Jackie, who was a real sweet lady. "Frosty" was a very special dog, also. As for Daddy "Les", he had so many interesting qualities....photography, a love of music, a good sense of humor, and a kind man.

Jackie came to Dawson as a young nurse, and married Les Millen who was a frequent visitor to our Brasseur home in Dawson City. Hope you can use these pictures. Love, Tina



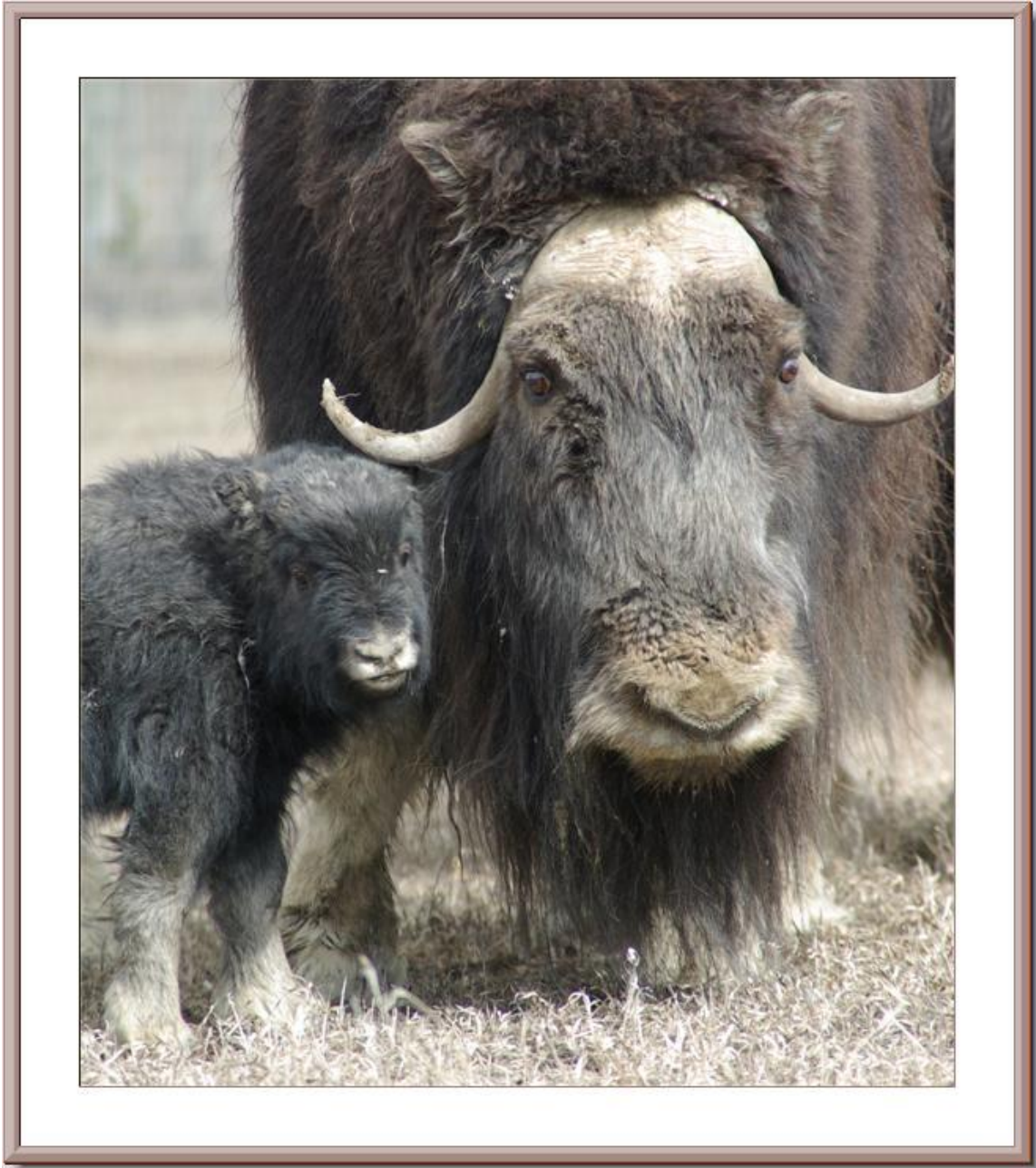
Louiza Millen, Tina Brasseur and the Millen dog Frosty - 1947.  
Photo courtesy Tina (Brasseur) Parson [artinap@shaw.ca](mailto:artinap@shaw.ca) (In Victoria, BC)

Hi Sherron....you asked about that white house behind me in the picture with Louiza, and "Frosty", the dog. It was owned by a Mr. Henry Sim or Sims....a lovely gentleman. When he passed, he willed that home to my Mom, and then she rented it to various people over the years. It is still standing...I saw it last June, when Art and I visited Dawson. It is painted yellow, now. Our family home was the next one on the street, but was taken down around 1986. So travelling North, the next home was Mr. & Mrs. George Fulton's, then Mr. and Mrs. McCausland. Mrs. McCausland (Jessie) was one of Percy DeWolfe's daughters....a lovely lady. So long, again. Tina (Brasseur) Parsons

### **The first Yukon Wildlife Preserve muskox calf of spring 2008**

News from the Yukon Wildlife Preserve-first calf of 2008.

Bev Buckway [balc@northwestel.net](mailto:balc@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)



### **Ted Harrison Poster Show**

Great attendance for the Ted Harrison Poster Show. Ted was there to greet some 220 persons.

About \$2000.00 was raised to start the Ted and Nicky Harrison Fund to be administered by the Yukon Foundation.

Marg & Rolf Hougen [marg\\*hougens.com](http://marg*hougens.com) (In Whitehorse)

Whitehorse Star, May 8, 2008

## **Businessman donates \$1 M to Art Society**

By Will Johnson, Star Reporter



Photo by Vince Fedoroff

**ART'S IMPORTANCE STRESSED** - Rolf Hougen, who has done business in the Yukon for decades, is seen at this morning's news conference, where it was announced he will inject \$1 million into the Yukon Art Society.

Rolf Hougen is intensely proud of the Yukon arts community.

"I'd say we have more artistic talent per capita than anywhere else in Canada," he said this morning at a news conference called for his upcoming show of Ted Harrison posters, *Love in the Midnight Sun*.

"And Ted? He's right up there, right at the very top," he said of the former Yukon artist who now lives in Victoria.

At a ceremony planned for Friday afternoon/evening, Hougen will be presenting a dedication cheque of \$1 million to the Yukon Art Society.

Hougen also mentioned Jack London and Pierre Berton, but argued that no one has matched the "tremendous contribution" Harrison has made to the Yukon.

"Ted, in his way, has publicized the Yukon in ways no one else has," said Hougen, a longtime Yukon businessman.

Some of Harrison's most recent posters depict the ocean, whales, and other B.C. imagery. However, he is best known for his snowy landscapes and Yukon scenes.

Hougen spoke fondly of Harrison, calling him “a close friend” and a “truly amazing man.” He said Harrison is an amazing storyteller, and has a knack for capturing the beauty of the Yukon.

“I suppose it’s the colours, and the magnificent stories they tell,” Hougen said when asked why he felt drawn to Harrison’s work.

The first painting Hougen bought was in 1964, and he now has 51 pieces.

Hougen claims to have a more extensive collection of Harrison’s work than Harrison himself, but calls his collection “not quite complete.”

“I understand there are about 10 we don’t have, but we’re hoping to get those too,” he said.

Hougen spoke of the log cabin Harrison built in Carcross, by Crag Lake, which has now been converted into a retreat centre.

“Ted had to move, mostly because his wife was ailing, but he has left such a legacy here,” said Hougen.

Artists are invited to stay at Harrison’s cabin - now called the Ted Harrison Artist Retreat - for months on end, and the only cost is to leave a piece of art when they leave.

Harrison will be at the Whitehorse ceremony tomorrow night, and will also be speaking at the retreat.

The \$1-million donation to the art society Hougen announced this morning is an extension of his original support to Arts Underground, a 5,000-square-foot space on the lower level of the Hougen Centre on Main Street.

The money will go toward rent, heat, and all the costs of running the centre.

“Art is very, very important,” said Hougen, adding that he’s pleased and honoured to be able to support artists “both amateur and professional”.

He noted that many artists in the Yukon are able to make a living with art, something artists elsewhere cannot do.

“The Yukon is a special place,” Hougen said.

Elaine Taylor, the deputy premier and the Minister of Tourism and Culture, will also be at the ceremony tomorrow.

“The Yukon government’s vision for a healthy and sustainable community is to integrate cultural development into the vibrancy of the downtown area, making arts and culture part of the daily lives of Yukon residents and visitors,” she said in a statement.

“Arts Underground is a wonderful example of how innovative partnerships made up of heritage, arts, youth and business support the creative connectivity of a community.

“Thank you to Rolf and Marg Hougen who have invested significantly in the arts and for showing their support to Yukon.”

Friday’s ceremony will be held in Arts Underground.



Marg Hougen, Ted Harrison , Rolf Hougen  
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen [marg\\*hougens.com](http://marg*hougens.com) (In Whitehorse)



Jim Smith, Ted Harrison  
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Former Mayor Flo Whyard & Former Commissioner Jim Smith  
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen [marg@hougens.com](mailto:marg@hougens.com) (In Whitehorse)



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Marg & Rolf Hougen right, present cheque to Arts Underground representatives. L to R - Al Cushing, (Executive Director of the Yukon Art Centre) Charlene Alexander, (President of Yukon Art Society), Marlene Collins, (Administrator/Programmer for Yukon Art Society) and Leslie Buchan (Territorial Archivist representing Friends of the Yukon Archives Society).

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From left to right –Alice Patnode, artist, in her 90's, Goodie (Erickson) Sparling, and Norma McBean, photographer, 85 years old. In the back, holding a camera is Robin Armour, Territorial photographer and one of the key supporters of the Ted Harrison Retreat. Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen [marg\\*hougens.com](http://marg*hougens.com) (In Whitehorse)



*This is the Ted Harrison Artist Retreat located at Crag Lake near Carcross.  
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LtoR Mary-Jane Warshawski – married to Craig Hougen, Ted Harrison, Rolf Hougen,  
Marg Hougen at the Hougen home in Whitehorse, Craig took the picture.  
Photo courtesy Rolf Hougen [marg\\*hougens.com](mailto:marg*hougens.com) (In Whitehorse)

## YUKON FOUNDATION ENRICHED

The Whitehorse STAR, Wednesday, May 7, 2008



Photo submitted

**FOUNDATION ENRICHED** – Rolf Hougen (foreground, left), the founding chair of the Yukon Foundation, presents current chair John Firth with a \$30,000-cheque to be added to the Hougen Family Fund, during the foundation's annual general meeting last Wednesday. The foundation received more than \$600,000 last year and administers more than \$4 million. This photo depicts three decades of founding members and chairpersons. Back row, left to right: Dr. Aubrey Tanner (founding member), Marg Hougen, Simon Mason-Wood (past chair), Gord Ryder (founding member), former Yukon senator lone Christensen (founding member), Lorraine Joe (founding member) and former Whitehorse mayor Flo Whyard (past chair).

Hi Sherron, Was wondering if you would run this color version of a cheque presentation from Rolf Hougen to the Hougen Family Fund.

There is a caption with the photo that identifies the individuals in it. Additional information might include the folks who are missing from the photo, but who should have been in it:

Past-chair and founding member: Jim Smith

Founding members: Laurent Cyr (deceased), Belle Derosiers (deceased), Bill Drury Sr., Bob Erlam, Tom Firth, Chuck Halliday, Roy Minter (deceased), Eric Nielsen, Willard Phelps, Charley Taylor (deceased).

Flo Whyard is identified as a past chair, but she is also a Founding Member.

Ione Christensen is identified as a Founding Member, but she was also the first executive director for the Foundation.

Thanks

John Firth [john.firth@sunlife.com](mailto:john.firth@sunlife.com) (In Whitehorse)

## **GILLIAN CAMPBELL**

If anyone is over in Victoria, Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are doing a show. B.C. is 150 yrs old. Venue is at the Parliament Buildings. Show time 1:30 p.m.

Outdoor Stage...5 Musicians and Can Can Dancers...a real Yukon Show...feathers and frills....it would be nice to see some Yukon friends.

Huggies Gillian [gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca](mailto:gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca) (In Burnaby BC)

## **EAGLE ATTACKS TRUMPETER SWAN NEAR TERRACE**

Sherron, here's a very interesting event which would interest Yukoners this time of year. Doug Bell [chechako46@northwestel.net](mailto:chechako46@northwestel.net) (In Whitehorse)

Begin forwarded message:

Eagle and Swan at Lakelse Lake near Terrace, B. C. May 1<sup>st</sup>. An extraordinary set of photos taken of an Eagle attacking a wild Trumpeter Swan in midair. - Reg

P.S. About 1500 trumpeters winter here in the Comox Valley and we have a large year-round eagle population, but I have never seen or heard of an eagle attacking a swan. That eagle must have been either very hungry or very angry!! Or maybe the swan flew too close to the eagle's nest.

P.P.S. Thankfully, the swans don't go near the airfield!!









Photographer unknown.

## ARTISTIC TALENT



**Skyline from 20 New Street**

Photo of her artwork courtesy Madeleine (Millen) Wakefield [mwakefield@shaw.ca](mailto:mwakefield@shaw.ca) (In Calgary)

## **HELPFUL HINTS FROM GILLIAN**

*I MUST SHARE TWO THINGS THAT I HAVE LEARNED IN THE LAST LITTLE WHILE..AMAZING TO SAY THE LEAST.*

*WE HAVE COPPER BOTTOM PANS..AND THEY ARE OR WERE DISCOLOURED...SO A FRIEND WAS HERE AND HE SAID..DO YOU HAVE ANY LEMON..SO I DID A FRESH ONE ALSO IODIZED SALT...NOT SEA SALT....RUB ON THE BASS OF THE PANS.. AND WOW SPARKLING CLEAN...*

*THEN YESTERDAY WE WERE TRYING TO TAKE THE PAPER OFF THE GUEST ROOM WALL..AND IT WAS ON SO THICK...WELL YOU TAKE ¼ CUP OF..DOWNEY AND PUT IT INTO A SPRAY BOTTLE...AND FILL WITH WARM WATER...AMAZING.. JUST SPRAY LEAVE FOR A FEW MINUTES.. JUST PEALS OFF.. IT'S JUST GREAT....PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS...HUGGIES GILLIAN*

Gillian Campbell [gillianklondikekate\\*shaw.ca](mailto:gillianklondikekate*shaw.ca) (In Burnaby)

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please be advised that my new email address is:

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Steve Smyth

We have a new email address : [robmar3\\*telus.net](mailto:robmar3*telus.net)

Bob & Marlee Campbell

Logan Lake, B.C.

## **NEW ADDITIONS**

My name is Trudy Bressmer. Lyle Coleman has been sharing the Moccasin Telegraph with my father who worked in Calumet back in the 1950's. Since you had the article in the Moccasin Telegraph my father has been in contact with August Pociwuschek who he worked with during his time in Calumet.

My father is so thrilled that he would like to send a donation for the time that you take in putting this great project together. Could you please send me your mailing address.

My father does not have a email address. Could you please add my name to your mailing list [katze\\*telus.net](mailto:katze*telus.net).

As soon as I hear from you I will send the donation on my father's behalf. Thank you very much Sherron

Thank you for responding so quickly my father's name is Karl Bressmer living in Edmonton, Roland is my brother if you have his email address my father will get the Moccasin through him.

I will send a cheque in the mail.

When my father first came to Canada in the early 50's from Germany he went to the Yukon and worked in Calumet. He very much enjoyed his time there and returned to Germany where he met my mother 3 of us were born in Germany and one brother here in Canada we immigrated in 1965 to Edmonton. My father never went back but continues to carry his memories and wishes he went back.

Lyle & I did the Silver Trail a few years back I too enjoy the Yukon very much. I go to Atlin every year with Lyle.

Thank you again Sherron

Trudy Bressmer

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Our minds are as different as our faces: we are all traveling to one destination; -- happiness; but few are going by the same road. - Charles Caleb Colton*

## **RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

Submitted by Moge Mogenson [elgolfo\\*shaw.ca](mailto:elgolfo*shaw.ca) (In Cranbrook BC) and typed by Donna Clayson [yukonlady\\*albertacom.com](mailto:yukonlady*albertacom.com) (In Ardrossan AB)

From - Yukon Cookbook, A selection of recipes from Yukon Sourdoughs.

### **QUICK BUCKWHEAT CAKES**

1 pint buckwheat flour  
2 heaping tsps baking powder  
1 tsp salt  
1tbsp brown sugar  
1 pint cold water

Mix baking powder, sugar and salt with flour thoroughly. When ready to bake add water and stir, frying immediately.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Okanagan Spring Picnic to be held as usual at the Summerland Ornamental Gardens on Sunday June, 22nd at noon.

Vancouver Island Picnic at St Mary's Hall, Nanoose BC, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Time is 11am-4pm

Held rain or shine. There is indoor accommodation.

Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

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– Sherron Jones [sherronjones\\*shaw](mailto:sherronjones*shaw).

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