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"When Eric Hegg floated down the Yukon River to Dawson City, he had installed a dark room in the bow of one of his two boats so he could process his negatives as soon as they were exposed."

The Yukon River #338 - E.A. Hegg
Photo shared courtesy Michael Gates.

Hello Sherron

Back in the late 1940's, a cache of old glass plate negatives taken by E.A. Hegg were found in the sawdust in the walls of an old cabin. Thus, a great historical treasure was saved.

We are trying to piece together the circumstances surrounding what happened to these glass plate negatives. Please check out the attached article. As you can see, every time we think we have the answer, there are always more questions.

Are there any Moc Tel readers who have first-hand recollections of these negatives, and

what may have happened to them? We'd love to hear from them.

Cheers,

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History Hunter

The strange case of the hidden photos

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Michael Gates

Bill Morrison, from New York, has produced a film about the silent movies found in permafrost in Dawson almost forty years ago. He has expanded his fascination to the strange discovery of old Hegg glass plate negatives in the walls of an old Dawson cabin. I'm wondering, he asked my wife Kathy and me, if either of you have turned up anything about this?

Photographer Eric Hegg was 29 years old when he left for the Klondike in 1897. Instead of pick and shovel, he brought with him cameras, glass plates, chemicals and photographic paper.

Accompanying Hegg on his journey were three other men: Hegg's younger brother, Charlie, Per Larss, and P.B. Anderson. Anderson's young daughter Ethel was featured in a number of photographs taken by Hegg in Dawson City.

In 1921, Ethel Anderson made a wager with Hegg that she would gather together all of the negatives and photographs dealing with the Klondike and Alaska.

"Can't be done," he said, "they are scattered far and wide."

But she persevered; it was a pledge that took decades to fulfill.

Hegg left a trail of glass plate negatives everywhere he went. Some of them were acquired by Dedman's Photo Shop in Skagway. Others were sold to E.J. Hamacher, who established a photo studio in Whitehorse. Hegg established a photo shop on Front Street in Dawson City which he left in the hands of P.E. Larss while he travelled the United States the winter of 1898/99. Larss, started labelling the photos Hegg and Company, then later, Hegg and Larss. The short-lived partnership dissolved as did their friendship. Neither kept in touch after Hegg left Dawson for Nome in 1899.

After Hegg's departure, Larss formed a partnership with Joseph Duclos, but sold out to Duclos in 1903. In 1912, Duclos sold his studio to Erling Ellingsen. The chain of custody of the negatives is not clear here, but it is likely that Duclos acquired the negatives as part of the deal and perhaps passed them on to Ellingsen.

Many of Hegg's glass plate negatives remained in Dawson City. Hegg shipped other negatives he produced in Nome back to Seattle. When his marriage to his wife Ella ended in divorce, she retained custody of these, eventually selling them to the Seattle firm of Webster and Stevens, who removed his credit line from the negatives and replaced it with their own.

Hegg's prediction that his widely scattered collection would never be reunited seemed accurate. But Ethel Anderson, now Ethel Anderson Becker, came into possession of 150 glass plates that were found in a box outside a Seattle house that was being demolished. She then purchased the Hegg negatives from Webster and Stevens.

Becker made a trip to Dawson City in 1951, where she claims she came across 2,000 more Hegg negatives. They were, she reported, found in the sawdust insulation in the walls of an old cabin by a young woman who worked in a store in Dawson. The young woman saw this as an opportunity to install glass panes in a greenhouse, once the images were washed off. Her employer intervened and acquired the negatives. According to Murray Morgan, author of the book "One Man's Gold Rush," Becker tried several times to purchase the negatives, but the owner wasn't willing to sell.

One day, a young couple contacted Becker inquiring about a collection of old glass plate negatives they had inherited. Becker purchased them, and her collection was complete.

Kathy turned to a Dawson-born resident, now living in Whitehorse, Mrs. Irene Crayford. Irene was able to confirm that she was the young lady who found the negatives buried in sawdust in the walls of an old cabin that had belonged to Fred Envoldsen. It was 1947, and she and Will, her future husband, were planning to reassemble Envoldsen's cabin at Rock Creek.

Her employer, Dick Diment, who owned the Dawson Arts and Crafts store in Dawson intervened and purchased the negatives for \$100.00.

I spoke to Bill Diment, Dick's son, who recalled the glass plate negatives, which filled several powder boxes. Fortunately, Diment senior recognized the historical value in these rare images. For a while, he produced post cards that were contact-printed from the negatives, but the post office complained about these oversized post cards and put an end to that venture.

Bill remembers that his father sent some of these negatives to the national archives in Ottawa. Perhaps these were the two hundred images referred to by film director Colin Low that inspired the classic film documentary, "City of Gold."

When the Diments left Dawson City in 1951, Bill was a lad 14 years old. He remembers that some of the glass plates came with them to Victoria, where his father set up shop manufacturing jewelry. Unfortunately, the shop was destroyed by a terrible fire, and the negatives were reduced to large globs of glass.

The story of these famous negatives remains a mystery in many ways. In each of the published accounts that I have read about them, the details have varied. The biggest mystery of all is the chain of custody for these glass plate negatives. Those that were left in Dawson when Hegg departed for Nome probably remained with Larss, who took many of them in the first place. But when he left Dawson, did he hide these glass treasures in the walls of an old cabin, or was it Duclos, who bought the business, or Ellingsen, who bought it from Duclos? Or was it someone else?

Another question: when Dick Diment acquired these, what happened to the ones that weren't taken to Victoria? Did someone else buy them? Were they left somewhere for safe keeping? Could these have been the ones that were later sold to Ethel Becker? Bill Diment remembers that the negatives eventually went to the national archives in Ottawa, but there is no on-line record that confirms this. ** Are they there, buried amidst the millions of items held in that national repository? Who were the mysterious young couple that later sold a collection of Hegg negatives to Becker?

The search continues. Clearly, this is a story that hasn't reached its conclusion. Further research into historical records may help to clarify the story of the priceless glass plate negatives. Is there someone reading this who holds the answer? If so, I would like to hear from you.

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** With emails flying from New York to our National Archives, and to us...ultimately we got an answer...the Diment collection had been filed under DIAMENT and not DIMENT.
– Kathy Gates

Hi Sherron & Kathy Gates
Bill Weigand here.

Interesting about the glass plate photos at Murdoch's Gift Shop.

I started working for George Murdoch in 1962. We sold many of those old photos every year.

George explained to me that the glass plates were found in the walls of an old cabin that was then being torn down. The plates were packed in sawdust in the walls, for insulation, I presume. In those days many of these glass plates were merely thrown into the Dawson dump, but George decided to make negatives from the plates. Over the years, George

Murdoch's store sold thousands of interesting and historical photos of the Klondike Gold Rush.

After Mike Scott and I bought Murdoch's store in 1965 the negatives were losing detail so we sent them to a company in Seattle for enhancing. It was very expensive at that time but was tremendously successful and we continued selling the prints for years. That is the story as I remember.

George's son Bruce Murdoch lives in Campbell River – retired – the last phone no. I have is 250 287 9986.
Hope this info helps.

Best regards
Bill Weigand bweigand@shaw.ca (In Steveston)





Presented by Rich Thompson, Chair of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce Rolf Hougen – Lifetime Business Award Tonight it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce and its affiliated Chambers and Organizations, to honour Rolf Hougen with a lifetime achievement award in recognition of his outstanding lifelong commitment to the development of business in the Yukon.

Let me tell you just a bit about Rolf. There is certainly a lot to tell. Rolf is a Yukoner through and through. His father came to the Yukon in 1906 following the trail of '98 to Dawson City. His parents settled in the BC in 1914 where they raised a growing family. Rolf and his parents moved back to the Yukon in 1944. Rolf worked in the family business through his childhood, taking over management at just 18 years old! And right from the start he had big plans....

He is a true entrepreneur of the North, but unlike others who came to this fascinating land, with a sense of adventure, Rolf was born here. And he spent much of his life here. There is a simple reason for this – he loves the Yukon and always has... . He worked tirelessly to ensure the rest of Canada sees his beloved territory the same way he does. A consummate host, he learned early the value of treating visitors to our territory like royalty. By making real human connections he knew the dividends would come back tenfold, both personally and in business, and they have. In a storied career, he rubbed shoulders and shared meals with people of influence in business, arts, and politics, from ministers of government to doctors abroad to renowned artists to First Nations elders and chiefs to foreign ambassadors – the list goes on and on. The Yukon has often reaped the benefits of these meaningful encounters involving Rolf, and such benefits continue to this day. A man of many layers, Rolf's commitment to public service has been lifelong. He has served on numerous boards of directors in corporations and voluntary organizations across Canada. He was inducted as an Officer of Order of Canada – a rare honour. And

through it all, the Yukon has been at the centre for Rolf. When he became Chairman of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce he was quoted as saying that living in Whitehorse, he sees everything "From the top of the world looking down." No doubt his Chairmanship of the Canadian Chamber helped the Yukon to find its way further into the Canadian conscious. His passion for evolving business and improving life for northerners eventually took him into space—as the visionary and co-founder behind the satellite delivery network Cancom, the first company in the world to provide a unique system to deliver radio and television to remote and underserved regions of Canada. And through all of these endeavors, Rolf has remained a committed and generous contributor to the arts community in the Yukon and to the preservation of the territory's unique heritage. If he has a head for business, and a vision for the Yukon, Rolf's heart has always been firmly with his family—his beloved wife Margaret whom he married in 1955, his six children and their partners, and his 18 grandchildren. No matter the work demands of his busy career, family has always come first. Rolf has managed not only to develop an enduring commercial legacy that has been maintained and broadened by his children, but to touch many aspects of daily life in the Yukon. His contribution to the territory's daily well-being may be unmatched by any other individual in Yukon history. Whether people are shopping at a Hougen store, watching television, listening to radio, researching Whitehorse history, attending Yukon College or enjoying local artwork, they are experiencing part of the legacy of a remarkable man, Rolf Hougen, supported and inspired by his life partner, Marg. The list of his accomplishments is unbelievable. I won't try to touch on it all... but just consider this partial list.

He was:

Chairman and Past President of The Hougen Group of Companies, well known for retail and real estate; Chairman and Past President of Klondike Broadcasting which launched the first commercial radio station North of 60; President of Northern Television Systems – which became a multi-channel satellite service and the largest cable service in the north before it was sold to Northwestel; Chairman, Whitehorse Motors – a company which is now the largest automotive outlet in the Yukon and a company he sold in 2009; and Founder and Director of CANCOM, started in 1978. Today Cancom serves all of Canada with multichannel television and dozens of radio signals as well as data services and mobile tracking. Today this company is majority owned and operated by Shaw, and Rolf resigned from the board in 2000.

He was also Chairman and Director, Regional Vision Inc. – based in Quebec and serving small markets with wireless LMCS technology.

His long list of directorships includes Finning Limited, Alberta Power and Yukon Electric, Cominco, Northwestel and Northwestel Cable. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, which he was inducted into in 1987, and an Officer, Ordre Nationale du Merite in France, awarded in 1992. He served as honorary Consul for France from 1980 to 1999 when he was succeeded by his son Erik. He was chancellor of Yukon College from 2009 to 2013. Chairman of the Board of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce from 1989 to 1990. He was also a member of the Vancouver Consular Corp, the Canadian Cable Television Association, and the National Council for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award,

Trustee for the Nature Conservancy of Canada, and a member of many other organizations. In Yukon his memberships include the Yukon Order of Pioneers, the Yukon Historical & Museum Society, Yukon Parents for French, and the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce. Of course he has been named as Yukon Business Man of the Year, received Tourism's Yukoner Award, received a Certificate of Recognition from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Lifetime Achievement Award, the Canada 125th Anniversary Medal, the Yukon Commissioner's Award, and many, many more awards and recognitions. In 2004 UpHere Magazine recognized Rolf as one of the 20 Great Northerners in their 20th Anniversary edition. He was a founding member of the Whitehorse Board of Trade in 1946. He has founded and served on many foundations, education programs, festivals, and community organizations. He has travelled the world, and made it to just about every corner of the planet. Through it all he has kept the Yukon and his family closest to his heart. It is hard for anyone to create successful businesses in the Yukon, harder still be part of businesses that become a success across Canada, and harder still to do so many of these things while serving the community, starting and serving on foundations, committees and boards that make a big difference for all, and to still raise a close and successful family. Rolf stands as an iconic community member in Yukon, as a pioneer for all of the business community and as a gold standard for the type of person business people should strive to be. When it came time to consider who we, on behalf of the business community, could recognize for outstanding contribution to the Yukon business community there was one name that stood out far and above any other – that of Rolf Hougen. As a business leader in the Yukon I would consider myself successful to accomplish a small fraction of what Rolf has accomplished – it is exhausting just to go through the partial list – but for certain we are all better off because Rolf beat the path down which so many Yukon Business people now travel. Rolf on behalf of the Yukon Chamber, and the Business Community in Yukon, please join me on the stage to receive our heartfelt recognition for outstanding contribution to our business community over your lifetime – an honour that you richly deserve.

A message from Harvey Burian

Hi Sherron

I haven't had time to do any writing for the MocTel so far this Summer with family visiting, etc. However, I did come across some interesting information about the family of Mabel McIntyre, who for many years was the Postmaster in Mayo and who was a friend of my parents. Her maiden name was Huffman and I knew her father was named Grant Huffman so when I happened to find the Huffman family tree on the Internet I looked through it and found a fair bit of info on Grant Huffman and also some on Mabel. What I did not know (or perhaps had forgot) was that she was related to Cora Rich, the mother of Gilbert Rich who was also a friend of my parents and who was involved in mining in the Elsa-Keno area in the early days. Cora Rich and Grant Huffman were brother and sister.

Here is the link to the Huffman genealogy information. <http://www.so-ky.com/huffman-soky/h2b/Huffman-desc-henryjr.htm>

If you scroll down to #82 you can read about Grant Huffman and Mabel (Huffman) McIntyre. (Mabel was at one time married to Gordon McIntyre and hence her married name.)

Cora (Huffman) Rich's information is shown at #83.

Cora Rich is Cecile (Rich) Curry's grandmother, Cecile and her husband Don live at Marsh Lake, Yukon.

Perhaps you can use some of this in the MocTel.

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Grant Huffman

82. GRANT¹² HUFFMAN (ALBERT¹¹, AMBROSE¹⁰, HENRY⁹, JOHANNES HENRICH⁸ HOFMANN, JOHANNES⁷, TILLMANN HOFMANN⁶ LLL, DIETRICH⁵ HOFMANN, TILLMANN HOFMANN⁴ LL, HEILMANN³ HOFMANN, TILLMANN², HENRICH¹) was born February 08, 1872 in Nobob, Barren County, Kentucky, and died September 1938 in Barren County, Kentucky. He married (1) MARY COUTURE. He married (2) EMMA ? 1908. She was born 1873. He married (3) IDA MILLER Aft. 1908.



75. Grant Huffman with wife (unidentified)

Notes for GRANT HUFFMAN:

The following is excerpted from Oren Beatty's account, published in "Yesterday and Today," about the adventures of his uncles, his aunt, and his cousin in Alaska and the Yukon (see also Virgil Huffman, Cora Huffman, and Gilbert Rich):

Grant Huffman left Barren Co. in the 1890's for the Yukon Territory, Canada. He lived in Mayo Landing, Yukon Territory. He married twice while there, the first wife dying early. He had three children by his second wife, two boys and one girl. The children were sent to Mooseheart, Illinois for education.

Grant had a silver mine which he developed by pick and shovel and which he worked until his retirement. In 1913, he was joined by his sister, Cora Huffman Rich and her son, Gilbert, who moved to Mayo Landing from the Nobob area of Barren Co. Grant retired in the 1930's and returned to Barren Co. He either sold his silver mine or turned it over to his nephew, Gilbert Rich. He married for a third time in Barren Co. He died In September, 1938, and was buried in Skaggs Cemetery in Monroe Co., Ky.

A newspaper account from the Mayo Miner written about Grant Huffman's death in Barren Co., said that Grant Huffman had the distinction of opening the Silver King Mine, one of the richest in the Mayo district. The article went on to say that Huffman sold the mine for \$10,000., and the subsequent owners were reputed to have sold several millions of dollars of ore. Proceeding, the article said, "Long identification with the Mayo camp, the late Sourdough came to this district in company with his brother in 1900, locating at the time, on Duncan Creek. He left here in 1930 to make his home in Glasgow, Ky., where he was born 66 years ago.

"Many old timers of Mayo will recall that it was Grant Huffman who opened up and shipped the first ore from the Silver King mine. He, Jack Alverson and Gilbert Rich, his nephew, not only opened up the Silver King but also put up the first buildings there and cut out the roads."

In a letter written by Cora Huffman Rich in 1938, shortly after Grant's death, she told of some of his experiences: "We went up the Stewart River 25 miles, camped on the bank of the river at Gordon's Landing. We were eating lunch of pike fish and wild onions. The woman looked up the river and there was a big moose grazing on the other side of the river. Grant got his 35 rifle and shot the moose. It threw its head up, the blood streaming. Grant and the man went across in a boat and dressed it. We were then ready to go home.

"He claimed he killed 400 moose while in the North. He had one awful narrow escape. Many times, I think of it. He went up the river alone hunting late in fall. The river began freezing before he got far down. The ice began to jam. He just saved himself by close call. Through all his narrow escapes he never got a broken bone. He was an awful good shot.

One day at Mayo we were sitting in the yard and seen a big hawk flying toward the cabin with a big fish. He run and got the gun and did not kill the hawk but he dropped the fish alive. We had fish for supper."

The following is a personal letter written by Grant to A.A. Hoffman, dated May 26, 1930:

Mr. AA Hoffman
PO Box 4903
Clarendon, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hoffman,

Just received your letter, will be glad to tell you something about myself, and Father. That is as far back as I know.

My Father was a Home-stayer, never leaving our Farm, but he was one of Best Cabinet Workman of his Day. Carriages, Coffins, Wagons all A-1, also Shoes for the family.

But I had a Roaming Disposition, crazy to Hunt Big Game. I went to Florida, First I killed a lot of Alligators, among them the Biggest one killed in Florida up to that time. After that I came to the Klondyke, Yukon Territory and am the Best Game Hunter in the North. I have killed in the last thirty years 400 moose. 200 Bares, Caribou, Sheep, Wolves, and other Wild Animals.

I have done my share of prospecting for Gold and Silver. This is a Silver Camp and I started it going - shipped the First Silver Ore from here to Trail, B.C. Now the Treadwell Company is operating here on a big scale.

I am glad you sent me the picture of Lincoln. I was in Kentucky last Winter and I went to see Lincoln's Birth-place.

I am quitting the North for good this Fall, may make my home in Kentucky. As I am 58 years old, I am tired of Roaming.

Yours very Truly, (signed) Grant Huffman Mayo, Yukon Territory

The diary of Grant Huffman, in which he describes his last hunt, is now in the possession of the Filson Club, donated by David A. Beatty of Louisville, Kentucky. Grant Huffman was his great uncle, a brother to his grandmother, Helen Huffman Beatty.

It is recorded in Deed Book No. 12, p487, of the Metcalfe County Circuit Court, that on February 25, 1897, Grant Huffman purchased from Josie and Albert Baldock, a parcel of land containing 20 acres located in Metcalfe County, Kentucky, being Lot No. 5 in the division of the lands of Simeon Huffman, deceased. The purchase price was a tract of land of about 48 acres, being a part of Albert Huffman's lands and located on the waters of Nobob Creek in Barren County, and \$100.00.

Grant Huffman Dies Sunday At Home at Boyd's Creek

Grant Huffman, 66, prominent farmer, died at his home on Boyd's Creek on the Tompkinsville Road at 1:00 am Sunday. He suffered a paralytic stroke while in Glasgow Saturday and another stroke while he was being taken home.

Mr. Huffman had spent many years trapping in Canada and Alaska and owned property in Canada.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida Huffman; a daughter, Mrs. Maybell McIntyre, Mayo, Canada; a grandson, Jimmy Grant Huffman, Waukesha, Wisconsin; five sisters, Mrs. Amanda Hodges, Nobob; Mrs. Ralph Holloway, Milan, Missouri; Mrs. Helen Beatty, Temple Hill; Mrs. Cora Rich, Mayo, Yukon, Canada; Mrs. Betty Jones, Summer Shade; a brother, Ambrose Huffman, City; and two step-daughters, Nellie and Maybell Miller at home.



76. Mabel Huffman (left) with Margaret Cooper Huffman standing outside her home in Mayo, Yukon Territory. This was the last log cabin that Grant Huffman built before he left the Yukon.

Children of GRANT HUFFMAN and EMMA ? are:

184. i. ALBERT¹³ HUFFMAN, b. 1909; d. 1936, Waukesha, Wisconsin.
- ii. ELIZA HUFFMAN, b. 1911; d. 1916, Mooseheart, Illinois.
- iii. MABEL HUFFMAN, b. 1912, Mayo, Yukon Territory, Canada; d. Abt. 1985, Yukon Territory, Canada; m. Gordon MCINTYRE.

Notes for MABEL HUFFMAN:

Mabel Huffman McIntyre, daughter of Grant Huffman, continued to live in Mayo Landing, Yukon Territory, Canada until her death sometime around 1985.

She was the Postmaster there for many years. Today there is a public park named after her in Mayo Landing. Her mother was a full-blooded Indian.

83. CORA¹² HUFFMAN (ALBERT¹¹, AMBROSE¹⁰, HENRY⁹, JOHANNES HENRICH⁸ HOFMANN, JOHANNES⁷, TILLMANN HOFMANN⁶ LLL, DIETRICH⁵ HOFMANN, TILLMANN HOFMANN⁴ LL, HEILMANN³ HOFMANN, TILLMANN², HENRICH¹) was born February 11, 1874, and died June 27, 1954 in Nobob, Barren County, Kentucky. She married WILLIAM RICH.

Notes for CORA HUFFMAN:

The following is from Oren Beatty's account published in "Yesterday and Today," about the adventures of his uncles, his aunt, and his cousin in Alaska and the Yukon (see also Virgil Huffman, Grant Huffman, and Gilbert Rich):

In a letter, Cora told of her departure from Barren County with her son, Gilbert, and something of her life in the Yukon Territory, where she went to live with her brother, Grant Huffman: "A short story of my life since I left my birthplace, Glasgow, Ky., 1913. As follows - 1913 April 15, I said goodbye to my humble little home on the then public road from Glasgow to Tompkinsville. The cherry trees were like white snow-balls - it was dear to me.

"The following June 25, I landed at Mayo, Yukon Terr., Canada. My only son accompanied me. He was then 18 years. I was very homesick but had to see it through. I was so busy the first winter, which was the winter the Silver King mine was opened. Besides looking after my brother's children, I made sacks for the ore and made tents, tarpaulins and mosquito nets. There were many drawbacks. Since then the World War caused everything to go so high it closed for a time. We only had the roughest way to begin with - very few horses and some dogs. The way is better now - lots of trucks.

"Grant was the first one to discover the sarvis berry. They are called Saskatoon here. He bought a small bush, set it in my front, and it is now a big cluster. Three years ago there was a family of waxwings came here after the berries - the first in the camp. They are the most beautiful birds on earth. They are all colors with a clump of red at the base of each wing - very tame and friendly. Last summer I had two robins that would follow me like chickens all over the garden. I love the birds and flowers. On top of the mountains above the timber line there are awful nice flowers hanging over the rocks. There has been found 90 different kinds in the Yukon.

"I never run in on a bear while berrying. I seen their fresh tracks just like a child's bare track. Gilbert and his wife and first baby when 11 months old were out in the wilderness. They set the baby down and went away picking flowers, then heard the baby saying "doggie." They looked, it was a black bear. They don't fight unless they have young. On the 17 of Sept. there was the most sandhill cranes ever seen since I was here. They were passing over all day. They are a big bird. We also have a lot of sea gulls. The first bluebirds came a few years ago. No redbirds yet. Grant seen one dove a few years ago.

There is a lot of swallows. While we have our long dark winters, there are also beautiful things for one who looks for the beautiful - the Northern Lights - the sun barely peeping over the Southeasterly mountains. It is very rare as there is a lot of snowy days."

Cora Huffman Rich returned to Nobob, Barren County in the late 1940's to escape the Yukon winters in her later years. She died June 27, 1954, and is buried in Union No.2 Cemetery, Barren County, Kentucky. Her son, Gilbert Rich, who continued to live in Mayo Landing, Yukon Territory, was not able to attend the funeral, but did pay for her tombstone.

More about CORA HUFFMAN:

Burial: Union No.2 Cemetery, Barren County, Kentucky

Notes for WILLIAM RICH:

William Rich committed suicide by shooting himself.

Child of CORA HUFFMAN and WILLIAM RICH is:

i. GILBERT13 RICH, b. 1895; d. Bet. 1982 - 1988, Seventy Mile House, Highway 97, British Columbia, Canada.

77. Gilbert Rich (right) was visited in the Yukon Territory by Billy Huffman in 1982.

Notes for GILBERT RICH:

The following is from Oren Beatty's account, published in "Yesterday and Today," about the adventures of his uncles, his aunt, and his cousin in Alaska and the Yukon (see also Virgil Huffman, Grant Huffman, and Cora Huffman): Gilbert Rich was 18 years old when he left Barren County, Kentucky with his mother, Cora Huffman Rich, and traveled to the Yukon Territory, Canada to be near his uncle, Grant Huffman. He helped Grant to open up the Silver King mine and worked there many years. He eventually took over operation of the mine when his uncle retired and returned to Barren County. He served in the Canadian Army during World War 1 as a member of the "Yukon Volunteers". He married in Canada and had five children. He also had a silver mine of his own which he sold for a reported 1 million dollars upon his retirement. He then moved to Horse Fly, British Columbia and spent his last days in a nursing home there.

William Ambrose Huffman, a great-nephew to Virgil Huffman, Grant Huffman and Cora Rich, visited Gilbert Rich in the Yukon in 1982. He stated that Gilbert's silver mine, which was an open-pit type mining operation, closed down in the mid- 1980's, due to low silver prices. Gilbert Rich left Mayo Landing sometime after 1982 and moved to British Columbia to live with one of his daughters. He died there sometime between 1982 and 1988 at a small settlement called Seventy Mile House located on Highway 97.

SS Princess Sophia

Hi Sherron,

My name is David Leverton and I am the Executive Director of the Maritime Museum of B.C.

We are in the process of developing a new traveling exhibition to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the tragic sinking of the SS Princess Sophia in October 2018.

We would like to inform your readers that they can check out the following website: www.princesssophia.org if they would like to learn more about the Princess Sophia and the tragic sinking.

I am also a long-time Yukoner and would like to join the Moccasin Telegraph.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

David

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The *SS Princess Sophia* Exhibition: The Titanic of the West Coast

The *SS Princess Sophia* Exhibition: The Titanic of the West Coast is an international travelling exhibit with two parts: the first is an Artefact-Based Exhibit that will travel to major city centres in BC, Yukon, and Alaska, and the second is an Outreach Exhibit is designed to reach into smaller communities in the same three jurisdictions. These two exhibit parts will ensure that the Exhibition has the widest reach possible throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Find out more about the specifics of these exhibits, including travelling schedules and open availability for organizations who are interested in hosting the Outreach Exhibit through the pages below.

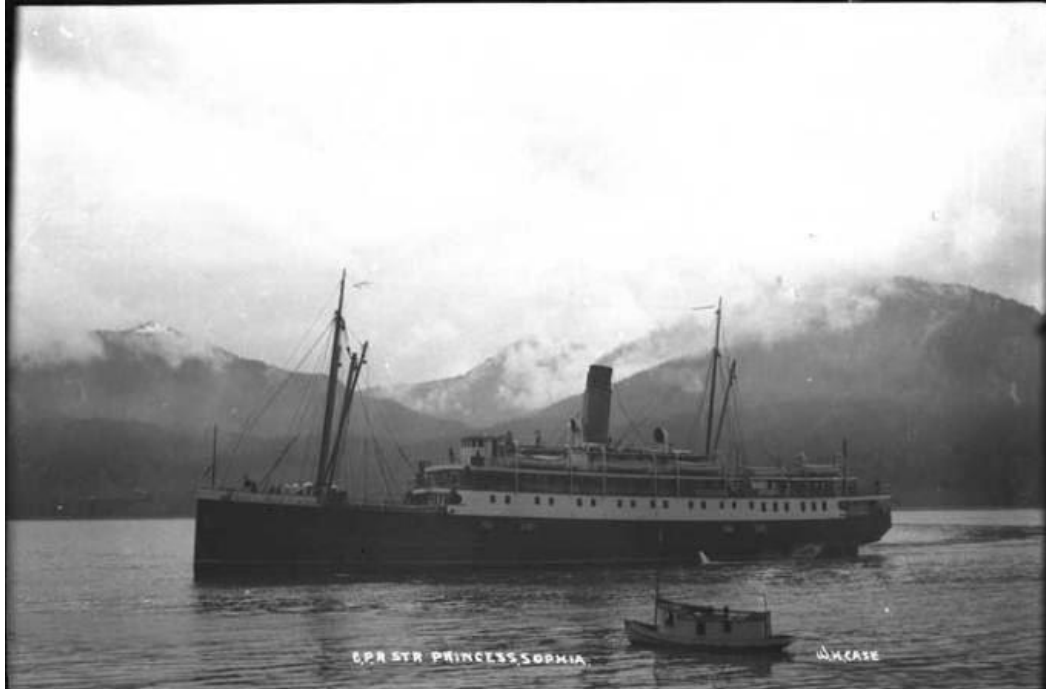


Photo: Alaska State Library, William R. Norton. Photographs Collection, ASL-P226-747

Artefact-Based Exhibit

The artefact-based exhibit is a 4,000 sq/ft exhibit that features artefacts from institutions in BC, Yukon, and Alaska. It will be an immersive and interactive experience. Using the individual experiences of passengers and crew as a jumping-off point, the exhibition will draw the audience into the history of the West Coast at the end of WWI. This exhibit will allow visitors to experience what life was like along the Pacific Northwest in 1918, to learn about the stories of the individuals who boarded the *Sophia* that fateful night in October (and even those who didn't make it on due to a variety of what turned out to be life-saving circumstances), and the salvage efforts and after-effects on the many impacted communities along the coast.

This portion of the Exhibition will travel to major city centres in BC, Yukon, and Alaska, and will be available in each city for three months. For specifics on travel locations and dates, please see our [Travelling Details](#) page.



Photo: *Princess Sophia's* lantern, artefact from the Alaska State Museum collection.



The SS Princess Sophia Exhibition

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Main Street Whitehorse - August 2016
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NEW ADDITIONS

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McLeod, Sarah "Abby" Abigail Martin



1990 - 2016

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Abby on August 6, 2016. She graduated from Porter Creek Secondary School in Whitehorse, attended Okanagan College in Vernon, worked for the Deep Creek General Store and Swan Lake Nurseryland. She volunteered for the Kindale Association and was active in the Asparagus Theatre. She loved to travel, enjoyed curling, and was an accomplished quilter and ardent woodworker. She loved music and movies. Those wishing to do so may make a memorial donation in Abby's name to the Armstrong Spallumcheen Museum and Art Gallery (PO Box 308, Armstrong, BC V0E 1B0) or the Armstrong Curling Club (3315 Pleasant Valley Road, Armstrong, BC V0E 1B0). Survived by her loving parents: Jim and Dorothy; loved and will be sorely missed by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. A Celebration of Abby's life will be held in Armstrong and announced at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family at www.MyAlternatives.ca. Cremation arrangements entrusted to ALTERNATIVES FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES® Armstrong 250-546-7237 & Vernon 250-558-0866

Kathrin Delores Thiele

June 19, 1944 - August 11, 2016

Kathrin Delores Thiele, age 72, of Burnside, KY, departed this life on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at the Jean Waddle Hospice Care Center.

Kathrin was born on June 19, 1944 in Whitehorse Yukon, Canada to Fred and Gladys Black Gray.

She is survived by her husband, Donald "D.J." Smith of Burnside; and two sisters, Michelle Estes of Lauderhill, FL and Gina Larkin of Clermont, FL.

A private Memorial service will be held by the family at a later date.

You are welcome to view the obituary and send condolences to the family at our website:
www.LakeCumberlandFuneralService.com

Lake Cumberland Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements for Kathrin Thiele.

Barb Hobman (Bibs Mierau)



October 30, 1962 - August 16, 2016

"When I die & they lay me to rest - goin' up to the Spirit in the Sky"

Our dear Barb left us to be with her Dad, Elvin Mierau whom she always loved & adored. He played a huge part discovering her passion for fishing, where he taught her at McPhee Lake.

Us 3 sisters had so many special times-the most memorable was being together with Bibs as she went thru her final journey.

Her greatest joy was her son Bob, whom she was so proud of and all his accomplishments. They shared together their love of the Great White North - for he too had caught the Yukon bug.

Vegas Spring ventures together were some of the most amazing times we shared. Bibs, her sisters Donna & Sandra, Auntie Dot & cuz Chart - geez did we laugh. Us Golden Girls would always draw a crowd on our '20 buck' nights.

Barb's Mom, Marj Mierau is so saddened by the unexpected loss of her youngest daughter, she was the sunshine of her life. Barb was so proud when she perfected Mom's bun recipe.

Bibs adored her favorite brother in-law, Paul, niece Trina, Brad, Anja, Nash & Jordyn; niece Shantelle, Tom, Dayna & Mason. Christmas won't seem the same without their 'auntie BarB-Q's' pass around the phone call.

Her partner in Haines Junction, Dean Thomas, was a great part of her life in which they shared so many outdoor adventures. She left knowing he will take good care of her Beaner & Francine.

In her younger years she would do anything to go hide out in Langham with her cuz Mikey. Oh the stories that came out of that & thru email & the Chucks, they always stayed in contact.

Barb spent the last 28 years in the Yukon. From Faro to Haines Junction, she made so many friend, many newcomers to the area were so honored that Barbie was their first friend. She always made a point of making everyone feel welcome. She inspired, guided & touched so many. Her laugh was bigger than life.

We are so grateful to Kelly & Julie and Fran for being there for us, our Rocks. Deeply felt the love & support from Jack & Audrey for all of us. Thanks to Leslie for being there for our Bob. The amazing Staff at the Whitehorse Hospital who took such special care with dignity & compassion-we will never forget your kindness.

"I've had the time of my Life"

To share condolences or memories visit ww.heritagenorth.ca

Ellen Knutson (01/01/1959 - 08/22/2016)



It is with immense sadness that the family announces the passing of Ellen Maria Knutson (DeRos) , of Prince George, BC. Ellen passed away with family at her side on August 22, 2016 in Prince George, BC at the age of 57. Ellen was born July 01, 1959, in Whitehorse, Yukon, the daughter of Walter DeRos and Helen Carruthers. She then moved to Powell River, BC where she met and married Donald Knutson. They welcomed their daughters, to whom Ellen proudly dedicated herself to raising them. Ellen, a wonderful mother, grandmother, and friend, touched the lives of many and will be remembered for her kind heart, witty humour, fierce love of her family, and amazing strength. You could find Ellen enjoying herself spending the days with her grandkids at parks and museums as

well as her coloring and arts & crafts. Ellen is survived and lovingly cherished by her daughters; Carmen (Paul), and Amanda, of Prince George, BC. Forever remembered by grandchildren; Tryson, and Olivia, of Prince George, BC; Brothers; Mario and Tony, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. She is preceded in death by parents, Walter Deros and Helen Carruthers, Brothers; Tommy DeRos, Eric DeRos, and Bobby DeRos.

A memorial is scheduled for 1:00pm, Tuesday August 30, 2016 at Prince George Funeral Services. Father Frank will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend to celebrate Ellen's life. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the BC Diabetes Association, or the BC Heart and Stroke Foundation.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A goal without a plan is simply a wish.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

From The Star Cook Book, The Women of Yukon Chapter No 1 order of Eastern Star, Dawson, Yukon Territory, for the Benefit of the War Work 1942.

Apricot Tarts

1 ¼ cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter

Rub together as for pastry, and add 1 egg, beaten. Roll like pie crust and put in pan size 8 ½ by 12 ½ inches. Spread with a layer of apricot jam. Mix together 1/2 cup sugar, 1 tin baker's fine coconut, and add 2 or 3 tablespoons melted butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Spread this mixture over the jam and bake until a golden brown. Cut in squares or any desired shape.

Mrs. B. W. Gladwin.

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