

MOCCASIN TELEGRAPH – 314th Edition – July 18th, 2010

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Miles Canyon

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CONTINUATION OF PAUL & BETTY'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

We left Whitehorse on June 30 on our own "Yukon River Quest"... same day as the real Yukon River Quest left Whitehorse... however, our small group in our silver van with canoes on top and my adult children following in my little yellow car set off in the pouring rain for Minto.. note... it had been raining all night....

We were doing a shorter version of the Yukon River... we had friends visiting from Sask who were not experienced canoe people... so a shortened version at our age was to be little "river quest".. our friends Jan and Bill Rich from Craven, SK had planned with us for a year to canoe .. or float as we hoped.. to Dawson... the Yukon River has a strong current so we were hoping for good weather!

So, we all got on the road on Wednesday, June 30th, 2010 at about 10:30 am heading for Minto... we all stopped at Braeburn for coffee and buns.. Bill had never been to the Yukon before so we were doing the tourist thing as well ... also checked with the local people about the weather and guess what? it's still raining...

By the time we got to Carmacks, we had decided to drive on to Pelly Farm to put in... our destination that first night was Fort Selkirk and with the continuing rain, we hoped the one hour paddle from Pelly Farm would be the best choice... and... we were hoping the rain would stop..

Got to the Pelly River Ranch (newer name for us old timers) and decided to set up tents there... had the permission of the owners but then Sue said... "I have an extra house with two beds" ... well, I had a new best friend! Wow, you can always count on the generous nature of Yukoners.... so... we made a lovely dinner together in Sue and Dale's wonderful

home and had a great visit... our friend from Sask being a farmer had lots to share with the Yukon farmers.

We set off on the Pelly River on Thursday morning, July 1st with our Canada Flags in the bow of the canoe.. no rain and an easy paddle to Fort Selkirk... Pelly River has slower current than the Yukon... hard paddle to the other side when we reached Fort Selkirk and had lunch in the lovely sun.

Our pictures are of things we found interesting along the way... we had lots of wind and rain and way too many thunder and lightening storms... had to scramble to shore and crawl under the safety of trees and banks and made jokes for four days about how it never rains in the Yukon.

July 4th at 4 pm saw us arriving in the sunshine in Dawson... dry, warm, safe and with a lot more respect for the early adventurers that attempted the Klondike Gold Rush so many years ago... maybe they had better weather.

Happy Summer,

Betty Sutton elizabethsutton@yahoo.com (In Whitehorse)

Paul Warner

Jan (used to be Weagle) Rich

and our farmer who could always read the skies... Bill Rich



Photo courtesy Betty Sutton elizabethsutton@yahoo.com (In Whitehorse)



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A YUKON NUGGET

By Les McLaughlin leslorn@rogers.com (In Ottawa)

For CKRW and here courtesy Rolf & Marg Hougen marg@hougens.com (In Whitehorse)

Animal Names

There are a number of Yukon place-names which pay tribute to animals.

The Slim's River which flows into the south end of Lake Kluane can be raging torrent of water when the spring run-off from the glaciers begins to flow. Or it can be a shallow stream dotted with mud bars in mid-summer. When Slim encountered the river back in 1903, it was the former - a raging torrent. Slim was a horse belonging to a prospector who was going to stake in Kluane goldfields. While crossing the river, Slim drowned. His grieving owner named the river for his horse.

Joseph Keele was an expert in the bush. He had to be. He joined the Canadian Geological Survey in 1898 and spent the rest of his days mapping in the Pelly and Ross River regions. There's a little lake on the Upper Ross river called John Lake. It's named for Keele's faithful pack dog, John.

Charles Sheldon was a rich American sportsman and amateur naturalist who studied the Pelly and Lapie River systems in the early days of this century. Joseph Keele named the beautiful Sheldon Lake and Sheldon Mountain to honour Charles. Charles got in on the act, too. He named a small stream, which flows into the Pelly River, Danger Creek. Danger was Charles Sheldon's horse.

There's a little creek, which flows into the Little Salmon River, that you just might want to steer clear of in the summer. It's called Bearfeed Creek, and was named in 1925 by William Cockfield of the Geological Survey. The creek's banks are covered with berry bushes, and the berry bushes are filled with bears.

Finally another name for horses. In 1947, the noted Yukon surveyor and naturalist Hugh Bostock was conducting surveys in the Klondike River district. One day, half of his pack horses decided to take the day off and disappeared into the bush. When Bostock finally recovered the wayward pack animals, he named a creek, which flows into the Little Klondike River, Lost Horses Creek.

A CKRW Yukon Nugget by Les McLaughlin

Agnes Andison recognized in photos

Fourth picture down Mom is sitting down on the right in a blue dress, and again in picture No. 6 Mom is sitting at the end of the table and Dad I believe is standing back and to the left with the balloons over his shoulder. Jack and Agnes Andison. Gosh so long ago, and so many memories.

Mary (Andison) Laing dog_angus*live.ca (In Calgary)



Agnes Andison far right in blue dress.



Agnes Anderson at the end of the long table in blue dress.



Les Rawlinson, John Austin
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell

Gillian:

Jim Robb's pretty sure the guy on the left is Les Rawlinson (no W), who used to work at the Klondike Inn front desk.

Still don't know the other guy - still working on it. Ed Isaak's going to check around the musicians etc.

Good luck Mary Fitton

Hi Mary

*Was back into the photo album of Gillian's where I found the photo last evening and noticed where she had noted the name in the margin, it is John Austin. I do recall seeing him in the Travelodge too, but didn't know his name. Maybe now with the name Jim or Ed will recall where he worked. I do believe it was in the entertainment industry. Thanks so much for contacting me.
Sherron*

DOCTOR DUNCAN'S BABIES

An answer to Harvey Burian re the last Moc Tel.

Hi Harvey
Got you beat !
Mayo hospital Sept. 1934, I also have the honor of being a Duncan baby.
Also own a copy of his book. Hope you enjoyed it as much as I.

Fred Aylwin fbaylwin@shaw.ca (In Vernon BC)

NASUTLIN !!

Hi Sherron - I'm just back from the Yukon. Loved being in Dawson again! Checked the spelling of the steamboat. It was my error, probably because Nisutlin was more familiar to me. **The correct spelling is Nasutlin.**

I did see Trina Buhler when I was in Dawson. There are some who want to meet this September. Nothing has been decided about the [Bear Creek] reunion date.

Cheers, Joann Robertson

ROBERTSON, Joann (STEVENSON) joannr6@shaw.ca (Born in Dawson) Vancouver

I wondered if Joann is a grand daughter of the Captain Stevenson, who worked on the sternwheelers out of Dawson. – Sherron

Hi Sherron - No he is not a relation of mine. My grandfather, John Edward Hoggan (Ned) was qualified in both steam and sail and worked on the riverboats, usually as First Mate, for many years from about 1900 to 1928. As Captain he would not have been allowed to work as watchman in the winters which he needed to do to support his large family of 6 Yukon born children. My mother Marjorie was the youngest. She grew up on Stewart Island. Our trip this summer was to put her ashes in the Yukon and Stewart Rivers. Stevenson was my fathers' name. He went north in 1932 and is buried in Whitehorse.

Sherron you may want to publish the Requiem Mum wrote, which we found after she went into her care facility. Eleven of us, family members, went on the trip, and as many others in my age group have done returned our parents ashes to the Yukon as they wished, most commonly to the Dawson area.

- Joann

Requiem

When I am gone,
Do not place my ashes
In a vase on a shelf,
Behind a survivors clothes,
That are stored for winter.
My winters and summers
Have all come and gone.
All that remains of me
Should float free
On the river of my childhood,
Perhaps to wash up on a sandbar
Where I once ran barefoot,
A happy Yukon child.
Or perhaps to lodge
In a pile of driftwood
And there, perchance join
The bones of my Mother,
Washed from her resting
By the rushing water
And surging ice cakes
Of a spring river break up.

Marjorie Hoggan Stevenson
March 12, 1916 - May 22, 2009

GILLIAN PERFORMING



Gillian Campbell and Fran Dowie performing in a CBC TV Special
In Toronto called "Here Comes the Sun" 1970.
Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Gillian hamming it up with a cheeky man from the audience.
The cheeky man was Jack Webster, from CKNW. I was singing Walter Walter lead me to
the Alter... such happy memories.

Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)



Frantic Follies 1971

Left, Bob Greenwood... Lyall Murdoch, the other side.. Doug Clarke kneeling down
with me, he was the pianist of the Follies... Gillian

Photo courtesy Gillian Campbell gillianklondikekate@shaw.ca (In Burnaby BC)

MILES CANYON

Sherron, I was touring a fellow from England around town today [July 12, 2010] and while at Miles Canyon took some photos. One of them shows how clear the water is.

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EAGLES 2010

Sherron, I've attached some photos of daddy eagle with his 2 babies. There is a shot from a distance showing the man-made eagles nest and a close up of daddy and one of the babies.

The nest is in a pull out on Robert Service Way near the campground.

Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)





Photos courtesy Donna Clayson bdclayson@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse)

CHILDREN OF THE KLONDIKE – NORTHERN BOOK TOUR

My Children of the Klondike northern tour is happening in mid August, timed to coincide with Discovery Days in Dawson. I'd love to meet any MocTel readers who can make it out to any of my events. Here's my itinerary so far:

Monday, Aug. 9: Skagway

12-1:30 pm - book signing at the Skagway News Depot Bookstore

6-7 pm - slide show presentation & book signing at the Klondike Gold Rush National

Park visitor center auditorium

Tuesday, Aug. 10: Whitehorse

12-1 pm - interview on Midday Cafe (CBC Whitehorse)

2-3:30 pm - book signing at Mac's Fireweed Bookstore

Wednesday, Aug. 11: Dawson

7-8 pm - slide show presentation & book signing at the Dawson City Museum
(refreshments provided)

Thursday, Aug. 12: Dawson

3:15 pm - reading at Berton House (part of the annual Authors on Eighth literary walking tour)

I'll post details of any other events on my Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Frances-Backhouse-Klondike-Author/111688515514387>) which is accessible to everyone, whether or not they have a Facebook account. I'll post photos from my northern trip on Facebook and I welcome contributions (comments and/or photos) from anyone with an interest in the Klondike gold rush.

For those who missed my announcement about *Children of the Klondike* when it came out in the spring, it's the first nonfiction book ever to focus on the youngsters who witnessed the treasure hunt of the century firsthand. The large cast of characters includes Daisy Mason, daughter of Klondike discoverer Skookum Jim; Monte and Crystal Snow, the first non-Native children to cross the infamous Chilkoot Pass; and Dawsie Schultz, the Klondike's first gold rush baby. It's written in the same story-telling style I used for my best-selling first book, *Women of the Klondike*.

Frances Backhouse
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FH COLLINS GRAD CLASS OF 1982 REUNION

We had a phone call this week from Donna (Witherspoon) Ekman 4ekmans@telus.net (In Chetwynd BC). Donna was trying to track down our son Wesley Jones who now lives in Calgary wesjones88@hotmail.com . Wes was in the Grad Class of 1982 and there is discussion of a 30 year reunion in 2012 in Whitehorse.

If you have a family member who may be interested in contacting Donna, please pass along this information.

Donna and her family lived at 31 Blanchard in Whitehorse and she attended Junior High School at George Jeckell and high school at F.H. Collins.

Below is a list she passed along.

Sherron Jones sherronjones*shaw.ca (In Vernon)

Grad Class of 1982- FH Collins

The following list was developed from the grad ceremonies program. If anyone is missed, you know someone's married name and or their whereabouts please let me know and I can add it to the contact list I've started. (FB stands for Facebook)

Allan, Nick
Allan, Gina (Alaric)
Arnold, Jeanna
Ashby, Debbie
Berg, Cheryl - can contact her mom
Bolstad, Lezlee
Bonar, Deneen - FB
Brazdil, Vernon
Bredy, Lawrence - Whse
Brekke, Marnie - parents Whse
Bruce, Dianne - Whse
Burrell, Barb -FB
Burrows, Kim
Carberry, Dave
Carberry, John
Casselman, Kathy - sister Whse
Cawley, Leslie - FB
Champagne, Lee
Chapman, Marcus
Charlie, Jimmy
Chippet, Peter - FB
Chief, Anthony
Christensen, Darlene - FB
Colwell, Denise
Cooley, Dorothy
Cope, Scott - have contact info
Cormier, Roland
Couch, Lianne - FB
Cousins, Wayne - FB
Curtis, Michael - Whse?
Darling, Shannon
Dennington, Brett
Desgagne, Dean (deceased)
Dibbs, Sandra - Whse

Duncan, Gordon - FB
Ebert, Gary
Ether, Cheryl
Ellison, Edward
Emson, Michelle (McDonell) - Whse
Fairclough, Robert
Fantini, Mario
Fedoriak, Karen - FB
Figueirido, Debbie
Fekete, Arthur - have contact info
Fisher, Kristine (Newell) - Whse
Fitzsimmons, Ralph - Whse
Frankish, Carolyn
Fraser, Kurt - FB
Fransen, Neil
Freisen, David - FB
Frost, Pauline - FB
Fuentes, Guadaloupe
Fuerstner, Max - Whse
Gee, Doug
Howell (Grassholm), Nina - FB
Groves, Matthew - sister Whse
Guttman, Jill - Whse
Halstead, Guy
Hammer, Sally - FB
Hansen, Heidi
Harper, Beth
Hatton, Steven
Hazy, David
Heddle, Linda (Thompson) - FB
Heebink, Bret - FB
Herbert, Chris
Hoenisch, Helen
Holway, Terry - Haines Junction
Holmberg, Keith - FB
Howell, Lisa
Hrenyk, Gary
Hunziker, Richard
Hymers, Brenda
Jack, David
Jack, Marion
Jamieson, Doug
Jensen, Peter - can get contact info
Johnson, Pam - Whse
Johnson, Lorie - Whse
Johnstone, Maureen - Whse

Jones, Wesley - Calgary
Kehoe, Sue - Parents Whse
Kellington, Robert
Kelly, Robert - Whse
Kerr, Colleen (Parker) - FB
Kinney, Brad - FB
Kirshner, Peter
Klassen, Steve - FB?
Knorr, Darren - FB
Knutson, Kenneth - Whse? or contact brother
Koschzeck, Lance - FB
Lane, Chris - Whse
Lattin, Pamela - FB
Lee, Jenny
Lees, Brenda
Legassicke, Christine
Legoffe, Catherine - Whse
Lengerke, Lisa (Maloney) - contact info
Lewis, Glen - FB
Lindsay, Mark - Whse
Locke, Dave
Lovely, Penny
MacNeill, Heather
McCulloch, Audrey - FB
Magnuson, Sherry (Goodman) - Whse
Makarewich, Graham - Victoria - can get contact info
Mason, Bill
Maylor, Kim
McFarland, Shawn
McJannett, David
Merkel, Rhoda - FB
Miller, Tangie - Whse
Millar, Mary Dee - FB
Mjolsness, Shauneen - contact info - Victoria
Moore, Eric - Whse
Neis, Patricia - sister Whse
Nixon, Baarb (Smith) - contact info
Olsen, Julia
Opel, Lori
Osborne, Nancy - Whse
Pearson, Joyce - sister Whse
Peters, Darrell - Watson Lake?
Pettitt, Darrin - brother Whse
Pfeiffer, RoseMarie - Whse
Pitcher, George - FB
Ritchie, Virginia - FB

Roberts, Cathy
Robson, Ray - FB
Roske, Benita - Whse
Sam, Cindy
Schiffkorn, Tania - Whse
Schmidt, Wade - Whse
Sewell, Karen
Shaw, Darrell
Shorty, Jackie
Sibley, Donna
Simpson, Karen
Skookum, Kathy
Smith, Darcey (Fisher) - can get info
Snider, Paul
Solonick, Wendy - Whse
Stewart, Gordon
Storey, Sandy
Sudrich, Rudy
Tait, Russ - Whse
Taylor, Mike
Thompson, Trent - FB
Thomson, Lee Ann - Whse/YG
Tubman, Mark - Whse/YG
Turchinsky, Patty - contact info
Vanveen, Cindy (Hannah) - FB
Vantassell, Alan
Vogt, Bruce - FB
Washpan, Sandra
Watt, John
Watterus, Stephen - sister Whse
Thrower (Watson), Judy - Whse
Wearmouth, Graeme
White, Dean - FB
Whimp, Stephen
Wismark, Stephen
Witherspoon, Donna (Ekman) - FB
Wren, Debbie - Whse
Wutti, Kathy
Yamada, Mike - parents Whse
Young, Collin - FB
Zwiers, Dianne (Anderson) - Whse

YUKON WILDFLOWERS



Pink and White Fireweed

Photo courtesy Jim & June Austin jraustin929@yahoo.ca (In Vernon)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Anne Baltimore anne.baltimore@servus.ca (Born in Whse) Destruction Bay (1955-60), Haines Jt (1960-70), Whse (1970-78) Red Deer

REMOVED FROM THE LIST

Please can you take me off your list. We have retired now and live in the Yukon for 6 months and New Zealand for 5 months and I cannot keep up with all the emails. Thank you very much.

Gaile Trafford

TRAFFORD, Bruce & Gaile gaile@northwestel.net (In Whitehorse since 1982)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If you think like you've always thought, you'll get what you always got.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Chocolate Dreams

Submitted by Noelle (Cyr) Misko sourdoughyt@hotmail.com (In Edmonton)

Recipe included in 1st Porter Creek Scout Outdoor Cookbook.

1 pkg. chocolate chips
1 pkg. marshmallows
1 pkg. peanuts, walnuts or sliced almonds

Melt the Chocolate over the campfire (about 6oz. pkg. for every ten campers); add the nuts and stir well. Keep warm.

Toast marshmallows, let cool a few seconds, then dip in chocolate and eat.

Note: Other ingredients that can be added to the chocolate include:
Coconut, raisins, pineapple tidbits or chocolate with gooey centres, melted down.

Nelson Lewis

DATES TO REMEMBER

Island Yukoners Picnic Aug 14th, 2010

(Saturday closest to Discovery Day Aug 17th)

11am-3pm

Bring your own lunch, coffee and tea provided.

St Mary's Church

2600 Powder Pt. Rd., Nanoose, B.C.

Hwy. 19 to Northwest Bay Road at the Petro Can station, turn east. Continue to Powder Point Road and turn right. Continue on Powder Point Rd until you see a church on the right. Just over the railway tracks turn right.

Contacts: Sharon Redmond 250-729-9773 or Harriett 250-714-2774

Bear Creek/YCGC Reunion Labour Day Weekend 2010

Parks Canada is planning a reunion of those who lived in Bear Creek or who worked for Yukon Consolidated Gold Company. They have been in touch with former residents to correct and clarify their maps and information. We realize that this is short notice for us but they probably have a short time line for use of the funds for the event. If you are interested in this reunion, contact: Trina at 867-993-7222, or e-mail Trina.Buhler@pc.gc.ca , or write Box 390 Dawson City, Yukon, Y0B 1G0.

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– Sherron Jones sherronjones*shaw.

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