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The popular image of the Klondike Gold Rush is one of thousands of men struggling over the Chilkoot Pass and streaming in to the hastily built city of Dawson. Over the years, the stories about specific men, and a few women, have been repeated and have become larger than life.

Thousands of women also endured the same hardships to reach this destination. They came from all walks of life and for a variety of reasons. Many remained in the Yukon long after the rush was over.

In recent years there has been an increase in studies of Yukon women. It is hoped that this source list will contribute to future examinations of their experiences, enabling us to better understand their role in the making of Yukon history.

Compiled in this bibliography are the sources containing information about women, including aboriginal women, which are available at the Dawson City Museum. The time frame is unlimited and includes women in all of the Yukon, not only the Klondike.

The following sources were examined: manuscripts, published records, research files, audio tapes, diaries and photographs. Brief descriptions of their content are included. Sources not examined, but available at the Dawson City Museum, are also listed.

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## MANUSCRIPTS

Location	Collection Title
M9-2	<b>Creese Collection 982-119</b> Contains article about Nellie Cashman, a pioneer woman in the Klondike.
M22-17	<b>George H. Town Collection 983-169</b> Contains article about Mrs. Ellison, from Oregon, who arrived in Dawson August 1897 and became a city landowner.
M31-2; M31-3	<b>Father Marcel Bobillier, O.M.I. Collection 984-46</b> <b>Madame Emilie Tremblay: A Pioneer Woman of the Yukon.</b> Copy of a story, written by Father Bobillier, about Emilie Tremblay who came north in 1894. * see Dawson City Museum finding aid
M44 (1-5); M45 (6-8); M46 (9, 10)	<b>The Nutty Club Collection 991.3</b> Textual records of the Nutty Club, a group of women who published the Klondike Korner, a local newsletter, from 1954-1989. * see Dawson City Museum finding aid
M52-11	<b>Dollie Ogburn Collection 1994.67</b> Original letter written January 25, 1905 by Dollie, from Hunker Creek, to her sister, May.
M54	<b>I.O.D.E. Collection 1913-1976 992.1.1-28; 992.2.1-24</b> Textual records dating from the first meeting, March 6, 1913, to January 13, 1976; includes ledgers, correspondence, photographs, booklets, books and original charter for the Dawson City chapter. * see Dawson City Museum finding aid
M54; M55; M58-M61	<b>The Martha Louise Black Collection</b> Collection includes diaries, greeting cards, manuscripts, books and original art. * see Dawson City Museum finding aid * restrictions apply to unpublished materials

**M42 (1-15);  
M43 (16-30)**

**The Doris Gibson (Gates) Collection 991.2**  
January 1967 to March 1967  
Collection includes correspondence, business files, inventories and journal entries of the Bonanza Hotel when operated by Doris Gibson.

### **PUBLISHED RECORDS**

**Berton, Laura Beatrice**

971.9 Be      **I Married the Klondike.** McClelland and Stewart Inc., Toronto, 1993.

Autobiography of Laura Beatrice Berton.

**Berton, Pierre**

971 Be      **Klondike: The Last Great Gold Rush 1896-1899.** McClelland and Stewart Ltd., Toronto, 1972.

Contains many references to women in the gold rush.

**Black, Martha Louise**

920 Bl      **My Ninety Years.** Edited and updated by Flo Whyard. Alaska Northwest Publishing Company, Anchorage, 1976.

Autobiography of Martha Louise Black.

**Coates, Ken & Bill Morrison**

971.061 Co      **The Sinking of the Princess Sophia.** Oxford University Press, Toronto, 1990.

Chronicle of the disaster which claimed the lives of a large number of Yukon residents.

**Coutts, Robert**

729.09 Co      **The Palace Grand Theatre Dawson City, Y.T.: An Interpretive History.** 1981.

Includes discussion of the various roles played by women at the Theatre.

**Cruikshank, Julie**  
301.79 Cr

**The Stolen Women: Female Journeys in Tagish and Tutchone.**  
Canadian Ethnology Service Paper No. 87, Ottawa, 1983.

An examination of Tagish and Tutchone narratives told by women in the central and southern Yukon.

**Cruikshank, Julie**  
497 Cr

**Life Lived Like A Story.** Written in collaboration with Angela Sidney, Kitty Smith and Annie Ned. UBC Press, Vancouver, 1990

Life stories of three Yukon elders.

**Duncan, Allan**  
971.9 Du

**Medicine, Madams and Mounties. Stories of a Yukon Doctor 1933-1947.** Raincoast Books, Vancouver, 1989

A doctor's experiences in the Yukon.

**Guest, Hal**  
971.05 Gu

**A History of Ruby's Place, Dawson, Y.T. With Some Comment On Prostitution at the Klondike 1896-1962.** 1983.

Study traces the use of the building known as "Ruby's Place", the last brothel in Dawson.

**Hayden, Joyce**  
366 Ha

**Seventy-Five Summers: The Story of Yukon Girl Guides 1914-1989.** Girl Guides of Canada, n.d.

The history of the Yukon Girl Guides.

**Hitchcock, Mary E.**  
920 Hi

**Two Women in the Klondike.** The Knickerbocker Press, New York, 1899.

Hitchcock's journey to the Klondike with Edith Van Buren.

\* rare book restricted

**Johnson, James Albert**

971.9102 Jo      **Carmack of the Klondike.** Epicenter Press, Seattle, 1990.

Includes description of life with his first wife, Kate.

**Kelcey, Barbara Eileen**

305.4719 Ke      **"Lost in the Rush: The Forgotten Women of the Klondike Stampede."** MA thesis, University of Victoria, 1989.

The Gold Rush experience from the perspective of the female stamper.

**Lee, Alfred E.**

920 Br      **The Liard Trail to the Klondike.** K. Lee Gilliland, P. Lee MacDougall, A. Lee McLean, T.L. Brock, Montreal 1976.

Alfred E. Lee's diary of his trek to the Klondike; references to women on the trail throughout.

**\* rare book restricted**

**Lindgren, Trudy, et al.**

970.4719 Li      **Moosehide: An Oral History.** Prepared by the Developmental Studies Students of the Dawson Campus of Yukon College, 1994.

Transcripts of taped interviews; ten members of the Dawson First Nation talk about Moosehide.

**Martinsen, Ella L.**

971.91 Ma      **Trail to North Star Gold.** Metropolitan Press, Portland, 1969.

The life of Velma D. Lung on Dominion Creek in 1897.

**\* rare book restricted**

**Mayer, Melanie J.**

971.91 Ma      **Klondike Women: True Tales of the 1897-1898 Gold Rush.** Swallow Press/Ohio University Press, 1989.

The experiences of women travelling to the Klondike.

**Moore, Carolyn A.**

305.4719 Mo

**"Representation and Remuneration: White Women Working in the Klondike Goldrush (1897-99) and the Decade Following (1900-10)." MA thesis, University of Toronto, 1994.**

Thesis examines the employment opportunities, for white women, in the Klondike from 1897-1910.

**Porsild, Charlene L.**

305.4719 Po

**"Culture, Class and Community: New Perspectives on the Klondike Gold Rush, 1896-1905." PhD dissertation, University of Carleton, 1994.**

An examination of the lives of the ordinary residents of Dawson City during the Gold Rush.

**Stroud, Clara M.**

920 Ne

**Klondike Tenderfoot: From the Diaries of Clara M. Stroud Boynton Phillips 1898-1902.** Transcribed by Virginia P. Boynton Nethercott. The Reporter Co., Inc., Walton, N.Y., 1993

Diaries of her trip to the Klondike and life in Dawson City.

**Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church**

920 Wo

**Five Pioneer Women of the Anglican Church in the Yukon.** Whitehorse, 1975.

Brief biographies of Susan Bowen, Charlotte Bompas, Charlotte Canham, Kathleen Cowaret and Sarah Stringer.

### **RESEARCH FILES - Biographies**

**Bio A**

Alling, Lillian

Walked from New York to Siberia; spent the winter in Dawson City, 1927/28.

**Bio B**

Becker, Ethel Anderson

Anderson family lived on Eldorado Creek, circa 1898.



Black, Martha Louise  
Famous Yukon pioneer who was part of the stampede and became member of Parliament.

Bompas, Charlotte Selina  
Wife of Bishop Bompas; worked with her husband in isolated regions of the territory.

Bremner, Margaret  
Former resident of Dawson City.

Burkholder, Ida May  
Nurse in Dawson City, 1898-1918.

**Blo C**           Cashman, Nellie  
Prospector and entrepreneur.

Craig, Lulu Alice  
Account of her year in the north, circa 1898.

**Blo D**           Diamond Tooth Gertie (see Lovejoy, Gertie)

**Blo E**           Edwards, Mrs. G.B.  
Yukon and Alaskan pioneer.

**Blo F**           Fax, Gertrude (nee Petersson)  
Lived with her aunt in Grand Forks and Dawson, 1905-1909.

Fotheringham, Marie Joussaye  
Writer, labour advocate and Imperialist; involved in two legal battles.

**Blo G**           Gibson, Sara Ellen Smith  
Owner of a laundry and rental cabins; partial interest in mining claims.

Greene, Mrs. J.A.  
Undertaker, circa 1900.

**Blo H**           Hall, Lillian M.  
Actress and manager of The Auditorium.

Hartshorn, Florence  
Travelled over White Pass, 1898; lived in Log Cabin, Bennett, Carcross and Dawson.



Haynes, Celia Morgan  
Resident of Gold Hill, circa 1898.

Herbert, Bert and Win  
Couple from New Zealand living on creeks; series of letters  
written home.

**Bio I** n/a

**Bio J** Jones, Mrs. William Finley (Elizabeth)  
Resident of Dawson, 1901; series of letters she wrote.

**Bio K** Kirkpatrick, Rose  
Dawson business woman; transcript of her court case with Marie  
Fotheringham.

**Bio L** Lamore, Gussie, Grace and Nellie  
Dance hall girls.

Lovejoy, Gertie (Diamond Tooth Gertie)  
Famous dance hall girl, circa 1898.

**Bio M** Meloy, Hazel  
Pioneer of the Yukon River valley.

Mitchell, Margaret "Stampede"  
Staked many claims; involved in legal dispute with Marie  
Fotheringham.

Mulrooney, Belinda  
Stampeder and successful entrepreneur.

Munro, Bell  
Resident of the Klondike for forty years; owned land and dairy  
cows.

**Bio N** Neupert, Mrs. Ernestine Sterling  
Came to Dawson as a child with her father, circa 1898.

**Bio O** Oatley, Lottie and Polly  
Dancers and singers, circa 1898.

O'Keefe, Dollie/Dorothy (nee Ogburn)  
Dawson resident circa 1905-1935; pyrographic artist.

<b>Bio P</b>	Perry, Rose Hotel operator, circa 1900.
<b>Bio Q</b>	n/a
<b>Bio R</b>	Rockwell, Kate (Klondike Kate) Dance hall entertainer, circa 1900-1914.
	Ryan, Kate (Klondike Kate) Nurse, special NWMP constable, gold inspector, circa 1897-1925.
<b>Bio S</b>	Scott, Ruby Dawson City madam, 1935-1962.
	Snow, Crystal First white child to cross the Chilkoot Pass; daughter of George Snow, founder of the Y.O.O.P.
<b>Bio T</b>	Thomas, Mrs. Jennie Journeyed to Log Cabin, 1898.
<b>Bio U</b>	n/a
<b>Bio V</b>	n/a
<b>Bio W</b>	Walsh, Mollie Operated a food tent near Log Cabin, 1897-1898.
<b>Bio X/Y/Z/</b>	n/a

### **RESEARCH FILES - General**

Beauty Contests  
 Brothels  
 Businesses  
 Dance Hall Girls  
 First Nation Peoples  
 Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire  
 Madame Tremblay's Store  
 Moosehide  
 Prostitutes  
 Roadhouses  
 Saloons

Women of the Yukon  
Women's Pioneer Group

**AUDIO TAPES**

<b>Tape Number</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>
<b>C0001 - C0015</b>	<b>Athol Retallack Collection;</b> originals at the Yukon Archives. YA129-1 to YA129-24 Broadcaster and oral historian who conducted interviews in Dawson City, circa 1961.  <b>C0007</b> Interview with Mrs. Elizabeth Vifquin; came in as a child with her uncle; lost her husband on the Sophia. <b>C0008</b> Interview with Mrs. Donnell; passenger on the first run of the Klondike Mines Railway. <b>C0009</b> Athol is interviewed by Lynn Harrington; 1962 Gold Rush Festival.
<b>C0017</b>	<b>Victoria Faulkner</b> 1972; original at the Yukon Archives, YA88/55R. Early Dawson; working for Yukon Territorial Commissioners.
<b>C0019</b>	<b>Martha Black;</b> original at the Yukon Archives. Education, teachers and schools.

The next five tapes are part of the Skookum Jim Oral History Project, 1973, from the Yukon Archives. These tapes deal with recollections, anecdotes and legends about Skookum Jim and the days of gold discovery in Dawson.

<b>C0023</b>	<b>Angela Sidney;</b> Series 11-1 YA
<b>C0024</b>	<b>Angela Sidney;</b> Series 11-2 YA
<b>C0029</b>	<b>Mrs. Johnny Ned;</b> Series 11-7 YA <b>Mrs. Patty Henderson;</b> Series 11-8 YA
<b>C0030</b>	<b>Kitty Smith;</b> Series 11-9 YA
<b>C0034</b>	<b>Mrs. Jenny LeBarge;</b> Series 11-12 YA

- C0038**      **Angela Sidney Stories**; Canadian Ethnology Service.  
Stories, personal narratives and Skookum Jim.
- C0040**      **Mary Vittrekwa "Traditional Lifestyle Stories"**; interviewed by  
Louise Profeit-LeBlanc, 1993.  
General narrative.  
\* transcribed
- C0041**      **Louis and Pauline Irvine**; interviewed by Karen Keenan, 1994.  
General narrative.  
\* transcribed
- C0045**      **Pearl Keenan**; interviewed by Karen Keenan, 1994.  
General narrative, discovery of gold and Skookum Jim hunting.  
\* transcribed
- C0046**      **Pearl Keenan**; interviewed by Karen Keenan, 1994.  
Effect of the gold rush on her people.  
\* transcribed
- C0049**      **Understanding Yukon History: Contributions from Oral  
Tradition, Julie Cruikshank and Clara Schinkel**; MacBride  
Museum Heritage Lecture Series, 1993.  
Written and oral history; Tagish/Inland Tlingit version of the gold  
discovery and other details related to the discovery of gold
- C0051; C0052**      **Dorothy Whyte**; interviewed by Kathy Jones, 1978.  
Life in Dawson City, circa 1909; identifies photographs in photo  
album  
\* transcribed
- C0053 to C0063**      **Hazel Meloy "Yukon Pioneer"**; interviewed by Eleanor Millard,  
1977.  
General narrative about her life in the north.
- C0065; C0066**      **Agnes Shaw; Lil and Mac Monroe**; interviewed by Sally  
Robinson, 1979.  
Driving through the streets of Dawson City after the 1979 flood,  
identifying buildings and former residents.  
\* transcribed
- C0075; C0076**      **David Kenway**; interviewed by Sally Robinson, 1994.  
He talks about his grandmother, Crystal Snow Jennings, who as  
a child came over the Chilkoot Pass in 1894.  
\* transcribed

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- C0078**            **John Gould**; interviewed by Sally Robinson, 1994.  
General narrative includes prostitution in the 1950s.  
\* transcribed
- C0081**            **Kathryn Cameron-Boivin**; interviewed by Sally Robinson, 1994.  
Her experiences as a heavy equipment operator in Klondike  
mining camps and trapping.  
\* transcribed
- C0093**            **Kitty Smith, Victoria Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. G.I. Cameron**  
**"Living With Yukon Winter"**; CBC Radio  
Life in Dawson City and on the creeks in the early days,  
especially during winter.  
\* transcribed
- C0105**            **Grace Chambers**; interviewed by Rohan Quinby, 1994.  
Resident of Burwash Landing who attended school at St. Paul's  
Hostel, 1924-1927.  
\* transcribed
- C0100**            **Joyce Caley**; interviewed by Barbara Hogan, 1993.  
Former teacher and long time resident of Dawson.  
\* transcribed

#### **DIARIES (photocopies)**

Bartsch, Mrs. Grace  
**Mrs. Grace Bartsch's First Trip To The Klondike As Told In Her Own Words.**  
Copy from Yukon Archives, YA 82/149-1 F-8.  
An account of her trip over the White Pass by rail in 1900.

Thomas, Marylyn Main  
**Summer At 88 Below Bonanza.**  
Mining and A.N.C. Treadgold, 1905.

White, Georgia  
**Diary of Georgia White.**  
Copy from Yukon Archives, YA 82/53 F-5.  
Her trip over the Chilkoot Pass and summer in Dawson, 1898.

Whyte, (Miss) Dorothy V.  
**Description of a Town.**  
Recollections of life as a young girl in Dawson.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

The Dawson City Museum has an extensive photograph collection with photos of women throughout. The majority of the collection is now accessible through a photo finding aid. The collections listed here contain a large number of photographs with women. The subject matter varies: Dawson City, mining, businesses, cabins and interiors, social activities, family and friends.

- 983.182 McIntyre Collection** circa 1903-1920  
Mining on creeks and social life around Dawson.
- 984.15 Collins Collection** circa 1905-1915  
The F.W. Collins family mined on Last Chance Creek in the Hunker district.
- 984.17 Dorothy and Lillian Whyte Collection** circa 1897-1910  
Social life, mining and Dawson. Many people are identified.
- 984.32 Vena Bleakley Collection** circa 1932-1934  
A high school teacher in Dawson in 1930s. Subject matter varies.
- 984.77 Fax Collection** circa 1901-1909  
Photographs with accompanying documentation relating to the Nicholas and Gertrude Fax's pre-marriage days in the Klondike.
- 984.232 Yukon Native Crafts Photo Essay** circa 1977-1979  
Includes Eliza Farr and Ida Jonas tanning skins, making babiche, filleting and drying fish, and making beaded clothing.
- 990.43 Turnbull Family** circa 1903-1930  
Well documented collection of photographs belonging to the Turnbull family. Many people are identified.
- 990.77 Isaac Family Collection** circa 1910-1970  
Isaac family members and friends, including Chief Isaac and his wife Eliza. Most photographs taken in Dawson and Moosehide.
- 990.78 J.L. Bell Collection** circa 1901-1916  
Bell family's leisure time in and around Dawson.

The following sources, at the Dawson City Museum, also contain information about women.

### **Print Media**

Baptemes, Mariages, Sepultures de Ste-Marie de Dawson City Yukon 1898-1956  
Clarence Craig Post Office Ledger Vol 1 and Vol 2  
Registered Mail List 1899-1900  
Dawson Tax Roll 1903, 1915  
Funeral Records  
M.L. Ferguson Gazetteer 1901  
St. Mary's School Register 1899-1966  
R.L. Polk Gazetteer 1903, 1923

### **Microfilm and Microfiche**

Dawson Daily News  
Klondike Nugget  
Yukon Sun  
R.L. Polk Gazetteer 1905/06, 1909/10, 1911/12, 1915/16, 1917/18, 1923/24  
Placer Records