

ANGLICAN CHURCH RECORDS

BLACK, MARTHA LOUISE

Age: 91
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 1, 1957

"Born in 1866 in Chicago of an aristocratic, wealthy family, Martha lived through the Chicago fire, from which they had to flee for their lives. Sent to an exclusive school, she developed a taste for botany, public speaking and typing, all of which were to serve her well. She married, and had two children, but when the Klondike Gold Rush occurred she left them with her parents and set out with her husband and brother for the north. Her husband decided to go no further than Seattle (she never saw him again), but Martha carried on, climbed the Chilcoot Pass, and went to Dawson by boat. She discovered that she was pregnant, had the baby in the middle of winter, and was fetched home by her father the next spring. She was soon back in Dawson. She met George Black, a young lawyer, and after divorcing her first husband, married him. He rose to become Commissioner of the Yukon, and Martha welcomed everyone to their beautiful house at teas, dances and dinner parties. When the First World War came, he resigned and raised a small machine gun troop; when he went to England, Martha went with him, the only woman among 2000 men on the ship. She did volunteer war work, and travelled all over the country lecturing on the Yukon wild flowers, which resulted in her being awarded a Fellowship in the Royal Geographical Society. Back in Canada, after serving on the Graves Commission in Europe, she accompanied her husband to Ottawa when he was elected an M.P., and became the official hostess for Canada when he was appointed Speaker. In 1935, he was ill and unable to run, and Martha took his place; she was elected, the second woman in Canada to be so, and took her seat on her 70th birthday. She worked hard both for women and for the Yukon for five years. She was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1946. She continued to be busy, wrote the story of her life, founded three I.O.D.E. Chapters, took a great interest in church affairs, and continued to entertain and travel even after she was forced to use a wheel-chair. Her correspondence was so heavy she was forced to employ a secretary. She had planned her funeral; the coffin was covered by her two flags (the American one sent specially by the Legion in Skagway) and buried in flowers. Letters and telegrams poured in from all over the world. She left her husband and one son."

HOWELL, JEFFREY KENNETH

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 1, 1957

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BLACK, MARK ANTHONY

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 23, 1957

"'Tony' was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Black. The funeral service was largely attended by the many friends of the sad and bereaved parents."

1958**NIELSEN, WILFRED DONALD**

Age: 21
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 1, 1958

"Mr. Nielsen was found dead about 10 p.m. at his Jarvis Street home. He is survived by his mother, a brother and two sisters."

BILOW, FRED CARL EDWARD

Age: 33
Residence: Mile 907
Date of Death: May 6-9, 1958

(Approximate)

"Born in Boston Bar, B.C., 'Carl' was the only son of Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Bilow. He had been in the Yukon for about seven years. He was currently employed in a mining venture at Spruce Creek, Atlin; he left the camp on May 6, and was not seen again. The R.C.M.P. found his body in his car on May 14, near Wolfe Creek; he had apparently died of carbon monoxide poisoning. He is survived by his parents; his father came to Whitehorse for the funeral."

GEARY, JAMES IRWIN (Irvin?)

Age: 88
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 24, 1958

"Born October 27, 1869, in Oregon, Mr. Geary spent 52 years in the Yukon. Originally a cowboy, after his marriage to his wife on December 26, 1897 they spent several years on a ranch in Oregon. In 1906, they moved to Livingstone with their six-month-old son, Lyle; a second son died in infancy. They moved to Whitehorse in 1918, where for seven years they worked at Taylor & Drury's fox farm across the river. In 1925 they moved into their home near Moccasin Flats. They were the first Yukon couple to celebrate their 60th wedding. He is survived by his wife and his son."

KELLY, STEVEN

Age: 3 1/2 Years
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 24, 1958

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JONES, ROBERT

Age: 82
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 4, 1958

SCOTT, JAMES

Age: 76
Residence: Teslin
Date of Death: August 14, 1958

CLETHEROE, ROY

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 14, 1958

COWARD, CATHERINE or COWARET, KATHLEEN ADELINE

Age: 71 - 87
Residence: Whitehorse, Selkirk, and Minto
Date of Death: October 26, 1958

"Born in Manitoba, the former Kathleen A. Martin came to the Yukon in 1916 as a missionary teacher. She made her first home in Selkirk and in the course of her church activities travelled throughout the whole territory. In 1929 she married Alexander Coward, but disliking his name insisted that he change it to Cowaret. They had no children of their own but to about 200 Indian youngsters she was 'all same mother'. She was generally admired by the Yukon natives, from Teslin to Old Crow. When the highway was built, by-passing Selkirk, the couple moved to Minto where Mr. Cowaret continued his occupation as a trader. Active in church work for over 50 years, Mrs. Cowaret was lay delegate from the Yukon to the general synod, and was this last year made a Life Member of the Anglican W.A. She died at home after a long illness."

STRAND, FELIX PATRICIA or STRAND, MARIE ALEXANDRID

Age: 42
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 29, 1958

"'Pat' was born in Durham, Ontario on November 17, 1916 to Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Tobin. During the war years she worked in an aircraft factory; in 1946 she and her husband came north to Atlin and in 1947 to Whitehorse. Pat was well known in the community, where she worked as a waitress. She was a favorite of everyone she met through her gentle, kind nature. She had been in poor health for some time, and her mother flew from Ontario, but her daughter died before she arrived. Friends crowded the church for the funeral."

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PRIVETT, DAVID ANDREW

Age: 0
 Residence: Whitehorse
 Date of Death: November 16, 1958

"Son of Reverend and Mrs. Arthur L. Privett."

**GILLIES, NORMAN McDONALD
(GILLIS?)**

Age: 52
 Residence: Whitehorse
 Date of Death: December 12, 1958

"Born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on April 9, 1906, he came to Vancouver in 1934. Working as a painter and prospector, he lived in the Cariboo area for some time. He was married in 1941 in Vancouver. Coming to Whitehorse in 1951, he worked for the Army and Airforce here, and was an enthusiastic prospector in his free time. A quiet, friendly man, he was a respected member of the community. Graveside ceremonies were conducted by the Elks, of which he was a member. He left his wife, his father and mother, a sister and two brothers."

THOMAS, JENNIE

Age: 72
 Residence: Whitehorse
 Date of Death: December 13, 1958

COMEAU, MARY

Age: 61
 Residence: Whitehorse
 Date of Death: December 27, 1958

"Born on Christmas Day, 1897, in Glasgow, Scotland, Mrs. Comeau came to the Yukon in 1944. She was busy with the Anglican W.A. and the I.O.D.E. and with her own family and friends. She is survived by her husband and two sisters."

1959**DRAYMAN, DIMETRO**

Age: 77
 Residence: Whitehorse
 Date of Death: January 28, 1959

"A real old-time Yukoner, 'Dan' has lived in Whitehorse and Dawson for the last 50 years or more. His funeral was crowded with other oldtimers. One of his best friends, Kuzma Kosoff, came from Dawson with another friend, James Lanoff, to supervise arrangements; all the pall-bearers were long-time mining men."

MERVYN, MICHAEL ALEXANDER

Age: 0
 Residence: Whitehorse
 Date of Death: February 5, 1959

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AFFLECK, GEORGE CAMPBELL

Age: 66
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 18, 1959

"A war veteran, Mr. Affleck was born in Trenton, Ontario in 1892. He had been a Yukon resident for about 16 years. The Legion, of which he was a member, conducted a graveside service. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter; his son, Donald, came to Whitehorse for his father's funeral."

HOWELL, MICHAEL GEORGE

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 3, 1959

TWIST, VINCENT

Age: 34
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 9, 1959

"Trained as a dental mechanic, Mr. Twist worked for ten years as a heavy duty equipment operator. He came to the Yukon six years ago, spending the last four years in Whitehorse. He was also well known in the Dawson area, where he was working last summer. Members of the local Elks and Eagles lodges were pallbearers; Mr. Twist was a member of both, also an active member of the Legion. He was buried in the Legion plot; the church was crowded with his friends. He died suddenly in the hospital. He is survived by his father, now residing at Deer Lake Nursing Home in Vancouver."

TAYLOR, ISAAC

Age: 95
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 12, 1959

"As a young man, Isaac Taylor left England for Australia and there proved his business ability by owning a sheep ranch within a few years. When news of the Klondike gold rush broke, he came to Canada. Little more than a year from his arrival in Vancouver (March, 1898), the foundations were laid for the merchandising empire of "Taylor & Drury". He met, on the Ashcroft Trail just outside Telegraph Creek, William Drury on September 3, 1898. They parted company that fall, Mr. Taylor going on to Skagway, and Mr. Drury staying to spend the winter in Atlin. During a stampede to Atlin the following spring, the two met again and finally decided to become partners in June 1899. Their first store was a tent in the gold rush town of Discovery, near Atlin. The two-man firm profited in their first year of operation by paying \$5.00 for gear from disillusioned stampedeers leaving the north and selling the same outfits to new hopefuls on their way in for \$25.00. Later, stores were also set up in Atlin and Bennett City.

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TAYLOR, ISAAC (continued)

The stampede was over when the White Pass railroad reached Whitehorse in 1900. Because there was no more business at Lake Bennett, the versatile company of Taylor & Drury moved to Whitehorse in 1900, once more setting up business in a tent. The next year the firm started their first fur post at the confluence of the Hootalinqua and Yukon Rivers. In later years, there were 13 fur posts, the farthest at Pelly Banks, 600 miles from Whitehorse. A small fleet of river boats, including the Kluahne, Thistle, and Yukon Rose, were used to deliver merchandise to the posts. At this time too there were issued T & D trade coins which the Indians regarded as 'real money' because it didn't wear out as did the paper bills. There was only one issue of coins (\$10,000.00) and in 1942 the company stopped issuing 'Ross River Money'. Among the many adventures of the pioneer store keepers, even the big Whitehorse fire in 1905 was remembered as incidental. "We never went out of business" recalled Mr. Taylor not long ago.

Partners and friends for more than 50 years, the founders of T & D were also brothers-in-law. William Drury continued to be an active partner until his death in September, 1953, at the age of 83. The late Isaac Taylor remained alert until very near the end of his long life, even flying over the pole on an European tour when he was 90. He was buried with a full Masonic Service in the Masonic Plot, beside his life-long friend and partner William Drury, as he had requested. Surviving are one daughter and three sons."

TAYLOR, MRS. SARAH

"In 1903, Isaac Taylor, on a visit to England, met and married the former Sarah Drury (sister to William Drury) in Lincolnshire, England. Mrs. Taylor died February 24, 1945, in New Zealand, while the couple were on a cruise to Australia. She had always taken an active interest in the community, especially the church and the I.O.D.E. She was cremated, and her ashes were buried, as she wished, with her husband."

DAHL, EARLING ALLEN
(a.k.a. Alfred Martin)

Age:	56
Residence:	Whitehorse
Date of Death:	July 25, 1959

"Born in South Africa, Martin was well-known in Whitehorse and Mayo, where he had lived for about 18 years. Last winter he was employed at the Whitehorse Inn Tavern, where he was injured by a lift used to move beer barrels. He was working as cook for the Geographical Survey operation at Pelly Camp. He had been mildly ill in camp earlier, but had passed it off as a mild irritation. He was flown to hospital here, but died of a heart attack enroute. He had a sister living in the States."

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SIMPSON, JOHN COWAN

Age: 64
Residence: Mile 710
Date of Death: July 28, 1959

"Mr. Simpson was buried from the Log Church, with Masonic rites at the graveside. He was survived by his wife and a son, his mother, a sister, and a brother."

HORSFALL, JULIA

Age: 89
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 3, 1959

MILLER, JAMES

Age: 76
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 25, 1959

ADCOCK, HERBERT WILLIAM

Age: 75
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 10, 1959

"Although he lived in the north for many years, 'Ad' was a quiet man about whom very little was known. Born 75 years ago in Leicestershire, he came to Canada as a lad of 19 and spent most of his life in the country following a wide range of activities. After farming awhile near Regina he became interested in the real estate business. At the outbreak of World War I, Mr. Adcock returned to England with the Canadian Expeditionary Force and served as an officer. Upon discharge in 1920, he came back to Canada to spend many years in Prairie centres. It was during these years that he was active as a Conservative Party worker and came to know well such political figures as R.B. Bennett and Arthur Meighan. The editor of the Calgary "Eye Opener", Bob Edwards, was another of his close friends. Sometime in the early 30's, he came to the Yukon, working first in Sixty Mile. Early in World War II, he came to Whitehorse to work for the Department of Transport, transferring later to a position as accountant for the construction firm of Bennett and White. For the past 15 or 20 years he made his home in the Regina Hotel. He had been ill for many years, but always managed a smile for anyone he spoke to. Just before his death he was visiting friends in Dawson City; taken ill, he died in hospital there. Full Legion honours were accorded at his funeral. His only known relative is his brother, Sir Frank Ezra Adcock, a professor at Cambridge University, England."

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FRASER, MAVIS GLADYS

Age: 33
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 18, 1959

1960**NORDINE, ERIC JOHN**

Residence: Watson Lake
Date of Death: January ?, 1960
Date Buried: January 23, 1960

BROWN, CHARLIE

Age: 0
Date of Death: January ?, 1960
Date Buried: February 1, 1960

BLAKER, PHILIP MUNDAY

Age: 79
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 20, 1960

"Born in London, England, Mr. Blaker lived most of his life in the Yukon. As a young boy he went to sea as a merchant mariner, and made several trips around the world before coming to Canada about 1902. A few years later, he came to the Yukon, joining the British Yukon Navigation Company in 1907 as an engineer. He was also employed for a short time as a steam engineer at the local copper mines, then settled down to working at the roundhouse with intervals on the river. He retired about five years ago. His main interest in life was steam engineering, and he was a long-standing member of the National Association of Marine Engineers. He is survived by his wife, two sons, six grandchildren, and a number of relatives in England."

ALLISON, LEONARD FREDERICK

Age: 34
Residence: Watson Lake
Date of Death: March 7, 1960

"Born 34 years ago in London, England, 'Len' came to Canada after World War II. He lived in Whitehorse for several years, then joined the Department of Transport staff. He was posted at Snag for two years, and had only recently been transferred to the Watson Lake office. He died suddenly after suffering a heart attack. He is survived by his wife and an infant son."

NIELSON, DOROTHY MAY

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 26, 1960

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BRODHAGEN, CHARLES J.

Age: 83
Residence: Watson Lake
Date of Death: March 26, 1960

"Born in Brodhagen, Ontario, Mr. Brodhagen had lived in the Yukon for almost twelve years, spending most of that time in Watson Lake. He died following a heart attack. He is survived by his son, Ernest, of Watson Lake."

STRONG, VINCENT BARRY

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 1, 1960

TADICH, MILOS

Age: 73
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 17, 1960

"'Big Mike' died of a heart condition at Whitehorse General Hospital. John Hendrik, a neighbour, found Mike sick in his bed on June 14 with his huge Siberian wolf-dog, Bum, lying across his chest protecting his master. Mike refused to go to the hospital at first, worried about his three dogs, Bum, Fox, and Skipper. He had to be assured by the R.C.M.P. that they would be cared for before consenting to leave. According to his will, two of the dogs were destroyed at the City pound Saturday; Mike loved his dogs, and was afraid they might be maltreated by another master. He knew no one would shower them with liver, beef steak and veal cutlets as he once did. However, he consented to let the city dogcatcher, D.A. Brown, keep Bum, his favorite, as a personal pet. "The dogs really pined for him. Bum still howls and whines for Mike," said the catcher's wife. Mike lived in a trailer at Whiskey Flats, alongside the river. At one time he had as many as nine dogs. There were four bunks in the trailer; one for him, and the other three were for his dogs. He was also fond of children, and was always happy to hand out cake, apples, oranges and popcorn. He came to the Yukon in 1910; many people thought he was Russian, but he was actually from Montenegro (now part of Yugoslavia) and he was inclined to resent this, and his nickname of "Russian Mike". A huge man, taller than six feet by several inches, he was given to occasional bursts of temper, but he was careful not to injure anyone. He joined George Black's Yukon Machine Gun Company in 1916, and served overseas, receiving a head wound. He was well regarded, and popular with everyone. The Legion looked after his burial."

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ALMSTROM, MARION EDWARD

Age: 47
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 8, 1960

"Born in Phoenix, B.C. in 1913, he came to the Yukon in 1944, having graduated from the Utah State University. He pioneered Hydrometric Survey work, covering the waterways from Dawson Creek to Dawson City, and becoming one of the best known travellers in the Territory. He became resident engineer when the Water Resources office was established in Whitehorse in 1948, transferring to the position of Mining Inspector in 1953. He died after a long illness. He leaves his wife, four sons, one sister, and three brothers."

FORREST, EMIL J.

Age: 71
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 20, 1960

"Mr. Forrest died of a heart attack at 11:35 a.m., while helping to launch the sternwheeler Keno, prior to her last trip to Dawson. He was to pilot her on her last trip. He began his career on the river in 1910 at the age of 21. He served as an assistant pilot on a motor launch, charting the tricky channels between Circle and Fort Yukon. From 1914 to 1922 he carried mail from Dawson City to the Mouth of the Yukon. After 1922 he did some prospecting in the Mayo and Carmacks area, and had considerable mine interests in the Mayo region. In 1921-22, Mr. Forrest drove the first Holt caterpillar into Mayo from Whitehorse. The tractor hauled behind it a sleigh load of gasoline and a wannigan in which Forrest and his helper cooked and slept. He was thoroughly conversant with both gasoline and diesel engines, and had secured his airplane mechanic's license from the Fairchild Factory at Long Island, N.Y., where he had been sent by Livingston Wernecke of Treadwell Yukon Co. He was employed as an airplane mechanic in Mayo, Carcross, and Whitehorse, until the river called him back. He was made engineer aboard the Neecheah, and later skipper on the Loon, a BYN motor launch used to make soundings on the river. The Loon was drydocked in 1947, and Mr. Forrest stayed on with White Pass as a night watchman.

Mr. Forrest came to the Yukon from Alberta with his family in 1901 at the age of 12, and went to school in Dawson. His old friend, George Wallace of Weems, Virginia, writes, "We played together on the River as kids in Dawson sixty years ago--he worked on the River as a man, and, when the River died, he died." Mr. Forrest is survived by a sister and a nephew."

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SHEA, ANN

Age: 53
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 21, 1960

BROME, ALBERT LEONARD

Age: 26
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 27, 1960

"Mr. Brome was born in Fort Lewis, Washington, and came to the Yukon about 22 years ago. His family lived in Mayo and Elsa before settling down in Whitehorse, where 'Bert' received his education. He was working at Mile 180, between the Stewart and Pelly Rivers, when his loaded DW-21 went out of control and rammed broadside into another vehicle; he was killed immediately. He leaves a wife and three boys, his parents, three sisters and two brothers."

SOIMAN, ILLARION PETER

Age: 65
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 17, 1960

"'Harry' was born in Russia; he had lived in Whitehorse for many years, working as a carpenter. He collapsed on the street near the Capital Theatre; although taken to the hospital immediately he was declared dead on arrival. He is believed to have a daughter somewhere in Russia."

BROME, ALBERT LEONARD, Jr.

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 16, 1960

"Son of Karen Brome and the late A.L. Brome, he left to mourn three brothers and his grandparents in addition to his mother."

PETERSON, STANLEY

Age: 8
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 17, 1960

1961**WEEKS, WENDY**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 6, 1961

BESNER, KENNETH

Age: 2
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 28, 1961

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BAKER, CAROL BETH

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 25, 1961

BURTON, SHERRY LEE (Lea?)

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 28, 1961

"Sherry Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond George Burton of Mile 928, was found dead in her carriage by her father. Her death was due to pneumonia."

CLETHEROE, RALPH

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 21, 1961

KELLER, STANLEY CLAYTON

Age: 47
Residence: Near Ross River
Date of Death: October 6, 1961

"Mr. Keller was a construction camp cook, having been at Ross River for only a few days. He took his own life. He is survived by a sister and a step-brother in Niagara Falls, Ontario."

KISH, JOHN (KISCH?)

Age: 54
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 18, 1961

"Mr. Kish was the small man seen about town in what appeared to be a bank messenger's uniform. He was well on the way to becoming a Whitehorse "character". He had come here during the last spring, but had not been employed. He came from Toronto where he was a building superintendent on College Street. He died of a heart attack in his boarding house on Hawkins Street. He leaves a brother in Delhi, Ontario."

NESIMUCK, MAX

Age: 36
Residence: Mayo
Date of Death: October 29, 1961

BLAKER, ETHEL VIOLET

Age: 74
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 1, 1961

"Born in London, England, in 1887, Mrs. Blaker came to the Yukon with her husband in 1920. She is survived by her two sons, Dennis and Fred, who is the Whitehorse Fire Chief."

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JOHNSON, ELLIS

Age: 71
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 16, 1961

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GOOD, MERRIDTE

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 10, 1962

PULSIFER, WELLFLEY

Age: 74
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 3, 1962

DANIELSON, OLAV (FODTVEIT)

Age: 60
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 7, 1962

"Born in Setisdalen, Norway, on April 21, 1901, he is survived by one sister who still lives there. He had been working for Highway Maintenance Establishment at Destruction Bay, but was unemployed at the time of his death. Apparently Mr. Danielson had been smoking in bed when he fell asleep; his bedding caught fire, and he died from suffocation. Little damage was done to the cabin apart from smoke stains as the limited amount of oxygen kept down the flames. It is thought the fire may have smouldered from midnight until morning. It was discovered by a Tourists' Services employee who spotted the brown smoke-covered window glass."

HARTSON, LARS

Age: 51
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 11, 1962

"Known generally as 'Swede', Mr. Hartson was born in Sweden in 1910; he came to Canada about ten years later. He moved to Yellowknife in 1935 where he joined the RCAF at the outbreak of war. After the war, he returned briefly to Yellowknife before coming to the Yukon. Here he was employed at various jobs, often as a cook. At one time he owned a taxi business in Whitehorse; when he died he was employed by the Department of Public Works. A loyal member of the Legion, and the Eagles, plans have been made for a Last Post Service. Mr. Hartson lived across the river north of the hospital."

SUITS, JOHN BURCHELL

Age: 76
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 28, 1962

"Mr. Suits was born at Covington, Indiana in the year 1885. After living and marrying in Carnation, Washington, he came to Whitehorse in June, 1925. Until he retired some years ago, his main occupation was trapper and prospector. He is survived by his three sons and a sister."

CONN, JAMES BENSON

Age: 58
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 11, 1962

FISHER, BRADLEY TODD

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 7, 1962

HARE, ROSS ALEXANDER

Age: 1
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 23, 1962

LINDSTROM, SVEN

Age: 65
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 27, 1962

1963**BROWN, STEPHEN RAYMOND**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 7, 1963

NIEMAN (baby)

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 20, 1963

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BARRETT, GEORGE

Age: 77
Residence: Tagish
Date of Death: May 1, 1963

"Born in Bristol, England, in 1884, Mr. Barrett came to the Yukon in 1926. He married the former Margaret Silverthorn at Prince Rupert on May 10, 1917. He had been a resident of Tagish for 37 years. He had worked with the Government Telegraph in B.C. before coming to the Yukon where he owned and operated a mink farm at Tagish for several years prior to the death of his brother, Edward, when he again took over the duties of telegraphist until the old line was closed to Atlin and Dawson City. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and a son and a daughter."

CONNELLY, WILLIAM A.

Age: 64
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 26, 1963

McMINN, DAVID

Age: 62
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July 29, 1963

DAHL, SCOTTIE

Age: 77
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 5, 1963

McKINLAY, GEORGE HUNTER

Age: 74
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 23, 1963

DRUGGAN, CHARLES WILLIAM

Age: 24
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 24, 1963

McKAY, MARGARET

Age: 52
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 20, 1963

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1964**KARSET, FERN MARGARET**

Age: 36
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 16, 1964

"Mrs. Karset died as the result of a beating from her husband, the well-known proprietor of the Keebird Menswear Store. They had spent the evening with friends, and subsequently quarrelled. Mr. Karset had been 'tense, worried, and tired' lately, and unable to sleep. He was judged not guilty by reason of insanity by the jury, and sent to Essondale Mental Hospital for treatment."

CARTER, WALTER R.

Age: 67
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 9, 1964

"One of the few Master Painters in Canada, Mr. Carter died after a long illness. He came to the Yukon in 1951 to paint signs for the Civic Centre Ball Park. He went to work for the RCAF Paint Shop the same year, and was rapidly promoted to foreman. Prior to coming to the Yukon, Mr. Carter was a foreman painter in Vancouver for 27 years with the F.V.M.P.A. He designed the label on the Pacific Milk can which is still in use today. During World War I, he served with the Canadian Army in the First Field Ambulance Corps. He is survived by a sister in Victoria, B.C."

MACLEOD, CHARLOTTE

Age: 72
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 22, 1964

"'Lottie' Macleod had been a resident of Whitehorse for the past six years. She was born in Northumberland, England in 1891, arriving in Canada in 1905. Widow of Murdoch Macleod, who predeceased her in 1922, she was a resident of Penticton, B.C. until 1952 and of Parkesville, B.C. until 1958. She is survived by a son and a daughter."

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BARRETT, MARGARET

Age: 63
Residence: Yellowknife, N.W.T.
Date of Death: June 21, 1964

"A link with the early days of the Yukon was broken with the death of a beloved pioneer of Tagish, Yukon, when Mrs. Barrett died after a lengthy illness in hospital in Yellowknife, N.W.T. She had recently been making her home there with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Knutson. She and her husband, the late George Barrett who predeceased her on May 1, 1963, were residents of Tagish for 37 years. They were much respected by all who knew them. She left a son and a daughter to mourn her passing."

SABORNE, BEATRICE

Age: 79
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 13, 1964

"Wife of James Saborne, she came to Whitehorse in 1942. She is survived by her son, James."

SULLIVAN, DENNIS GEORGE

Age: 42
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 3, 1964

"'Mort' Sullivan died Saturday night after the Cassiar truck which he was driving north on the Alaska Highway overturned. Returning to Whitehorse on a routine run with a load from the Cassiar Mine, the big burly driver apparently suffocated when jammed in the upside-down cab. He lived on Seventh Avenue."

FORSBERG, WALTER GORDON

Age: 47
Residence: Dawson
Date of Death: November 12, 1964

1965**DENNISON, LIONEL HAROLD**

Age: 55
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 21, 1965

"Mr. Dennison was a long-time resident of Whitehorse. He left a wife and brothers."

ANGLICAN CHURCH RECORDS

LOST GRAVES

CLOSE, RICHARD CLARK

Age:	0
Residence:	Watson Lake
Date of Death:	August 13, 1965

JOHNSON-WATSON, ANGELA MARIE

Age:	0
Residence:	Whitehorse
Date of Death:	August 15, 1965

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

1933**GILLIS, MRS. DAN**

Age: 58
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 18, 1933

"Born in Antigonish, N.S., in 1875, she and her husband came to the Yukon in 1898, settling in Dawson for seven years. She had a host of thrilling experiences in the Klondike Stampede, the Fairbanks Stampede (where she lived for six years), and the Kontishina Stampede. In 1922 she lived for a time in Iditarod, Alaska. She was a lover of her home and was of a cheerful disposition; she will be missed by her many friends throughout the north. She suffered a stroke on September 11, and passed peacefully away without regaining consciousness. She left her husband, a son in San Francisco, and two sisters and a brother in Antigonish."

1934**McLEAN, ARCHIBALD**

Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 22, 1934

"He was buried by his brother, a priest in Skagway."

1937**LELIEVRE, MRS. JOSEPH**

Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July --, 1937

1942**SAUNDERS, RICHARD
(SANDERS?)**

Age: 77
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May --, 1942

"'Dick' was born in Liverpool, England. In his younger days he was a member of the Imperial Army, serving for many years in India, Dublin, and Mesopotamia. He had several military decorations and was in receipt of a small Imperial Army pension. He first lived in Skagway, during the reign of 'Soapy' Smith, and in 1905 he was working on the White Pass and Yukon Route at Lorne whence he walked with Stanley Cain into Whitehorse. For the last 17 years, he had been Janitor at the local public school. Last February he broke his hip, and had been a patient at the hospital ever since; the hip healed, but his heart failed. The funeral was held under the sponsorship of the Legion. The casket was covered with the Union Jack, and heaped with flowers from his many friends and admirers."

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

1945**TOMASEK, CHARLES**

Age: About 45
Residence: Atlin
Date of Death: January 22, 1945

McCANNEY, PATRICK

Age: 22
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 31, 1945

"At about 9:00 p.m., two members of the R.C.A.F. boarded a boat near the shipyards to cross to the east side. Somehow the boat got out of control and both leaped out; Bestwick was successful in reaching shore, but McCanney was not. The body was not recovered, in spite of searches by the R.C.M.P. and the R.C.A.F. Emil Forrest, skipper of the Loon, found it at the foot of Lake LaBerge a month later. He was buried with full military honours."

1946**CYR, ANTOINE**

Age: 75
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July 10, 1946

"Born in 1871, 'Tony' and his brother Mike arrived in the Yukon in 1898 from Bangor, Maine. Together they operated the Hepburn tram on the west side of the river, and on various occasions during that period piloted heavily-laden scows through the raging waters. With the coming of the railway, river portage became practically non existent, so the brothers moved their business to the town of Whitehorse. Mike Cyr died in 1933, after which date Tony operated on his own, delivering water and wood, up to the last year or two when ill health forced him to retire. On November 11, 1918 he was married to Mrs. M.A. Arbour of Montreal. He leaves his widow, four sons and three daughters."

LAVERDIERE, NOEL

Age: 73
Residence: Atlin
Date of Death: August 9, 1946

"Born and raised in St. Marguerite, Dorchester, P.Q., Mr. Laverdiere was one of the real old-timers. For many years he operated a farm at Indian River in the Atlin area."

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

COUTURE, ALBERT
(known as **AL SEAMS**)

Age: 55
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 14, 1946

"The late Mr. Seams was of French Canadian extraction, whose correct surname, Couture, he used when resident in the East in his early years. For many years during his residence in the Yukon he was employed in the mess house of the Yukon Consolidated Gold Co. Ltd. at Bear Creek, Dawson, and the Treadwell Yukon Ltd. at Keno Hill, Mayo district. He also served with the U.S. Armed Forces during the First War. Many of the old friends of the deceased attended the services, including several from Mayo. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Army and Navy Club."

1947

PARENT, GEORGE A.

Age: 31
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 15, 1947

"Mr. Parent was found dead in his cabin."

MADDOCK, MAUREEN

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 6, 1947

1948

FORTIER, CAROLE

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July 22, 1948

CYR, LUCY DIANNE

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 1, 1948

"The daughter of a soldier and his wife."

1949

LEWIS, CAROL ANN

Age: 2
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 20, 1949

"She died in a fire. She was the daughter of a member of the R.C.A.F. and his wife."

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

VELTON, FREDERICK

Age: 47
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 13, 1949

CHEESMAN, SANDRA G.

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 16, 1949

"She died as the result of an accident."

McAULEY, WILLIAM FRANCIS

Age: 73
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 28, 1949

"Born in St. John, N.B., on April 15, 1876, 'Bill' arrived in the Yukon in 1899, via the White Pass. In his early life he followed the sea, making three trips around the world in a wind-jammer, singling the Cape of Good Hope and doubling Cape Horn. He also served in the U.S. Naval Transport during the Spanish American War. As a miner and prospector, he took part in the Nome Stampede in 1900 and since 1920 has resided off and on in Whitehorse. For the past 12 years he and his partner W.J. Vass have been operating their claims on Shorty Creek. Possessed of a quiet disposition, he was held in the highest regard by all who knew him personally. His knowledge of the early days in the Yukon was intimate and related in a most interesting and unassuming manner. He died quietly in the hospital, in which he had been a patient for three weeks. It is understood that his surviving relatives are all resident in the United States."

1950**MURPHY, WARREN T.**

Age: 65
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 19, 1950

"Born in New Brunswick 65 years ago, Mr. Murphy had been in the Yukon for the past six years, coming from Edmonton where he was a well-known salesman. During the 1943-1944 years he was employed by the U.S. Army at Canol, and later with the Sullivan Co. during the removal of the pipeline; later he was caretaker at the local public school. He was a veteran of the first Great War, and a past-president of the Legion. A large number of Legion members and friends attended the funeral, which was conducted by his brother, Rev. M.E. Murphy, O.M.I. from Edmonton. The Legion conducted a graveside ceremony, dropping their poppies into the grave."

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

BERRIGAN, MARTIN

Age: 78
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 27, 1950

"Mr. Berrigan left his native province of Ontario and arrived in the Yukon in the early days when the Klondike gold rush was still the major topic for discussion throughout the world. After spending some years in Dawson, he came to Whitehorse, where he spent the greater part of his life. As a bachelor, he lived a simple and industrious life; as a result of this he owned several cabins in town erected by his own hands. The three-story structure on Lambert Street achieved the most notoriety as an oddity and was much publicized in various national magazines. He entered the hospital on Friday night, and passed away quietly on Sunday."

L'HIRONDELLE, PETER

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 10, 1950

He was the child of a soldier.

CURIAL, DENIS

Age: 2 1/2
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 22, 1950

NICHOLSON, JOHN J.

Age: 49
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 28, 1950

"'Jack' has been a resident of Whitehorse since 1928. He had been to work at 17 Works on Thursday morning, but returned home at noon, complaining of severe pains in his chest. Shortly later he collapsed. A neighbour, Mr. Al Wise, was summoned by one of the Nicholson children who came to the Wise's home crying that her father was sick. Mr. Wise called a doctor and the ambulance, but Mr. Nicholson died on the way to the hospital. He leaves a wife and three children."

1951**AVART, PAUL HENRI**

Age: 42
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 22, 1951

"Mr. Avart was found dead in his cabin."

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

MORAN, ANGUS

Age: 56
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 16, 1951

"Mr. Moran collapsed and died while patrolling the McCrae Army Buildings. He had been employed as a guard for a number of years by the Department of National Defence. He was the holder of a D.C.M., and a member of the Legion, who conducted the funeral. A single man, he has a brother and sisters living in Ottawa."

1952**SKELLY, GILBERT**

Age: 76
Residence: Carcross
Date of Death: January 29, 1952

"Mr. Skelly came to the Yukon in 1898, settling in Dawson City, where he prospected. Road building occupied a number of years of his life, and it is said that in company with Sam McGee he pioneered the road between Whitehorse and Kluane Lake, building the bridge at Canyon Creek. He lived in Whitehorse for some time, and then moved to Carcross. Becoming ill, he came into Whitehorse to the hospital, where he died."

SARNEY, WILLIAM S.

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 1, 1952

MADDOCKS, PATRICK JOHN

Age: 2
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 12, 1952

"He died of polio."

STEWART, JOSEPH

Age: 53
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 4, 1952

"A member of the R.C.A.F., Mr. Stewart died in his sleep."

1953**CHAISSON, JOAN MAY**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 28, 1953

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

BEAULIEU, JEAN-MARIE

Age: 31
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 29, 1953

"Mr. Beaulieu died as the result of betting a friend that he could drink two double overproof rums straight down. This he did, and collapsed shortly after; he was taken to Provost headquarters where he died. He was a private in the R.C.A.M.C."

CHAYKOWSKY, CHRISTIANA (Christine)

Age: 3
Residence: The Pines, Alaska
Highway
Date of Death: August 1, 1953

"Christine had been playing with the son of the driver of a heavy truck while the driver had lunch at Mile 872. She was last seen in the doorway of the restaurant; it is assumed that she ran out to stand in front of the truck, where the driver could not see her. Her death was declared by the coroner's jury to be accidental."

MAHONEY, WILLIAM

Age: 56
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 27, 1953

"Mr. Mahoney had worked on the boats. He was found dead. He had a history of heart disease."

1954**DOWD, CARL JOHN**

Age: 54
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 9, 1954

"An ardent sports enthusiast, Mr. Dowd has been associated with the Legion Hockey Club and the R.C.A.F. in coaching their early teams here together with supporting their ball clubs. His ready assistance and timely help will be missed by all who worked with him, especially when it came to organizing sports for children. He was a charter member of the B.P.O.E. No. 306, and members of the lodge shared the duty of pallbearers with others from the R.C.A.F."

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

McDONNELL, ANGUS JOSEPH

Age: 41
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 13, 1954

"A fire in the early hours of Sunday morning resulted in the death of Mr. McDonnell, a civilian employed by the Canadian Army N.W.H.S. as a fireman. He was off-duty at the time. Five trucks in all answered the call to the fire in Building A-13, Emergency Married Quarters; the families of E. Maddocks, J.G. Warren, and his own were safely evacuated. Mr. McDonnell was reported to be free of the burning building, and then, for some reason, to have returned. The weather was extremely cold, and gradually the water froze in the hoses; the building is a complete loss. He is survived by his wife, Rita, and two small children."

McCARNEY, EDWARD

Age: 34
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 3, 1954

"Mr. McCarney came to Whitehorse last year as Resident Maintenance Engineer of the Yukon Telephone Co.; he built the present exchange in the factory before it was sold to them. According to an employee, he had worked all day and night on Sunday; when he was awakened he declared, "I'm just about going crazy. I worked all night." Later that day, the same employee, failing to get an answer to a test call, came back to the office and found Mr. McCarney dead."

WYLIE, SHEILA M.

Age: 38
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 27, 1954

"Mrs. Wylie and her husband, lawyer Victor K. Wylie, had been out visiting friends and returned home about 2:00 a.m., when she suddenly collapsed. Although the inhalator worked on her for two hours, they were unable to revive her."

SMITH, JAMES A.

Age: 65
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 18, 1954

WHEELTON (baby)

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 23, 1954

1955

RAU, JOSEPHINE

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 26, 1955

"The little girl was the daughter of an R.C.A.F. man and his wife."

COUTTS, CATHERINE

Age: 76
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 8, 1955

CARTIER, FREDERICH

Age: 67
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 23, 1955

"Mr. Cartier died as the result of a railway accident."

HAMMOND, SUSAN MARY

Age: 3
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 15, 1955

"Little Mary was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Hammond. She disappeared from her home, and after an extensive search was found in the river, downstream from the City. Many friends brought flowers to her funeral. She left her mother and father and two younger sisters."

TRACY, LOUIS

Age: 32
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 20, 1955

"Mr. Tracy died as the result of a motor accident on the Alaska Highway near Brooks Brook when the vehicle in which he was travelling was in a head-on collision with a second car."

RAGOT, JOSEPH GABRIEL

Age: 50
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 10, 1955

"Mr. Ragot died very suddenly on September 10, 1955 at Mile 75, Haines Road, where he was working."

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

SMITH, FRANCIS

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 28, 1955

JAMES, RALPH EDWARD

Age: 46
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 19, 1955

1956**WALSH, JOSEPH**

Age: 75
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 11, 1956

"Mr. Walsh was born in Erie on October 16, 1880. He came to the Yukon in 1912. For the past five years he worked in the heating section of the R.C.A.F. He died after a lengthy illness. The Legion, of which he was a member, conducted the graveside service. Although he is survived by only one sister, he leaves many, many friends behind."

GAGNE, PHILEAS

Age: 85
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 2, 1956

"Born in St. Foyes, Quebec, on June 15, 1871, he was ordained at Ottawa, Ontario on June 15, 1896. He served in a number of different places in Quebec before coming to the Yukon in 1919, just in time to catch the last boat to Dawson in late September. There he remained for more than 30 years, serving as chaplain to St. Mary's Hospital. All who met him were impressed by his kindly word and goodly gesture. St. Mary's was destroyed by fire in 1950, and rebuilt on the old R.C.M.P. grounds. With his feebling age, and the distance to cover to reach the new location so great, Father Gagne was obliged to resign his post and retire to Whitehorse in the fall of 1950. He maintained his congeniality till the very last. On Friday afternoon he suffered a stroke and was rushed to the hospital where death came the following afternoon. He is survived by only one living relative, a nun in Hull, Quebec, but his memory will remain long with the old-timers and the Dawsonites. R.I.P."

1957**SENECHAL, LOUIS**

Age: 63
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 8, 1957

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

JACOBS, DARRELL

Age: 5 Months
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 13, 1957

McGARRY, JAMES

Age: 28
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 6, 1957

"Born in Belfast, Ireland, 'Jimmy' had tended bar at the Taku since last April. He was a cook by profession, and had served in that capacity with the army here. He was well known for his imitations of Al Jolson (in fact, he was often referred to as Belfast's Al Jolson), and as a soccer player. His sister and her two children had just arrived on Friday to visit him. He was killed when the car he was driving left the road and rolled at Mile 28 on the Mayo Road. Many friends rallied around with offers of help, and his popularity was clearly shown by the immediate response to the need for assistance."

1958**CALVILL, AMBROISE**

Age: 45
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 9, 1958

WAGNER, JEANINE M.

Age: 32
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 7, 1958

"Mrs. Wagner was born in Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan, and came to the Yukon in 1955 to work for the Army. Last year she married Philip Wagner. She had been suffering from an illness for the last seven months, spending the last six weeks in the hospital. She leaves her husband, a baby daughter of one month, her mother and father, and two sisters and two brothers."

MURPHY, KATHERINE

Age: 3
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 2, 1958

LALONDE, HAROLD O.*

Age: 52
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 14, 1958

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

LALONDE, HAROLD O. (continued)

"Ernie', of French-Irish parentage, worked for many years as a mechanic in the northern parts of Canada. Before coming to the Yukon in 1954, he worked in Yellowknife, N.W.T. and in Kitimat, B.C. For his first year in the Yukon he was employed as road mechanic for United Keno Hill Mines, then for a year he was with the Northern Commercial Caterpillar department in Whitehorse. In 1956 he went to work at Midway Lodge on the Mayo Highway. He suffered a heart attack and died suddenly. He was well-known and liked throughout the Territory. He is survived by his wife and seven children."

CREYKE, STANLEY

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 29, 1958

WHITE, FRANK

Age: 79
Residence: Keno & Dawson City
Date of Death: November 16, 1958

1959**GOODMAN, HARRY BEN**

Age: 62
Residence: Elsa
Date of Death: May 8, 1959

"Born in New Glasgow, Quebec, Mr. Goodman had been employed in Elsa for two years; he was visiting in Whitehorse when he had his fatal heart attack. Emil Montpellier, brother-in-law of Mr. Goodman, came for the funeral from Donnelly, Alberta. He is survived by his wife, seven sisters and two brothers. The Legion held a graveside ceremony."

LERNER, ADAM

Age: 46
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 18, 1959

"Born in Fox Valley, Saskatchewan, Mr. Lerner had lived in Alberta for a number of years. During the late 1940's he worked in the Spirit River area, leaving there for the Coal Branch, where he remained until opening his own business in Whitehorse in 1955. He did heavy construction welding, and during World War II worked on the airport construction welding. He died as a result of an auto accident near Haines, Alaska. He leaves a wife and four children."

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

ALLAIRE, ALBERT

Age: 58
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 10, 1959

SLESZYNSKI, CASIMIRE

Age: 60
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 19, 1959

"'Casey' was born May 20, 1899, in Poland; he had lived in Canada for many years, and was a British subject. He was a fireman with the R.C.A.F. in Whitehorse and Watson Lake since 1948. He and R.C.A.F. Corporal Frank Tower were fishing on Saturday afternoon at the dam when their boat overturned. Cpl. Tower managed to swim ashore, but Sleszynski drowned. He is survived by a brother, Stefan, in Wykomo, Poland."

GRANT, HECTOR

Age: 45
Residence: Whitehorse & Dawson
Date of Death: October 30, 1959

"Mr. Grant was born August 23, 1914, in Dawson City. He received his schooling there and after graduating went to work for the Bank of Montreal. Until the outbreak of war he remained in the banking business and worked for some time in Outside cities. From 1939 to 1946 Hector was overseas, part of this time with the Signal Corps. He joined up in the Fifth Division. Returning to his native city, he worked for a few years as an accountant for Yukon Consolidated Gold Corp. at Bear Creek. In 1949 he joined the Territorial Government, serving until 1953 as chief clerk in the Treasurer's office. It was during these years, in 1951, he married the former Florence Catherine McKinnon, another Dawsonite. In April, 1953, Hector joined the Northern Affairs Department, working in the mining recorder's office in Dawson for five years. In June 1958 the Grants moved to Whitehorse, where Hector was a departmental accountant. While he lived in Dawson, he was one of the guiding lights in the Yukon Order of Pioneers, and a pillar of the planning for the annual August 17th Discovery Day Festival. He died suddenly in the middle of an ordinary working day. He is survived by his widow, two boys and two girls, and a sister and a brother."

QUOCK, JOSEPH

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 4, 1959

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

1960**MORAN, JOHN**

Age: 56
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 21, 1960

KEHOE, WILLIAM S.

Age: 55
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 25, 1960

"Born on August 2, 1904, in Cape Breton, Mr. Kehoe came to the Yukon about 17 years ago. He was a veteran of World War II and suffered from disabilities received on active service. He had been confined to his home for many months with high blood pressure; he died as the result of a stroke. He is survived by his wife and daughter, three sisters, and a brother; three older brothers were killed in action while serving in World War I. The Legion, of which he was a member, read the Legion Burial Service at the graveside."

MOREAU, CHARLES EDWARD*

Age: 65
Date of Death: March 26, 1960
Residence: Whitehorse

MOREAU, LETHA BELLA*

Age: 69
Date of Death: March 28, 1960

*"Mr. Moreau came to Edmonton in 1898 with his father. Later he and his brother worked in the family store of David Moreau and Sons at Whyte Avenue and 100th Street. In 1916 he enlisted in the 178th Battalion, gained the rank of lieutenant, and served overseas. He remained in Edmonton after his discharge in 1919 until the death of his father; for a short time he lived in Portland, Oregon, and then came to Dawson City. He prospected for a number of years, and then joined the Department of National Defence, who transferred him to the R.C.A.F. in Whitehorse. He remained there until he retired last year. He died at the hospital last Saturday.

Mrs. Moreau, who came from New York City, met her husband during the first war, while she was serving with the rank of lieutenant overseas. She died in their home on Monday evening. Mr. Moreau is survived by a brother and a sister, and Mrs. Moreau is survived by a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Moreau had for many years made it their business to amass an outstanding collection of books about the Yukon. On their deaths, these were left to the library; they formed the nucleus of the Archives collection."

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

OFFENHUBER, MICHAEL R.

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 28, 1960

McCARTHY, MICHAEL

Age: 77
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 14, 1960

"Born in Ireland on March 23, 1883, 'Mickey' lived in the north for well over 40 years. During the early 1920's Mickey was a cook for Taylor & Drury on their river boat, the 'Thistle'. For some years he cooked for the R.C.M.P. in Whitehorse. During Mickey's career as a cook, he also worked for the Royal Mail service at various roadhouses on the Dawson overland trail, when there were stopping places every 20 miles along the route. In his later years, Mickey worked around Whitehorse; he was a janitor for the city for a while, and a watchmen for the Northern Canada Power Commission at the hydro site. He was an expert photographer. Spry and active almost to the end of his life, Mickey loved walking and even the coldest weather didn't keep him from journeying downtown afoot; when he worked at the Rapids hydro site, he walked four miles a day cheerfully. Many friends gathered at his funeral."

STARK, CHARLES DANIEL

Age: 9
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 5, 1960

"'Danny' was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Stark. He was going west on his bicycle at the corner of Second and Hawkins when he was in collision with a car, which was travelling south and attempting to pass a truck. The boy was thrown off his bicycle, over the hood of the car, and fell beneath the rear wheels of the truck. He was taken to the hospital immediately, but died from his injuries shortly thereafter. Besides his parents, Danny is survived by three sisters."

QUOCK, FLOYD DARRELL

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 12, 1960

1961**TAYLOR, MARY**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 1, 1961

HALL, MARVIN

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 21, 1961

GILLIS, JOHN

Age: 47
Residence: Carcross
Date of Death: October 21, 1961

Mr. Gillis died as a result of a cabin fire.

McKINNON, JOSEPH

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 11, 1961

1962**MARSHALL, HEATHER KATHERINE**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 26, 1962

McDONALD, PETER ALEXANDER

Age: 56
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 23, 1962

"Born in 1906, Mr. McDonald was a long-time resident of the area. He was sharing a trailer with Buck Fraser at the time of his death. They had gone to bed early, but apparently Mr. McDonald fell from his bed during the night. He was found there shortly after midnight when some friends dropped in. He was suffering from diabetes, and it is believed that this led to his death."

MORIN, JOHN M. D.

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 1, 1962

CARLICK, LINDA

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July 16, 1962

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

PETTIPAS, BERNADINE

Age: 35
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July 31, 1962

MARSHALL, KATHRYN A.

Age: 78
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 6, 1962

LaFONTAINE, PETER (Primat)

"Mr. LaFontaine was drowned."

Age: 61
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 28, 1962

SHABALA, ANNIE MAY

Age: 53
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 12, 1962

1963**DESORMEAUX, J. PHILLIPPE C.***

Age: 56
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July 13, 1963

"Mr. Desormeaux was a time-serving prisoner who had appeared as a witness in a contested court case at Mayo, and was being returned to Whitehorse when the airplane crashed, killing all the occupants. There were four R.C.M.P. men also on board. The Whitehorse Air Detachment R.C.M.P. aircraft, CF MPO, was apparently landing in Carmacks on police business. It crashed in a bank just below the Mayo Road at a location approximately between the Territorial Garage and the Carmacks bridge at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Desormeaux's wife was notified of his death; she sent flowers and paid for the funeral, but did not wish to attend."

1964**WALTERS, RUFUS**

Age: 43
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 9, 1964

LELIEVRE, JOE

Age: 97
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 23, 1964

"Mr. Lelievre, who was born in Gaspé, Quebec, was predeceased by his wife, who died in 1936. He spent his early years as a lumberjack in Michigan. In 1897 he came north via the Dyea trail in company with a small group of French-Canadians. He whipsawed boat lumber at Lake Bennett, and went on to Dawson City in 1898. For several years he placer-mined and ran roadhouses in the Klondike and Stewart River areas. During the 1920's and 1930's he operated a small ranch and a wood business in Mayo. He resided continually in the Yukon with the exception of a brief visit to Quebec in 1934. He is mourned by one son, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren."

SZILAGYI, ATTILA

Age: 52
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 30, 1964

DesROSIERS, RUSSELL

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 8, 1964

MALONEY, MICHAEL

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 22, 1964

"Michael was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maloney."

KROIDER, MICHAEL

Age: 67
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 10, 1964

PARENT, JAMES M.

Age: 64
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 20, 1964

MATTSON, CATHERINE ANNE

Age: 46
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 23, 1964

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

1965**LUCIER, THERESA A.**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 16, 1965

KOCHYLEMA, MICHAEL

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 26, 1965

ROSE, FRANKLIN

Age: 22
Residence: Granduc Mines, B.C.
Date of Death: February 18, 1965

"'Roth' Rose of Tagish, and formerly of Watson Lake, was killed when, following three days of heavy snowfall, a tremendous snowslide buried the camp at Granduc (about 30 miles north of Stewart, B.C.). He was a heavy-duty equipment operator, who had been employed at the Portal Camp since last July. His wife flew in from California, where she is currently residing, for the funeral."

MENARD, EMILIEN A.

Age: 56
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 26, 1965

"'Sparky' Menard was born February 9, 1909, at Roberval, Quebec, and moved with his family to Fraser Lake, B.C. in 1926. In April of 1946 he came to the Yukon, becoming well-known throughout the Territory as he had been employed by the North West Highway System. He worked at Coal River, Lower Post and several other maintenance camps on the Alaska Highway. Since 1958 he had been employed by the R.C.A.F. in Whitehorse. He was a member of the Holy Name Society and took an active part in all the parish activities. He passed away after a short illness, leaving his wife, a son and a daughter."

HARGRAVE, SUSAN GRACE

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 22, 1965

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS

ROILES, HENRY

Age: 85
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 10, 1965

"Henry Roiles was 85, and well-named 'Shorty'. He didn't have quantity, but he had quality. Sturdily independent to the last, he minded his own business and lived carefully on his bit of a pension in a one-room shack. A veteran of the First Great War, he had enlisted from the Yukon, been trained in Victoria, and went overseas as a private. He came home again three years later, still a private, and had never been "outside" since. With the Western Scots in the 67th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, he fought as number two man on a machine gun at Mons, Vimy Ridge, and Arras. "Keep your head down," Shorty used to say. "That was one good time to be a little runt!" He was a machine operator around Whitehorse for years on the docks, and later worked for Taylor & Drury as a night watchman. His eyes were failing him recently, but he knew where everything was in that little one-room cabin on the Flats. Honest and polite, that was Shorty. He had never been known to pinch even one armload from the T & D woodpile near his shack...and it must have been tempting, at times. He died as the result of a beating."

NICHOLSON, LENA

Age: 76
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July 20, 1965

BORGUNDAAG, SVEN

Age: 77
Residence: Mayo
Date of Death: August 5, 1965

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1949**MURRAY, MARY**

Age: 64
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 21, 1949

"Mrs. Murray came to the Yukon in March, 1923; she was a pleasant and busy woman, occupied with her family and her home. For some time past she has been suffering from ill health; her husband had recently taken her to the coast to consult specialists, but to no avail. The chapel was filled to overflowing, and the many floral offerings bore witness to the high regard and affection in which she was held. Besides her husband (unfortunately a patient in the hospital at the moment) she leaves three sons and a daughter. She was buried in the Masonic Cemetery."

1950**VEALE, GRACE ALIXINA**

Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 30, 1950

"Mrs. Veale came to Whitehorse with her husband, Edwin Arthur, on July 5/44, directly upon his discharge from the Canadian Army. She immediately started working for the N.W.S. Highway Command, but was forced to quit her job when gangrene resulted in the amputation of her left leg. In September/45 she was flown to Vancouver for an operation on her right eye, but unfortunately that too failed, and she became blind. During her illnesses Mrs. Veale bore her afflictions valiantly, and was always cheerful and full of hope and courage in the anticipation that at some time her sight would be restored. She was buried in the Legion plot. She left her husband and four sisters."

1956**McPHERSON, ISABELLA**

Age: 81
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 9, 1956

"Mrs. McPherson was born in Inverness-shire, Scotland in 1875, and came to the Yukon as a bride in 1910. She passed away peacefully in her sleep. Predeceased by her husband, she leaves three daughters, all resident in Whitehorse, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren."

DAWSON, LOIS MAY

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 11, 1956

"Lois died suddenly on Tuesday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dawson. She leaves her parents and one brother."

1957**LEE, HAROLD IDEN**

Age: 42
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 1, 1957

"Born in Lacadena, Sask., on August 31, 1915, he received his education in Lousana, Alta. He originally trained for the R.C.M.P., and later switched to the ministry, training in Three Hills and Calgary, where he met and married his wife, Lydia Brown. The couple took charge of the Army Religious Centre in Calgary, and in May, 1946 transferred to Whitehorse. At first their efforts were directed solely towards the white population, but eventually their attention was drawn to the needs of the native population, who roamed the streets, forbidden to attend the white schools. They opened a school for them, attended eventually by 170 children. Rev. Lee was widely known throughout the Territory; he conducted a very popular radio program. He was killed in a car accident when the car he was driving collided with an Army Ration Truck. He was survived by his wife, three children, his mother and father, and seven brothers and three sisters. His funeral was attended by about 300 people; the 170 children in the school paid their last respects to the man who had loved and encouraged them. Their friend has passed away."

1963**FRIEGON, ROBERT JAMES**

Age: 36
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July 14, 1963

"Mr. Friegon, a well-known hockey star, died while watching a ball game at the Civic Centre. He was born in Edmonton and spent about 18 years in the Edmonton and Calgary districts. He served with the Canadian Navy before coming to Whitehorse in 1946. He leaves his wife and three children. For the past six years he played hockey on the Legion team, occupying both center and defence positions. When the team was made up to enter the Peace River hockey loop, Friegon was chosen as one of the players. Fellow hockey players said that Friegon played hockey with his head in addition to being a good stick-handler."

BAPTIST CHURCH RECORDS

1964**TAYLOR, HERBERT EDWARD**

Residence: Whitehorse

Date of Death: September ?, 1964

"Twenty-two years from the time he started construction of the Alaska Highway with the US Army Engineers, 'Bert' Taylor died suddenly at almost the same spot. Stricken by a heart attack while operating a grader at Mile 707, Mr. Taylor died shortly afterwards. The native of Oklahoma came to the Yukon in 1942 for construction of the wartime highway and stayed for the rest of his life. He had moved on to Fairbanks and freighted overland for the Sunshine Mining Company in Alaska, driving his "cat" over trails which were later to become the Sixty Mile Road to Dawson. He operated a taxi business for some years at Dawson, where he and his wife Shirley were married in 1949. They moved to Mayo, where Mr. Taylor worked on the construction of the dam for two and a half years, then to Pelly where they built the Lodge. The family came to Whitehorse several years ago, and he was employed by McIsaac Construction prior to his recent return to the highway with the Department of Public Works. Mr. Taylor had been away from his Whitehorse home for several weeks prior to his death with a mobile road crew, and had not been too well after falling against the wheel of some road equipment. A helper was with him at the time of his seizure. Funeral services were held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon to allow fellow workers to attend. Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, one son, and one daughter."

MILIOSEVICH, NICK

Age: 90

Residence: Whitehorse & Mayo

Date of Death: November ?, 1964

"Old friends from Mayo attended funeral services in Whitehorse for a veteran of 50 years in the Yukon. A Yugoslavian born 90 years ago, he had come to America when a young man and worked in the gold fields of Alaska until almost the turn of the century. He spent twelve years in Dawson in the early days and moved on to mining and prospecting at Keno, Elsa and Mayo until his retirement a few years ago. He was a resident of the Mayo area for at least 40 years and made many friends there, among them Mr. and Mrs. Beljanski, with whom he had made his home in Whitehorse for the past three years. He is survived by a brother in Yugoslavia and a nephew in Australia."

BAPTIST CHURCH RECORDS

LOST GRAVES

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1951**WILLISTON, J. M.**

Age: 67
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 28, 1951

"Wife of Frank Williston."

SMITH, WILLIAM JAMES

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 23, 1951

REID, DANIEL C.

Age: 64
Residence: Bennett
Date of Death: November 27, 1951

1952**JONES, GARY L.**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 6, 1952

1954**McDADE, GEORGE C.**

Age: 81
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 20, 1954

McCLEERY, R.

Buried: 1954

1955**BOADWAY, G. W.**

Age: 77
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 9, 1955

"Mr. Boadway died quietly at his home, two days before his 78th birthday. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS

PALLISTER, JEAN A.

Age: 6
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 15, 1955

"Jean, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Pallister, was on her way to school when she slipped under an army school bus. The driver was freed of any blame regarding her death (the first to occur involving a school bus)."

BROWN, JOHN DOUGLAS

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 5, 1955

"John was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Brown."

CURRY, WILLIAM I.

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 17, 1955

1956**PETIOT, PETER A.**

Age: 44
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 3, 1956

"Born at Cowley, Alberta on April 27, 1911, 'Pete' came first to Elsa and Mayo, but moved to Whitehorse in 1941, joining Dick White as a barber. The "Vet's" Barber Shop and the Petiot Block kept him busy. His shop was always the hub of sports-minded fans, with hockey, fishing, and hunting the main topics--accompanied by never-failing humour and repartee. Pete was a hockey player (last team the Calumet Bombers at Elsa), and Vice-President of our local team, attending all the games. He was also a member of the Fish and Game Association, Board of Trade, Elks, Kiwanis, and the Civic Centre Assoc. His memory was honoured by a period of silence at Sunday's hockey game. His death followed a long illness. He leaves a wife and two sisters, and a host of friends."

STRONG, GERALD KEITH

Age: 42
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 10, 1956

"Mr. Strong was born in St. John, New Brunswick and spent his early years in Quebec. He came north with Poole Construction and had been employed at Taylor & Drury's for the past five years. He died following a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, two children, and two brothers. The Elks, of which he was a member, attended the ceremony."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS

KEATING, THOMAS ALBERT

Age: 56
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 16, 1956

"Mr. Keating was born Jan. 1, 1900, in Ontario. He was a well-known resident of the city, having been employed by the army for some time. He was also an Elk, and a member of the Legion. Members of both attended the funeral; he was buried in the Legion plot. He leaves three brothers and two sisters."

**McLEAN, EWEN
(MacLEAN)**

Age: 61
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 17, 1956

"Resident in the Yukon since 1926, Mr. McLean was an Imperial Army veteran and during his early years in the Yukon worked on the river boats, also doing a little prospecting. He came to Whitehorse when the construction of the highway began, and lived in a small cabin in Whiskey Flats at the time of his death. Albert Mudiman, who worked with him at the Army steam plant, called (knowing that Mr. McLean had been ill for a few days) and found him dead. The funeral was under the auspices of the Legion, and the body was buried in their plot."

ROCHON, ALICE GLEE

Age: 34
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 4, 1956

"'Sunny', born in Revelstoke, B.C., came to Whitehorse 13 years ago. Her first husband died in a drowning accident at Pat Bay, B.C. after a very short marriage; Sunny re-married and came up to Whitehorse. Four years ago she opened her popular delicatessen and one year ago her equally popular steak house. A constant contributor to charities and clubs, Sunny was always too busy to enjoy taking part in them. She was involved in an automobile accident at Mile 922.5; the others in the car were unhurt, but Sunny died before arriving at the hospital. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, her mother, a sister and her grandfather. She had one brother, who was killed in the war."

GURNETT (baby)

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 19, 1956

POWELL, FRANK C.

Age: 50
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 16, 1956

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS

1957**GIBSON, ANDREW H.**

Age: 75
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 28, 1957

VIAUX, ANNA KATRINA (KATHLEEN)

Age: 90
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 12, 1957

"Born Feb. 28, 1867, in Horner, Denmark, Mrs. Viaux came to this continent when she was 16; she was the only one of the five Lauridsens to come to Canada. When she first came to Whitehorse, the White Pass Hotel had not yet been built, but when the Windsor Hotel burned down the next year (the fire of 1905), she became associated with the replacement, the White Pass. In those days, the White Pass was the "only hotel in Whitehorse with steam heat in every room," and after she became proprietress she was very proud of the modern facilities. She looked after the beer parlour herself for many years, and was also proud of the fine old mahogany bar, carved out of a single piece of wood. Although she had been almost totally blind for eight years, she remained alert until her final short illness. For the last ten years a personal friend, Harold Nielsen, has helped her operate the hotel."

PETERSON, RONALD E.

Age: 30
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 13, 1957

"'Pete' came to the Yukon in 1942, during the construction of the Alaska Highway. At that time he was employed by Bond Construction, having come north with his father (now deceased) and two brothers. Later he went into trucking for himself, and had two trucks on the road at the time of taking employment with White Pass. The tractor he was driving last Tuesday rolled over at mile 2.8 of the Mayo Highway; he was travelling north to pick up a line freight van at Carmacks. Driving on the highway for 14 years, he was well-known along its length by most of the regular drivers and travellers; at his funeral all the truckers who could possibly attend did. He is survived by his widow, two sisters and two brothers."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS

1958**SWANSON, OSCAR GUNNAR**

Age: 56
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 23, 1958

"Born on Jan. 13, 1902 in Ostersund, Sweden, he died, after many years of illness, just ten days after his 56th birthday. As a young man, he left Sweden to work on a whaling ship bound for South America. After arriving in South America, he signed on for three years at a whaling station. About 1930 Oscar drifted to Canada, working as a pulp-worker in the east. He spent a number of years in various parts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Ontario before coming west. In 1943 he came to Whitehorse. For about four years he was in the wood business but the cold winter of 1946-47 decided him against that kind of work. Oscar often mentioned that awful cold spell. From then, he worked in bars around town, starting at the Regina. He opened Tourists' Services as a tavern, then put in about four months at the White Pass before working at the Whitehorse Inn. In 1952 he became ill and was in and out of hospital from that time until his death. Oscar died a bachelor. Friends said of him, 'he was a real good guy. He treated people the way he wanted to be treated himself.'"

GIBBEN, JOHN EDWARD

Age: 63
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 28, 1958

"Born on June 19, 1893, in Middlesborough, Yorkshire, England, he was brought to Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1896; he received his education there. He served overseas from 1914-1917; invalided home, he resumed his studies at the University of Manitoba, and was called to the Manitoba bar in 1921. From 1930-1938 he was a member of the firm of Coleman, Swail and Gibben; he left to become stipendiary magistrate for N.W.T., resident in Yellowknife. About 1941, he and Mrs. Gibben came to Whitehorse, to act as stipendiary magistrate and Indian Agent for the Yukon. In 1948, he was appointed Commissioner, resigning from this in 1950 to assume the position of Judge of the Territorial Court. A courteous and gentlemanly figure, the Judge was well- liked and respected by citizens in all walks of life. Although not an old man, he was of the "old school", which enabled him to remain politely above much of the day to day hurly-burly of small town life. His first wife, Ina, died in 1950; he married again the former Rhoda MacDonald in the summer of 1951. He died of a sudden heart attack during the night; in addition to his wife he leaves a daughter, a brother and two sisters."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS

OSTGAARD, ALBERT

Age: 61
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 13, 1958

"Born in Minnesota, Mr. Ostgaard came to Canada in 1906; he had lived in the Yukon for the past 15 years. He was employed as a stove mechanic by the Northwest Highway System for the past 5 years. Absent from his job at the 17th Works Company R.C.E., the R.C.M.P. investigated when friends reported this; he was found in his cabin on First Avenue dead from natural causes. He is survived by one sister and three brothers."

NELSON, JAMES

Age: 55
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July 13, 1958

"Born at Michel, B.C., Mr. Nelson was employed as a security guard for the Northwest Highway System here at the time of his death. He died of a heart attack. He is survived by a sister and two brothers."

1959**STEVENSON, JOHN COCHRANE**

Age: 50
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 11, 1959

"'Curly' was born in Toronto, Ontario, on March 17, 1909; he came to the Yukon in 1932. For many years he worked at mining in the Bear Creek area. While in Dawson City he married the former Marjorie Hoggan in 1934. The family moved to Whitehorse in 1947, and from that year Curly worked as an equipment operator for Northwest Highway System at points along the Alaska Highway. He joined the Department of Transport in September last year, and was still working for them at the time of his death. A long-time resident in the north, he was well-liked and respected in many parts of the country. He was buried in the Masonic section of the cemetery, where a graveside service was held. He leaves his wife and daughters."

1960**GIBSON, LENA MacPHERSON***

Age: 76
Residence: Whitehorse/Vancouver
Date of Death: October 25, 1960

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS

GIBSON, LENA MacPHERSON (continued)

"Born January 27, 1884, in Orillia, Ontario, she first came to the north with her husband in 1948 when they moved to Fort Macpherson, N.W.T. The couple came to Dawson in 1951, when Mr. Gibson became Commissioner of the Yukon. The following year he was appointed police magistrate and they moved to Whitehorse. She was an active member of the IODE. She left Whitehorse in 1956 to live in a nursing home in Vancouver. Her funeral took place in Vancouver, and her ashes were brought back for burial alongside her husband, who died in 1957. She leaves two sons, three grandchildren, and two sisters."

HUGGARD, HARVEY J.

Age: 55
Residence: Mayo
Date of Death: August 11, 1960

GEMMELL, WILLIAM A.

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 14, 1960

1961**SCOTT, JOHN**

Age: 57
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 7, 1961

WALKER, JOHN ALEXANDER

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 5, 1961

RIES, DEBBIE L.

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 10, 1961

ARTHUR, ALEXANDER

Age: 45
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 16, 1961

"'Alex' was born in Peterhead, Scotland, and came to Canada with his parents in 1928, to settle in Chilliwack, B.C. He first worked in New Westminster, B.C. as a longshoreman, then served in the army; after discharge, he took over and ran a grocery store in Steveston, B.C.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS

ARTHUR, ALEXANDER (continued)

He came north in 1945, to Mayo, where he managed the Silver Inn; later he owned the Mayo and Keno Menswear. From there he came to Whitehorse as owner of Porky's Menswear, which he sold to Hougen's in February, 1957. After leaving the men's wear business, he took over the Hillcrest Supermarket (the airbase grocery store), which he ran until his death. He was a long-standing member of the city Kiwanis Club, and was looking forward to going as one of its delegates to the district convention in Spokane later this month. He was also a member of the Masons. He left his wife, a son and a daughter and his father to mourn him; the funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian Church, with Masonic Rites read at the graveside. An outspoken man, with no time for pretence or artificiality, Alex had worked hard all his life. He had been a territorial council candidate and also a candidate for the liberal nomination during the last federal election. The paper said, 'Alex had the ability to examine the world and himself with honesty and without self-pity. This is the legacy he left to his friends. He was an honest man and a good man.'

GRAHAM, JAMES L. M.

Age:	39
Residence:	Whitehorse
Date of Death:	December 24, 1961

"Mr. Graham, of North Whiskey Flats, has been missing since the early morning on Christmas Eve, when he went down to the river with a bucket and did not return. The R.C.M.P., summoned by his wife, found tracks leading from his home to a section of shore ice where a chunk had broken off and floated downriver. There were no tracks turning back from the grey and icy river. He is survived by his wife and relatives in Daysland, Alberta. He had been employed as a welder with R.C.E.M.E. here. His body was recovered on May 5, 1962, when Alex Szonyi, trying out newly-purchased binoculars, happened to catch sight of it drifting by. The R.C.M.P. recovered the body near Vic Wells' property; the ice and cold water had preserved it, and it was easily recognizable."

1962**AUSTON, ROBERT**

Age:	46
Residence:	Whitehorse
Date of Death:	March 13, 1962

"'Bobby' Auston was missing since early March 13; his body was recovered in July. The game guide was last seen in the Whiskey Flats area, and some thought he might have fallen beneath the ice of the Yukon River. (This was right). Mr. Auston spent his summers guiding in the Hart River country and the winter as a driver for White Pass. He had a family of seven. A familiar figure throughout the territory, great concern was expressed concerning his disappearance."

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS

NIELSEN, NIELS K.

Age: 40
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 24, 1962

"Chris' Nielsen disappeared while on a photographic expedition with Russell Allen. His footsteps led through a fresh snowfall to a shallow spot in the river and did not return. Mr. Nielsen had been working in the Mayo area, but came to Whitehorse towards the end of March. He was living in the Alpine Hotel. He is thought to have come to Canada from Scandinavia about two-and-a-half years ago. His body was found by members of the R.C.M.P. about 300 yards below the Lewes Dam on June 5."

1963**WALIN, GUNNAR**

Age: 55
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 2, 1963

"Mr. Walin was a long-time resident of the Yukon who will be sadly missed by a host of friends in the territory. He died in his sleep. He had been ill for some time prior to his death, but had apparently recovered and was back at work. He came north direct from his home in Finland in 1925. In Whitehorse he met his aunt, Mrs. J. R. Alguire, and for a brief time was employed at the Yukon Laundry which was operated then by the Alguires. However, soon after, he joined White Pass and was with the transportation firm until his death, when he was working in the petroleum division. He was known as a loyal and faithful employee and a friend to all in the company. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter."

JOHNSON, GEORGE M.

Age: 75
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 10, 1963

"Mr. Johnson had resided in Whitehorse since 1945, and, although retired, had been self-employed in the community. He is survived by a son and a daughter, both of Vancouver."

BARR, DONALD E.

Age: 32
Residence: Saskatoon, Sask.
Date of Death: November 23, 1963

1964**FOGEL, GEORGE W.**

Age: 37
Residence: Palm Bay, Florida
Date of Death: October 31, 1964

"Mr. Fogel was a space program technician, driving from Mountainview, Alaska to Palm Bay, Florida, with his wife and two children. He died and his wife and children were badly injured when his Volkswagen bus collided with another vehicle during a blinding snowstorm near Watson Lake. The driver of the other vehicle was also injured. Dr. Bailey of Dawson Creek happened to be driving back to that city from Whitehorse, and gave the injured medical assistance. The second driver was also an American."

1965**WATSON, WILLIAM J.**

Age: 83
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 18, 1965

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1955**JOHANNES, KERRY PAUL**

Age: 2
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 11, 1955

1956**JARVIS, MARY ELLEN**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 1, 1956

1957**RACHEL, MARY TOFIELD**

Age: 51
Residence: Teslin
Date of Death: March 16, 1957

REGEHR, WILLIAM HENRY

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 22, 1957

1958**McINTYRE, DAVID ROSS**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 1, 1958

ELDEN, KELVIN

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 2, 1958

JARVIS, NORMAN

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date Buried: December 11, 1958

1959**ANDERSON, ?**

Date of Death: May 2, 1959

Date Buried: May 5, 1959

1955**NOBLE, JAMES**

Age: 59

Residence: Haines Junction

Date of Death: August 27, 1959

1960**REPKE, KERRY JOHN**

Age: 0

Residence: Whitehorse

Date of Death: July 13, 1960

1961**McGILLIVRAY, JOHN**

Age: 71

Residence: Whitehorse

Date of Death: June 5, 1961

"Born in 1889, Mr. McGillivray went to sea as a young man aboard sailing ships. In about 1925 he came North, where he hunted and trapped for many years; he was particularly familiar with the Livingstone Creek area. He was a lively spirit. One of the happy band of independent self-contained oldtimers, he refused at first to go to hospital, and it was not until the R.C.M.P., concerned for his welfare, persuaded him, that he would leave his home north of the hospital on the east bank of the river. He was reported ill by Alex Seely, who dropped in to see him on the weekend. He came originally from Gabarous, N.S., where it is believed that one brother still lives; another brother is reported to be in Vancouver. For the last few years, Mr. McGillivray has worked at the Pool Hall."

HALL, GEORGE LEONARD

Age: 50
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 6, 1961

"Mr. Hall died at Mile 595 on the Alaska Highway; he was struck with a dragline cable. He had been working as safety man on a bridge job. His brother Clarence had been living with him in Whitehorse, but left for B.C.; the R.C.M.P. are trying to find him."

1962**SIMPSON, LEAH and**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 15, 1962

SIMPSON, LISA1963**COOMBS, DAVID FRANKLIN**

Age: 4
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 3, 1963

"Born in Ottawa, David came with his family to the Yukon in the summer of 1962, when they made their home in Riverdale. The youngster suffered a brief illness. His parents had flown out with him to Edmonton for special treatment at the University Hospital. He is the son of RCMP Staff Sergeant and Mrs. W. A. Coombs. In addition he is survived by four brothers."

1964**DORIS (baby)**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 3, 1964

LARSEN, IRENE

Age: 63
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 5, 1964

JENSEN, GENEVIEVE

Age: 65
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: April 28, 1964

SIMPSON, KATHY COLLEEN

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 4, 1964

MILLER, CARL

Age: 60
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 28, 1964

SHERIDAN, LEO

Age: 46
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 25, 1964

"Sudden death on the eve of a hunting trip claimed Whitehorse resident Leo Sheridan. He was making preparations for a weekend expedition when he suffered a fatal heart attack and died shortly after being admitted to Whitehorse General Hospital. Well-known as a machinist with the Department of National Defence and latterly with the Department of Public Works, he had lived at Coal River and Brooks Brook prior to making his home in Whitehorse about eight years ago. A veteran of overseas service with the R.C.A.F., Mr. Sheridan was a member of the Canadian Legion here. Fellow members will act as bearers. He is survived by his wife."

HOWARD, DAVID A. L.

Age: 55
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 15, 1964

"Whitehorse citizens were shocked by the news of the sudden death of "Dave" Howard early Sunday morning. The well-known manufacturer's and wholesale agent had been in his usual good health Saturday. He is believed to have suffered a heart attack during the night, and walked into the General Hospital about four a.m. on his own, with a suitcase under his arm, and asked for medical help. The doctor on duty was called immediately and arrived within minutes, but Mr. Howard had another seizure and was beyond help.

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HOWARD, DAVID A. L. (continued)

David Aldworth Lewers Howard was a Manitoba boy who went to work at the age of 12. His friends found it difficult to believe that he was self-educated because of his scholarly writing and his knowledge in many fields. He had come to the Yukon first with the telephone company before it was taken over by C.N.T., was later with Northern Commercial in Whitehorse, and most recently in business for himself. Prominent in the Liberal organization here, he had acted as agent for the candidate N.V.K. Wylie in a federal election, and had been an executive member of the local association. A faithful member of the United Church, he was active in the choir, the AOTS, and was vice-president of the Whitehorse Choral Society, carrying the president's duties as well for one year. He was interested in many humanitarian works, among them the SPCA, the retarded children's school, the Children's Aid Society, and recently, the mental health organization here, as well as the Red Cross. He is survived by his mother and sister in North Vancouver, both of them invalids, and by a brother in Toronto."

McDONALD, DAVID HOWARD

Age: 53
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 28, 1964

1965**CAMPBELL, CLARENCE COHEN**

Age: 43
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: Between October 16,
1964 and May 9, 1965
Date Buried: May 18, 1965

"Clarence Campbell, born at Atlin, B.C. on April 2, 1922, disappeared from Whitehorse late last year. He had been employed by Dynasty Exploration in the Ross River area during the summer months. On May 9th his body was found on the ice of the Yukon River near Whitehorse."

"An extensive police investigation has been conducted during the past nine months and the cause of death has not been determined. It has been satisfactorily established that prior to the body being found on the river ice, it rested in a body of water and also, at one time it was at least partially covered with soil. The police report that they have reason to believe the body was placed in the river ice in the late winter or early spring of this year.

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CAMPBELL, CLARENCE COHEN (continued)

The investigation has also disclosed that Campbell was last seen on October 16th, 1964, in Whitehorse, at which time, of course, there was no ice on the Yukon River. It is known that at the time of his death he had been drinking. The police discovered a renovated factory-made toboggan downstream from where the body was found; they believe it may have been used to transport the body to the river. It is also believed that there are local residents with knowledge which could assist in the investigation; they urge that any such knowledge be brought to their attention."

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KINGDOM HALL RECORDS

1957**DOEY, JUDY MAY**

Age:	2 1/2
Residence:	Whitehorse
Date of Death:	July 15, 1957

N O T E: From World War II until 1964 - 1968, the Canadian Army and the R.C.A.F. maintained stations here. They lived "up the hill" (not then a part of Whitehorse) and had their own facilities, including their own chapels.

CATHOLIC ARMY CHAPEL RECORDS

1958**MARTIN, BRUCE FRANK MICHAEL**

Age:	0
Residence:	Whitehorse
Date of Death:	January 28, 1958

"Born on December 5, 1957, Bruce died suddenly on January 28. The Martin family have made their home in Whitehorse for the past five and a half years; Mr. Martin is a civilian employee with the Army here. He was in eastern Canada on business at the time of his son's death; he returned home on January 31. Besides his mother and father, Bruce is survived by three sisters."

PROTESTANT ARMY CHAPEL RECORDS

1958**GEORGE, CLARA (Margaret Clara)**

Residence: Brooks Brook

Date of Death: July 17, 1958

"Clara' was born in Hamiota, Man. She was the wife of highway maintenance superintendent Harry George; they have lived at Brooks Brook for the past 11 years. She died following a lengthy illness."

HUENE, RALPH D.

Age: 36

Residence: Whitehorse

Date of Death: October 19, 1958

Date Buried: June 5, 1959

Captain Huene's body was lost at Marsh Lake; it was recovered the following June. S/Sgt. Kuhn's body was not found.

"Captain Huene, his wife, and their four year old son, along with S/Sgt. Louis Kuhn and his wife, were all at the island in Marsh Lake. The group were working on a cabin there and apparently the two men left the island about 4:00 o'clock to take a load of supplies and equipment back to their cars. It is thought that they reached the mainland because some of the equipment was found there. Apparently the boat overturned, because it was found the next day in that condition. Mrs Huene and Mrs. Kuhn and the small boy spent the night on the island. Monday morning, the Huene's 15 year old daughter, alarmed by her parents' absence, called the Army authorities.

Both men played an active role in the community, and were were well-known throughout the area. Captain Huene came to Whitehorse in November of 1956; he was second in command with 19 Company Service Corps. He had been in the army for ten years, having served in the air force during the war. He was buried with full military honours."

PROTESTANT ARMY CHAPEL RECORDS

1960**MacLEAN, ROY**

Age: 27
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 9, 1960

"Mr. MacLean was found dead at his home, apparently as the result of pneumonia. Married only a few weeks ago, he had taken his bride to hospital with pneumonia just before he succumbed to the disease himself. He was born 27 years ago in Fort Fitzgerald, Alberta. A soldier from 1951 to 1957, he served with the Army in Whitehorse, and after his discharge took up residence here. He was an employee at Highway Maintenance Establishment. He was buried in the Legion Plot. Besides his wife, he is survived by a sister."

1961**JENSEN, GERHARD**

Age: 53
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 16, 1961

"Born June 8, 1908 in Aalborg, Jylland, Denmark, Mr. Jensen spent most of his life in Canada. He became a naturalized citizen in 1953, and since that time lived in the Yukon. He was well-known throughout the territory, having worked as a miner at Dawson, Mayo and Elsa. In March, 1942, he joined the army in Dawson City; he received a medical discharge. During the past few years, Mr. Jensen lived in Whitehorse. Until last fall he worked for the Department of National Defence here. He was buried in the Legion Plot."

SALVATION ARMY RECORDS

1958**PARKIN, JAMES ALFRED**

Age:	56
Residence:	Whitehorse
Date of Death:	November 13, 1958

"Born in 1902 at Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, Mr. Parkin spent his earlier years on the prairies. He came to the Peace River in 1927, moving to Dawson Creek two years later. He remained there until 1946. The Parkin family came to Whitehorse 12 years ago. At the time of his death, Mr. Parkin was working for the Airforce as a plumber. Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons and three daughters.

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHÁ'IS OF WHITEHORSE

1959**KAWCHUCK, ANN CATHARINE**

Age: 53
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: July ?, 1959

"Mrs. Kawchuck lived in Dawson City from 1938 to about 1954, and in Whitehorse since April 22, 1955. Surviving are her husband, Joseph, a brother and three sisters."

1960**MYRA, FREDA KATHLEEN**

Age: 1
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 30, 1960

"Freda was the daughter of Fred and Hazel Myra; she passed away very suddenly. Surviving are her parents and two brothers."

1963**WICKSTROM, OLE**

Age: 74
Residence: Whitehorse and
Mile 1167
Date of Death: December 26, 1963

"Born in 1889 in Sweden, Ole came to Canada in 1925 and settled shortly after in the Yukon. He lived in a number of Yukon locations, including Burwash, Big Salmon, Tanana Wreck, and Whitehorse. He had many friends throughout the Yukon. At the time of his death, he was living as caretaker at White River Lodge (Mile 1167). He had a heart attack there on December 26, and was dead by the time the ambulance arrived in Whitehorse. He is survived by his wife, Annie."

LUTHERAN CHURCH RECORDS

1960**NOTLAND (baby)**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 8, 1960

1961**LANTITS, PATRICIA and**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 1, 1961

LANTITS, PETER D.**LUCAS, ANDREW
(LUKAC?)**

Age: 62
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 3, 1961

"Mr. Lucas came to Canada from Czechoslovakia in 1928. Since 1946 he had been with the Department of National Defence and, since June, 1953, with 17 Works Co. R.C.E. where he was employed as a steam engineer. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kusie Lukac of Rozinava, Czechoslovakia, and one sister, Mrs. Luzie Melleky, of Pennsylvania, U.S.A."

SIGURDSON, HERMAN

Age: 46
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 19, 1961

1962**STRICHER, ROBIN ANN**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 14, 1962

LUTHERAN CHURCH RECORDS

1963**WUKIONE, EMKA**

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 10, 1963

JOHNSON, NILS

Age: 64
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: September 5, 1963

"Mr. Johnson was a keen member of the Elks; his funeral was attended by members of that organization and by the Ladies of the Royal Purple."

KUSTER, DIETER

Age: 0
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: October 9, 1963

PURO, ABEL

Age: 57
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 6, 1963

1964**ODELL, ODEN**

Age: 87
Residence: Dawson City and
Whitehorse
Date of Death: February 10, 1964

"Mr. Odell was for many years a resident of Dawson, but of recent years had been a resident of the Senior Citizens' Home in Whitehorse. He died quietly in the hospital."

LUTHERAN CHURCH RECORDS

BORGESON, WALTER

Age: 34
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: March 3, 1964

"Mr. Borgeson died in the Keegan Electric Building on Lowe Street at about 3:30 a.m. when the building was gutted by fire. He rented a back bedroom on the premises, and his body was found by firemen on the floor beside the bed."

LEITNER, ALICE MARIE

Age: 24
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 16, 1964

"Mrs. Leitner was born in Lestock, Sask., and she had lived in Whitehorse for the past four years. She is survived by her husband and three children, three sisters, two brothers, and her parents in Regina, Sask."

HIBBECK-SCHMIDT, MARIANE

Age: 38
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 11, 1964

1965**LEITNER, FRANK**

Age: 67
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 25, 1965

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH RECORDS

1961**FRIEND, ELIZABETH PATMORE**

Age: 90
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: May 12, 1961

"Born 90 years ago in Sydenham, Kent, England, Mrs. Friend came to Canada in 1903. She lived in Ottawa for more than 50 years, and always remembered the city as "Bytown", its original name. Mrs. Friend was an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Ottawa, and was interested in the orphans' home. In 1954 Mrs. Friend came to Whitehorse, where her son and daughter-in-law make their home. She died in the hospital, following a lengthy illness. She was predeceased by her husband, David, in 1920. She leaves a son and a daughter."

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH RECORDS

1961**WILSON, ROY**

Age: 54
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 18, 1961

"Well-known in the north, the late Mr. Wilson had lived in the Yukon for many years. An active sportsman all his life, he was also a boxer and a wrestler. During his years here he was a member of the Elks Lodge, the Canadian Legion, and the curling club. Born at Swan River, Manitoba, in 1907, he received most of his early education in Saskatchewan. After returning to Manitoba with his family, he met and married his wife, Della. In 1931, the Wilsons moved to B.C., where Roy worked in the fruit business, and as a meat cutter. During World War II he served overseas for six years with the Royal Canadian Engineers. The family moved to Whitehorse in 1954. Mr. Wilson was employed as a meat cutter with Burns & Company here for several years, and recently joined the government service as a customs officer. He is survived by his wife and a daughter. Mr. Wilson was killed by Nicholas Kuzma on the night of August 18th near Beaver Creek, where he was working. Kuzma received a sentence of 14 years."

BETHANY TABERNACLE RECORDS

1961**CALLISON, FRED C.**

Age: 76
Residence: Atlin, B.C.
Date of Death: November ?, 1961

"Mr. Callison was born in 1885 in West Virginia. He settled in Dawson Creek in 1913 and has lived in northern B.C. since 1935. He is survived in the north by well-known members of his 13 children, while other members of his family live in B.C. He also leaves one brother, 28 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren."

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MASONIC LODGE RECORDS

1944**KERRUISH, T.**

Residence: Whitehorse

Date of Death: January 27, 1944

"Born in the Isle of Man, Mr. Kerruish had spent all his life in the mining industry, both in the U.S. and Canada; he was a recognized authority on mining in the Yukon. He followed the industry in various parts of the the U.S. including Butte, Montana. 35 years ago he was employed by the J.H. Conrad interests in Carcross; later he was foreman of both the Grafter and Pueblo mines and employed by the White interests in charge of War Eagle. He also prospected in the Kluane and later the Livingstone Creek districts. For the past few years he was in charge of construction of an airfield at Teslin Lake. His wide and varied experience in the mining industry he was always ready and willing to share with others, and his passing is a distinct loss to mining in the Yukon. He leaves to mourn his wife, who for years took an active part with him in his mining ventures, and a host of friends."

HANEY, TOM

Age: 62

Residence: Whitehorse

Date of Death: June 21, 1944

"Mr. Haney was found dead in his bed, having died in his sleep. He had been a faithful member of the staff of the Dominion Customs Department since 1931, having been located at Dawson, Taku River, B.C., and White Pass."

1948**McLACHLAN, GEORGE A.**

Residence: Whitehorse

Date of Death: December ?, 1948

"Funeral services for the late "Mac" were conducted by his brother, R.A. McLachlan, of Cascade Lodge No. 12 in Vancouver."

1949**NELSON, R. D.**

Age: 62
Residence: Carcross
Date of Death: January 26, 1949

"Mr. Nelson was Post-Master and Collector of Customs at Atlin, B.C. for many years. In 1916 he enlisted in the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders and served overseas for three years. In December, 1946, he was appointed Collector of Customs at Carcross, which position he held up to the time of his death. Possessed of a pleasing personality, he was beloved by all who knew him personally. He entered the hospital on January 3rd, and his condition was such that no visitors were permitted. He leaves a wife."

MURRAY, NORMAN

Age: 76
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 20, 1949

"Born in Scotland, Mr. Murray would have celebrated his 77th birthday next month. A retired ship builder, he lived in the Yukon for 42 years. His wife predeceased him. He died after a short illness."

1956**MURRAY, DONALD SMITH**

Age: 39
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 11, 1956

"Death came suddenly to Donald Murray. Born in Victoria, he spent most of his life in the north. He received his education here, and worked for Burns & Co. for many years. He then was employed at the airport for White Pass, and more recently was in business for himself in a wood and draying concern. His brother, Ian (Nipper) was a victim of the polio epidemic. He leaves his wife and one son."

1957**SEELEY, ALEXANDER**

Age: 79
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: August 28, 1957

"'Alex' Seeley came over the White Pass in July, 1903; he spent most of his time in Dawson City, but moved to Whitehorse about 12 years ago. He met his wife in Dawson, but they were married in "The Traveller's Rest" at Last Chance, Yukon, in 1913; they celebrated their 44th anniversary a month ago. Their home, on Elliott Street, was noted for its magnificent garden and flowers. He was the manager of the pool hall on First Avenue. He died following a stroke. He left his wife and two sons."

1959**WATSON, JAMES**

Age: 58
Residence: Haines Junction
Date of Death: June 6, 1959

"Shock and sadness descended upon the territory Saturday, clouding the sunny weekend and bringing grief throughout the Yukon. Dead in a triple tragedy at Pine Lake were Rev. Stanley Watson, 33, his father, James Watson, and Bill Hough, 34, superintendant of the Experimental Farm at Mile 1019. The trio were drowned on a fishing trip when apparently their 12-foot fibreglassed boat capsized. The numbing cold of the water prevented them from swimming to shore and the small boat did not float to supply a place of refuge. Pine Lake is a few miles from Haines Junction; it is a fishing spot frequented by many residents."

"James Watson was born at Uthall, Scotland, in August of 1900. When he was 17 he joined the Armed Services and was posted to India. Later he returned to Scotland to work in the coal mines for several years. He married for the second time in 1956. In March, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Watson flew to the Yukon to work at the Experimental Farm. Mr. Watson was a life member of the Torrie Lodge in Scotland. He is survived by his wife and three sons."

1962**ROSE, GEORGE McKAY**

Age: 71
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: June 2, 1962

"Riverboat engineer in the Yukon for more than thirty years, George McKay Rose died suddenly at his home in Whitehorse Saturday morning. In his usual good health, Mr. Rose had enjoyed a family dinner party the evening before, to celebrate his 71st birthday. He was taken ill early Saturday, and died within the hour.

Born in Inverness, Scotland, he had come out to Canada as a young man and enlisted in the Engineers in the First Great War in Vancouver. He served overseas and met his wife there, the former Gertrude Bowyer. They were married in 1920 and came to the Yukon two years later where he worked on the S.S. Keno, the S.S. Whitehorse, and other river boats. For thirty years he was engineer on the S.S. Tutshi out of Carcross.

When the Tutshi was laid up in 1954, Mr. Rose came to the Federal Building in Whitehorse as First Engineer, and, after retirement, was at the Whitehorse Inn for some time. For the past two years, he had been Captain of the M.V. Schwatka, running up the Yukon River and back to the Hydro Lake. His friendly and genial personality made the trip doubly enjoyable for all the passengers. A member of the Masonic Lodge in Atlin and Whitehorse, Mr. Rose was also a member of the Canadian Legion, and a willing worker for the Canadian Red Cross and the Cancer Society. His friends were many and he had a cheerful word for everyone. He leaves his wife and two daughters."

1963**WRIGHT, JOHN**

Age: 58
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: December 6, 1963

"Mr. Wright, who was born at Donoghead, Northern Ireland, came to Canada during the 'hungry thirties'. A long-time Yukon resident, he was one of the first plumbers to work on the North West Highway System. He dropped dead at his job on Friday. He suffered a heart attack while working the evening shift at the central heating plant at Camp Takhini, where he was Stationary Engineer II. He had been employed there since 1953. He is survived by his wife and a son and a daughter."

UNKNOWN CHURCHES

FUSCHLAGG, ?	Born 1856	Died 1901
DAVIS, E. R.	Born 1882	Died 1902
CURTIS, J. C.	Born 1904	Died 1904
GILLIS, F. M.	Born 1890	Died 1906
BITTEREL, L. J.	Born 1866	Died 1911
McKAY, I	Born 1855	Died 1911
ALLEN, G. M.	Born 1860	Died 1912
CASH (baby)	Born 1919	Died 1919
CASSANT, G.	Born 1853	Died 1921
DOHNER, M. A.	Born 1867	Died 1922
SOMERTON, A. E.	Born 1918	Died 1927
MACIVER, K.	Born 1858	Died 1929
EARLE, ?	Born 1862	Died 1934
HUME, L.	Born 1913	Died 1938
JOHNSON, P.	Born 1943	Died 1943
BOND, J.	Born 1888	Died 1944

UNKNOWN CHURCHES

LOST GRAVES

BEAUMONT (baby) & BEAUMONT (baby)	Born 1945	Died 1945 - Twins
WALKER, G. A.	Born 1891	Died 1946
BURT, EWART C.	Born 1897	Died 1947
DETRAY, M.	Born 1868	Died 1947
BURNSIDE, R. A.	Born 1936	Died 1949
BAKER, G. P.	Born 1950	Died 1950
MORGAN, J.	Born 1948	Died 1950
OZEN, Miss J.	Born 1943	Died 1950
JONES, J. O.	Born 1879	Died 1951
BANKS, A.	Born 1897	Died 1952
KAIRNS, Mrs. J.	Born 1925	Died 1952
VALENTINE, ALEXANDER	Born 1886	Died 1952
YOUNG (baby)	Born 1952	Died 1952
HAYDON, EDWARD RAYMOND	Born 1933	Died 1953

"Mr. Haydon drowned at Takhini Hot Springs. In company with several other youths, he had gone to the Springs swimming and evidently returned to the water to swim alone. When his friends called to him, he did not answer, and was found drowned."

WILLIAMS, J. O.	Born 1911	Died 1953
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UNKNOWN CHURCHES

HARRINGTON, RUSSEL*	Born 1949	Died 1953
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MAGNUSSON, DAVID*	Born 1949	Died 1953
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*"The bodies of Russell Harrington and David Magnusson were recovered from the cold waters of the Alsek River at Mile 1016 last Thursday (April 2). The children, sons of civilian personnel working for the Canadian Army at Mile 1016, evidently wandered away from their home and managed to get through a fence that had been erected to keep them from the river. They were reported missing about 11:00 a.m. on April 1st. Russell Harrington was found about 1:30 that afternoon, and David Magnusson at 1:00 p.m. on April 2nd. A search party from Whitehorse went to Mile 1016 to join other parties from Canyon Creek, Destruction Bay, and Haines Road to assist in the search, but the second boy was discovered soon after their arrival."

ROACH, J. K.	Born 1952	Died 1954
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TRUDEAU (baby)	Born 1956	Died 1956
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LANCTOT, R.	Born 1957	Died 1957
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VARTY, (baby)	Born 1957	Died 1957
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ANDERSON, J. D.	Born 1959	Died 1959
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CAREW, E.	Born 1959	Died 1959
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TUSON (baby)	Born 1959	Died 1959
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WYLIE, P.	Born 1956	Died 1959
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CURRIE (baby)	Born 1960	Died 1960
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LEWIS, D. T.	Born 1960	Died 1960
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MARTIN, B.	Born 1959	Died 1960
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UNKNOWN CHURCHES

RICHARDS, THOMAS CECIL

Born: 1892
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: November 9, 1961

One of the Great Yukoners (Whitehorse Star)

"Yukoners this week had a farewell in their hearts for one of the almost legendary sons of the territory--"T.C." Richards. Mr. Richards died Thursday night in Whitehorse General Hospital after an extended illness. His death closed a forty-six-year history in the north. To view his life from this close to home brings forth a flood of anecdotes, stories and personal reminiscences. The colour that surrounds him may best be told in the words of MacLean's Magazine, which some years ago wrote:

"Thomas Cecil Richards, the man who personally improves on every vivid-hued story told about him, the man who is himself a suitable figure to place, commandingly, against the scarlet and green and blue backdrop of the past and present Yukon history. In 1947, T.C. would only wink when asked how he got control of the restaurant, the taxi service, the butchery, the Blue Owl cafe, the laundry, the dude lodge three miles out of town, the Whitehorse Theatre and the finest house in town. He allowed people to think that all his business acumen had been over a poker table and that he was as much of a sucker for gambling as the deadbeats of the town, most of whom have borrowed five dollars from him at one time or another. And when asked if it's true he's a millionaire, he says, "If the Judge said to pay \$3000 or go to jail, I'd have to go to jail." T.C. is also supposed to have said, "What we aim to give the tourist is hardship...with modern plumbing." In 1947, T.C. was described as 'the heavy, genial man of 55 who walks out of the Inn as though he owns the town. He does.'"

Mr. Richards came north in 1915. He had emigrated to Canada from his home in Leicester, England, six years before. After spending some time in Brandon and Vancouver, he joined the Burns meat-packing firm and was transferred by them to Whitehorse. He remained with Burns for some 35 years, but his career in the North was enlivened by many other episodes, perhaps the most interesting of which was that of mail contractor, when his tractor trains travelled between Whitehorse and Dawson City.

T.C. was pre-deceased by his wife in July of 1956. Surviving the tall, husky-voiced, 72-year-old hotel-keeper are his son and his daughter."

NOTE: T.C.'s body, along with that of his wife and son, has been transferred to the family plot in Grey Mountain Cemetery.

UNKNOWN CHURCHES

BROOME, JOHN

Born: 1920
Residence: Whitehorse
Date of Death: January 6, 1962

"Mr. Broome died in his room at 301 Jarvis Street Saturday. Cause of his death was attributed to accidental suffocation. No inquest will be held. Mr. Broome is survived by his mother in Montreal."

ENGEL, DANA

Born 1962 Died 1962

CRICK, I.

Born 1914 Died 1963

DIXON, Mrs. G. M.

Born 1899 Died 1963

DYCK, S. M.

Born 1963 Died 1963

McKIBBIN, Mrs. A. L.

Born 1892 Died 1963

VANHORN, C. C.

Born 1894 Died 1963

VANHORN, Mrs. C. E.

Born 1898 Died 1963

WRIGHT, JOHN

Born 1905 Died 1963

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MARKERS WITH PARTIAL INFORMATION ONLY

FRANTZEN, H.

WARWICK (baby)

KREFT, C.

MacARTHUR (baby)

SCOTT

SCOTT

COMBS, J.

SCOTT, T.

RICHARDS, C.

McDOUGAL, R.

MAMIE (or MARIE)

GARLAND (baby boy)

GARLAND (baby girl)

ROSE (baby)

PETER

SUSAN

HARRY

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Diagram of the
Pioneer Cemetery

Located at the intersection of Sixth Avenue and
Wood Street in the Downtown area

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION
SUPPLIED BY READERS**

WILLIAM PATRICK PERKINS was born in 1871 in Blandford, NSW Australia and died in the General hospital in White Horse, Y.T. at 1.30am on Tuesday 15th April 1902. He was buried in the cemetery at White Horse and I believe that the inscription on his headstone refers to him as being a native of Blandford, Sydney, Australia or words to that effect. From his own diary notes and personal letters that are still in the possession of his family the following is somewhat of a summary of the places that he passed through or lived in whilst in the Yukon and the names of people that he came in contact with.

Sailed from Victoria British Columbia March 23rd 1898 on board S.S. Danube. Arrived Vancouver 24th, sailed for Skagway 25th, passing Prince Edward Island and several smaller islands, Fort Wrangell, the start of the Stikine river route to the Yukon River, Juneau a quartz mining town, arriving at Skagway Alaska on March 28th. Skagway is the starting point for travellers going over the White Pass and the city of Dyea five miles distant is the starting point for the Chilcoot Pass. Stayed at the Bay View Hotel. Left Skagway for Dawson City via White Pass on Wednesday March 30th. Skagway River is breaking up very fast. The trail up Porcupine Hill is simply lined with men and women with all kinds of outfits.

Arrive at Summit April 1st – go on down to Summit Lake and through the canyon to Log Cabin 10 miles away arriving April 2nd – bad snowstorm 3rd April. Next morning we branch off onto the Yoo-shi Lake trail leaving the Bennet route nine miles above the lake. Very bad weather conditions – Yoo-shi lake is frozen solid. The severe snowstorm on 3rd April caused a great disaster at Chilcoot Pass where at least 140 people died under the snow. Reached the foot of the lake that night but the ox pulling the sled refused to budge and had to carry all the gear over the hill on our backs. Arrive at top of Windy Arm on Easter Sunday 10th April, four miles from Loo-Shi. Stay for two days and then start over the ice for Tagish House on the Lake via Bennet Junction, 30 miles. Make the Junction first night 16 miles and Tagish next day.

Plenty of time on their hands so decided to cut timber and build a boat and ended up crossing a lake 30 miles across and camped at the mouth of the 30 Miles River 27th May. Start off down the 30 Mile River 28th May. Rocks everywhere, just missed the big rock 6 miles from Lebarge. Ran the river in 6 hours to the mouth of the great Hooaliaka or Teslin River which heads up in Teslin Lake and is the outlet for the Stikine River route. We went on down the main Yukon River for ten miles where we camped. Next day passed the Big Salmon River and Walsh Creek. Pulled in at Freemans Point, 15 miles below the Big Salmon. Next day we pass the Little Salmon about 30 miles below Freemans Point. Run on past the Eagles Nest, a large rock on the right bank, 8 miles below the Little Salmon. The Nordenskiold River, 32 miles below the rock. Passed Tantalus Butte. Camp about 8 miles above the Five Fingers Rapids. Run them alright next morning. Mink Rapids are 6 miles below. Pass them and come to within 25 miles of Pelley.

The Tatshun River enters the Yukon between Five fingers Rapids and the Pelley River. The Post here is called Fort Selkirk once a trading post for the Hudson Bay Company. We pull our boat in next day on an island about 30 miles above the White River, to make a raft of pine logs to float downstream to the Dawson. This is the 1st of June. Raft completed and ready to take off on Monday 6th June. Pass the White River – Stewart River- Sixty Mile River – Indian River to Dawson

Back to Fort Selkirk the up the Pelly River – Granite Canyon – Macmillan River – Slate Creek 25th July (Bob Milvain, Jack McLeod, Bill Zenge, Gerald King, McGregor, Lance). Prospecting around Granite Canyon, left for Dawson 21st August arriving early September. Back to Wade Creek 8th October – placer claim for Bill Somerville. Eagle City (Thos McMahan, Mr. Hobbs both legal profession also Judge Miller).

Dawson in February 1900 – to Whitehorse Rapids 25th March. Prospected with Bill Woodney of Baker Creek from Tagish Lake to Lake Lebarge from the Tekenna River to McCauley Creek. Fought F.P. Slavin in the Palace Grand Theatre, Dawson on 3rd July. Back to White Horse than up the Waston River Valley (Bob Buchanan).

Uncle Will then returned to Australia late in 1900.

He then left home again and travelled back to the Yukon arriving in White Horse on Thursday 4th April 1901. He mentions going to the copper claim (The Grafter) that he and his partner Woodney had. Mention of being snowed in on the White Pass Summit. His letters seem to indicate that for the remainder of the year (1901) he spent a great deal of time at their copper mine as well as travelling between Dawson and White Horse. His letter to his mother dated 1st January 1902 refers to the mine being sold, going to midnight mass in White Horse then travelling 15 miles downstream to have Xmas dinner with Captain Hoggin and his wife. He went to Mr. And Mrs. Campbells for his New Year dinner.

His letters from then to 6th April 1902 reveal that he was running a Gymnasium and Physical Culture School as well as being the Manager of the Grand Hotel (John Barrett Proprietor) in White Horse. His last letter dated 14th April 1902 to his mother states that he has had a bad accident(perforated appendix and peritonitis) and is to be operated on and “if I pull through you will not get this” and “Mr.Archie Gould will look after all my money and forward it to you” An operation was performed by Dr. Nicholson assisted by Dr. Scharschmidt on Monday 14th April but his condition was so bad that he died at 1.30am Tuesday 15th April 1902.

Uncle Will's funeral service was conducted at 10am in the Catholic Church by Rev. Fr. Lefebvre and he was laid to rest in the White Horse cemetery.

BARTON, John Edward Austin

John Edward Barton was in the cattle business in Dawson City. He took his own life in the Whitehorse Hotel after the woman he loved married another. (*This info provided by ancestor Janet Nicholson*).

SAVERCOOL, Phyllis, G

Age: 67

Born: June 18, 1933

Died: December 15, 2000

Interred in the same plot as her sister, Ruth Mary PORTER

SMITH, Teresa, Karen

Age: 79

Died: January 20, 2008

Interred in the same plot as her sister, Ruth Mary PORTER

Note: Ruth Mary PORTER died when she was 12 – the sisters always wanted to be buried with her.

RICHARDS, Raymond Eric Coke

Age: 89

Died: April 19, 2009

Interred with his father, RICHARDS, Eric Coke on October 8, 2009

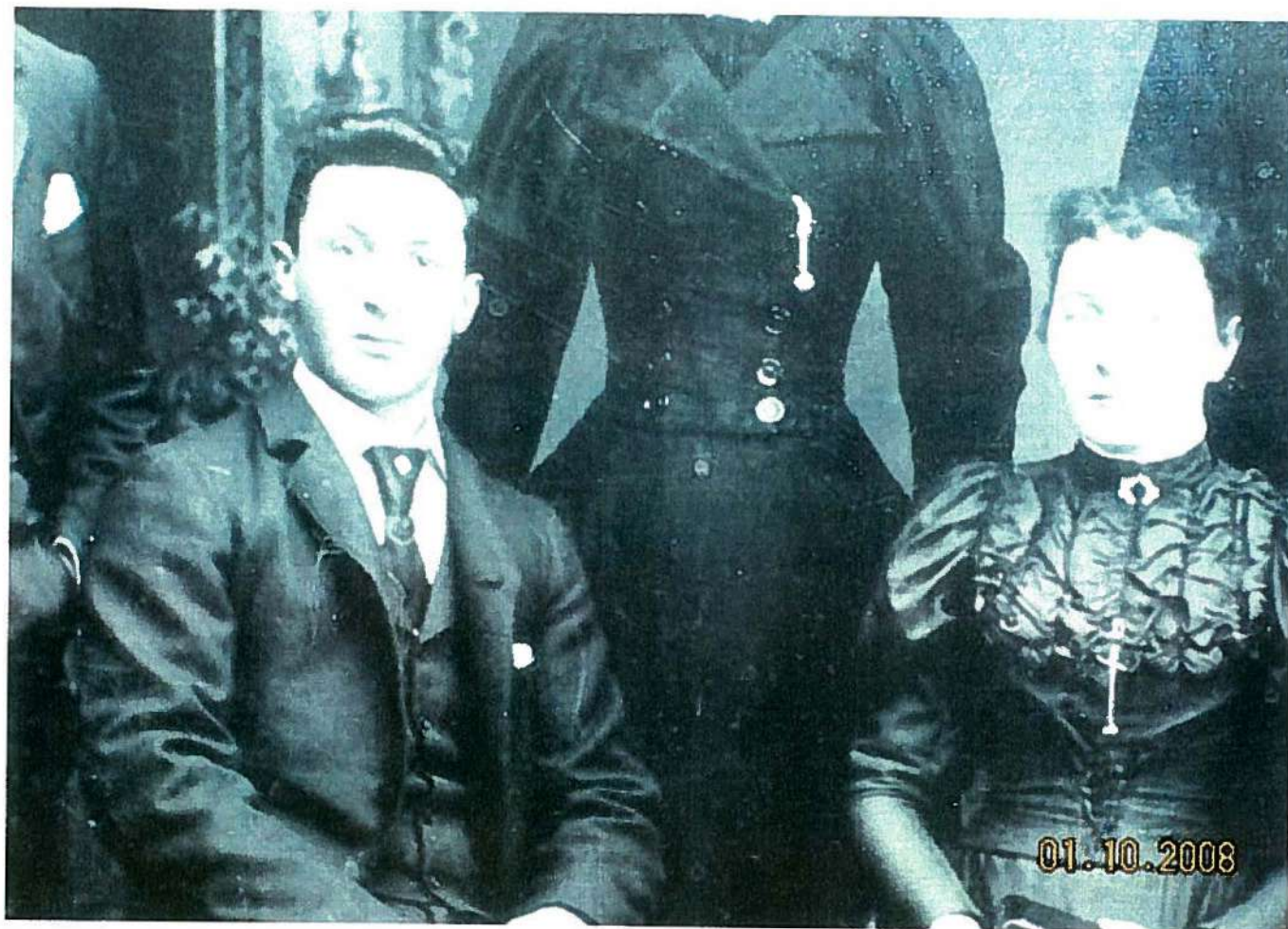
MORRISON, Ross Barrett

Age: 41

Date of Birth: November 2, 1918

Date of Death: March 18, 1959

Ross Barrett Morrison was born November 2, 1918 in Mart, Texas to John and Nettie Barrett. He attended the Marymount Military Academy in Tacoma and later wintered on Telegraph Creek. He served in the US Navy as a chief radio operator from January 30, 1943 to October 30, 1945. He married Lucy (Billie) Morrison in Ketchikan in 1946. He was employed for many years as a dispatcher for Pan American World Airlines in Juneau. An illness during his transfer to Bangkok, Thailand, resulted in the family moving to McMinnville, Oregon where he passed away on March 18, 1959. His ashes were returned to Whitehorse for interment near his mother, Nettie Morrison and stepfather Joe Morrison. He was survived by his daughters Sherry Horyna, Kathy Isham, Karen Furstnow and son Robert Morrison. Billie passed away in Dillon, Montana in 1995. (*This information was provided by his daughter, Kathy Isham*).



Edward Barton

Mr. Ralph Lortie supplied the following information about James McGarry to the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Lortie was a resident of Whitehorse from 1948 to 1965.

"Whatever Happened to the Top of the Bill, Larry Peters?"
"Britain's Al Jolson", "an 18 yr old Sensation"

After months of trying to find documentation of the career of Jimmy McGarry in Northern Ireland, I have finally been given what I searched for. At the suggestion of Bernie Burgess, I tried to contact Eddie McIlwaine at the Belfast Telegraph. I didn't get in touch with Mr. McIlwaine, but another chap at the Telegraph sent me images of three clippings from the newspaper. These columns clearly indicate that Jimmy (as Larry Peters) was a wonderful singer and, in 1949, topped a bill with Ruby Murray. Of course, Ruby was not quite 14, while Jimmy was almost 19.

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Entries taken
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Eddie
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● Please come early and avoid disappointment ●

[This show in Coleraine was in 1949, as determined from the dates and days of the week. See <http://www.hf.rim.or.jp/~kaji/cal/cal.cgi?1949>].

Remembering Ruby

RUBY MURRAY, hailed as a star of radio, stage, screen and television, could only manage to be second on the bill at a variety concert in Coleraine town hall in the early 50s.

Never mind, Ruby who died just before Christmas went on to become a legend and a memorial service is being held for her tomorrow in Richview Presbyterian Church on Belfast's Donegall Road (3pm).

But whatever happened to the top of the bill Larry Peters "the 18-year-old sensation" hailed as Britain's Al Jolson that night in Coleraine when admission was half-a-crown at the door?

(And please, please, don't ask who was Al Jolson).

Look at the other names on the programme — Conne Stewart, Ireland's Danny Kaye, juggler Joe Devoe and May Maloney who could play accordion, saxophone and sing and dance etc, etc.

Such versatility; imagine asking the Spice Girls to give us a tune on the squeeze box and then come up with a little jig after a rendition of Wannabe.

Leslie Mann, who was on the bill too, would love to hear if the Great Danelli is still a Wise Man of the East.

And who did win the shop and factory girl singing contest that spring night in Coleraine?

I'll be reading the lesson at Ruby's farewell in Richview and they'll play Softly Softly on the organ.

I'd like the one about the angels away up yonder playing their harps for me at my funeral. How about you?

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When I was growing up in Whitehorse, Yukon (Canada), I got to know Jimmy McGarry, an Irish singer with a marvelous voice. He had toured with Ruby Murray in the late '40s & early '50s, using the stage name 'Larry Peters', and was billed as "Britain's Al Jolson". He gave up show business to play football(soccer) in Montreal, Canada. He then worked as a cook on CPR passenger trains, and at the Chateau at Lake Louise, Alberta, where he teamed up with Belfast pals Mike McCoey, Paddy Kane, Barry Adams, and others. In September, 1953, they went to Vancouver, where Jimmy performed at The Cave and the Palomar Club (where he went on just before the Mills Brothers). Jimmy & Paddy went to Whitehorse in 1955, where they both tended bar and Jimmy entertained on a casual basis.

And so it was that one day when I was in 7th grade (1955-56), my teacher ushered Jimmy into our classroom. She had seen him singing at a local cocktail lounge the night before and, like many other people in Whitehorse, was thrilled to have such a talented singer in our northern town of 3000 citizens. Jimmy then sang a song or two for us, and we were all awe-struck. When I went home from school, I was going to tell my mother about Jimmy, but she was already bubbling about having seen him the night before. Since Jimmy had just arrived in town, and had not yet arranged accommodation, Mom & Dad invited him to stay in our spare bedroom, and thus began our friendship. Jimmy stayed at our house for a few months before moving into a room at the Whitehorse Inn.

During the summer of '56, Jimmy worked as a cook at a mining camp north of Whitehorse. The following winter he was back in town, bartending at a local lounge. He occasionally sang with one or two of the bands, but didn't want to commit to a rigorous schedule. In the winter of 1956-57, Jimmy took a trip to London & Belfast. He was gone for a few months, then returned to Whitehorse.

On the last Sunday of July, 1957, Jimmy came to the house to see my mother. Although he was 27, he had never learned to drive. He had bought a car, and my mom was giving him lessons. That weekend, however, Mom and Dad were out of town. So he asked me to go with him, and off we went, up the Alaska Highway, then northward on the Mayo Rd. Jimmy seemed to be doing well, as far as I knew, but he had been up late the night before, and was sleepy. Just as Fox Lake came into sight, Jimmy dozed off. The car went off the high shoulder, and rolled 5 to 8 times (so an RCMP officer determined when I visited the site with him a day or two later). When the car stopped, on its wheels and facing the road, I was sitting upright in my seat, totally pain-free. I found Jimmy about 30 feet away. He was conscious, although bleeding from a bad cut on his forehead. He told me not to worry about his head – his main area of pain was his pelvic area. About 15 minutes later, a northbound car stopped. We put Jimmy on the back seat, and I kneeled on the floor to hold him steady. The man & his wife drove us back to the Whitehorse hospital. Jimmy fell into a coma that night, & died of his internal injuries several days later.

The funeral was attended by a hundred or more. Jimmy's sister, Gloria Sowney, and her two children (Paul & Gloria) came from Montreal, Quebec, and stayed at our house. It was a very bad time for all of us.

I have many memories of Jimmy. I sometimes spent evenings in his lodgings, listening to his records. I especially remember his Al Jolson and Ruby Murray LPs. He showed me programs and coloured posters from his days of touring with Ruby. I'm sure that he had been in love with Ruby, and I always thought that her turning him away was his reason for escaping to Canada.

I regret not hearing more of Jimmy's marvelous voice. Since I was only 14 at the time of his death, I didn't get the chance to hear him in the bars. I used to have a photo of him singing with a local band, but I lost it some years ago. However, one of Jimmy's pals, Barry Adams, has sent me the following photos, most taken in Vancouver in 1954, before Jimmy went to Whitehorse.



**Barry Adams, Mike McCoey, John Bergin
& Jimmy McGarry**



Jimmy McGarry in Vancouver 1954



Jimmy McGarry, Maliky McKenna, Mike McCoey, and John Bergin, 1954



Mike McCoe and Jimmy McGarry



Jimmy and Barry Adams, Vancouver '54



Mike McCoe, Paddy Kane, John Bergin & Jimmy McGarry

Mike, Paddy, John & Jimmy



Jimmy with friends in London, 1956

The day before I received these photos from Barry, I got a book, "Softly, Softly : The Tears Behind the Triumphs of Ruby Murray", by Joan Moules. On pages 40 and 41, at the end of Chapter 4, is an account of Ruby's relationship with Jimmy McGarry.

Ruby had fallen in love when she was working in a club in Belfast. Jim McGarry (stage name Larry Peters) was a singer who also impersonated Al Jolson. There are so many Jolson imitators, but Larry was very, very good. He was a few years older than Ruby, and she was still unknown.

"I fell in love for the first time, and with a different religion, which was always a hassle with my father being so Proddie. Larry was very handsome and such a happy fellow, and I was so young... he used to pat me on the head in a sort of 'You're a nice kid' way I adored him. I used to take our dog for a walk up the street to see his mother, just to catch a glimpse of him. I never grew out of it as my family said I would. Time went on and then we were booked for the same tour and one day he said 'You're grown-up', but still he didn't love me, although he took me out sometimes."

Eventually, Larry left Ireland and went to Canada and Ruby continued with her career, but they always kept in touch. From the Met she sent him a card: "*Yankee Doodle Blarney* going well. Television producer was in tonight, booked me for TV show..."

When she was 20 Ruby was topping the bill at the London Palladium, and had already made a name with *Softly, Softly*, *Heathen*, *If Anyone Finds This I Love You*, *Happy Days* and *Lonely Nights* and *Let Me Go, Lover*.

"Larry wrote and asked me to marry him. But by then I never knew whether the real attraction was me or the successful singer Ruby Murray. Two different scenes, that's what you've got to sort out. Who loves you for what you are or..."

Larry Peters was killed in a car accident two weeks later and Ruby says now: "I suppose I've loved people after that, but your first love, your first real love..."

This last paragraph hits close to me, as I was in that car crash.

There are two unfortunate aspects of Jimmy McGarry's life. Firstly, he died tragically at the age of only 27. Secondly, he had a wonderful voice and marvelous talent. Why did he not pursue his career in the UK? Were people bored with Jolson imitators? Why didn't he just drop the Jolson act, and sing Irish and pop songs, as did Ruby? And why the need for a stage name? What was wrong with using his own name?

Eddie McIlwaine, you asked, "Whatever happened to the top of the bill, Larry Peters?". Well, now you know.

These Belfast Telegraph clippings show that, on the occasion of Ruby's Grand Farewell Concert at the Ulster Hall on May 3rd, 1949, Larry Peters was there to help send her on her way.

[April 27, 2006] Bernie just sent me this press clipping of an advert. for a Variety Show on May 1st.
[May 1, 2006] The following website (with calendars of all years) indicates that Monday, May 1st
must have been in 1950. See <http://www.hf.rim.or.jp/~kaji/cal/cal.cgi?1950>

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SIT WHERE YOU LIKE.

Thanks to Bernie for providing more information about the career of Larry Peters / Jimmy McGarry.

Facts of Jimmy's death & burial

Burial record :

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~canyk/lglq.html>

Site of our terrible accident (see next page) :

