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RUMBLINGS FROM YOUR EDITORS

Two years ago, on May 9, 1973, the Fairbanks Genealogical Society was organized. Our purposes are to help each other to trace our ancestry and to help others who may have ancestry in Alaska. the Yukon and especially in the Fairbanks area.

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SOURDOUGH

ARCTIC WEDDING

John Gillis, a coffee planter from Mexico and Maggie Dalton a school teacher, both lured into the North Country by gold fever, met at Fort Hamlin in the Koyukuk country in February of 1899 and promptly fell in love.

After river travel had closed for the winter the two were part of a party of ninety men and one woman. Among the party was a man called French Joe. When Maggie and John decided to get married, it was discovered there was no preacher in sight.

But there French Joe came into the fore, and arranged a marriage formula which could be recited. Soon the matter was fixed, and under a birch tree the marriage took place.

John Gillis handed two dollars to French Joe and spoke as follows:

By my Gee-pole I swear in under this tree, A good and kind husband to Maggie Dalton I'll be; To love and protect this maiden so frail From the sourdough stiffs on the Koyukuk trail.

Then he grasped Maggie's hand and Maggie said:

Ten miles up from the Yukon, by the banks of a lake, The hand of John Gillis for a husband I take. No preacher is here, no chance for a ring, But we'll get to the Koyukuk if it takes till next spring. This troth having been plighted, French Joe swelled out his chest and in a loud clear voice said:

For two dollars in Cheechaco money I make this couple in matrimony,
He be a rancher and she a school teacher,
I do the job up just as good as a preacher.

Following the wedding there was general rejoicing. A large piece of foolscrap paper was found and each and every one signed his name while at the head of the paper was put the words of the marriage ceremony that took place in the Arctic Circle. The quaint words were also carved into the birch tree where they were found many years later.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillis went down to Nulato and from that point embarked for the outside and back to the coffee plantation in Mexico.

This story was told by Jack Welch, well known old timer, musher, prospector and pathfinder.

G. C. Dunlop, who lived near Strelna, Alaska found these marriage lines carved on the birch tree under which he camped in March of 1921.

(News-Miner--14 April 1921--page 3, Column 2.)

Little Nuggets of News

Billie Robinson is the proud possessor of the first and only piano in Fairbanks. 19 September 1903

I. B. Shirly, the pioneer roadhouse man, was in town this week. 19 September 1903

Miller Thorsison is working his mine, 6 Below, on Goldstream.

19 September 1903

New arrivals in town on the Steamer Isabelle: Mrs. Fred Limbacker and her two children, also Al Foster, an old sourdough well known in all the camps. 19 September 1903

Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Moore celebrated their third wedding anniversary.

22 June 1908 (all Fairbanks Daily News Miner)

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TILLY BROCKMAN

Tilly a 39 year resident of Fairbanks was born Matilda Schuback in Gruenendeich, Germany (near Hamburg) the 14th of February 1900, the 11th child of 14. Her parents were Hinrich Schuback (died 1918) and Adelheit Schacht (died 1934).

In 1922 Tilly left Germany to live with her brother in San Francisco. Her first job was working for him in his grocery-delicatessen. Tilly married Ernest Koehler in 1923, of that marriage which ended in 1930 by divorce, one child was born, Irma (Born 21 May 1927 in San Francisco, married Quinten Bohnet January, 1948 at San Jose, California. They have four boys: Gary, Alan, Donn, and Lyle, and one girl: Diane. They presently reside at Auburn, California.).

Tilly Koehler arrived in Fairbanks in November 1936 on her great adventure. She came by boat to Juneau from Seattle and flew in a ten passenger Lockheed Electra piloted by Joe Crossen and Jerry Jones to Fairbanks.

Tilly's first job was at Bell's Hand Laundry located then at 3rd and Barnette. Her second position was at Palace Rooms, making beds (then located at 4th and Cushman, now located at Alaska Land). Her third place of work was at the Friss Coffee Shop, now where the Chena Building sits. In 1939 the name was changed to the Peerless Coffee Shop.

When Tilly arrived in 1936 the streets were only gravel and they were never plowed in the winter. Taxicabs were the only transportation in the winter. Residents didn't drive their cars in the unplowed streets. In 1936 it was the custom to keep all doors unlocked. (This changed when the Alaska Highway was built.) Wages were 50¢ an hour, man or woman, no matter what the work. Tilly lived in a two room log cabin with her daughter, Irma who arrive from San Francisco in May 1937. (Irma stayed with an aunt until Tilly was settled and school finished.) The cabin rented for \$15. a month. It is situated in Garden Island and is still standing (near the News-Miner office). The cabin had an attached woodshed with an out-house as part of it. Once a week the Honey Bucket delivery man came, hauled the bucket away and left a clean one.

In 1943 Tilly married Henry Brockman. In 1945 they started homesteading at 6 Mile Chena Hot Springs Road. Tilly left her position at the Peerless Coffee Shop when they moved to the homestead. At that time there was no road, just a trail. In 1946-47 the Chena Hot Springs Road was built.

On the homestead, they started a chicken farm, mostly an egg business. They prospered until a fire occurred in 1949 in their chicken house. They lost one thousand chickens. The building was saved though damaged. The Fort Wainwright Fire Department came; Tilly served breakfast in shifts to the men fighting the fire.

Tilly went back to work at Peerless Coffee Shop. Tilly supplied the funds while Henry built the business up again. In November 1949 she bought the coffee shop from the owner. For three and one half years she operated the Peerless Coffee Shop. Cap Lathrop owned the property (coffee shop and 22 rooms), Tilly rented from him.

In 1950 Tilly divorced Henry Brockman. She resides on 30 acres at 6 Mile Chena Hot Springs Road. In 1954 she adopted a child, Gary Brockman (Born 18 September 1952 at Valdez, Alaska. He married 7 August 1971 Jacqueline Pacheco at Commerce City, Colorado. The young couple presently live with Tilly.)

In 1955 Tilly leased some property for five years and opened the Peerless Coffee Shop again! She served soup, chili, sandwiches, pastries and cake, plus one additional item, a speciality: Tilly's potato salad. Tilly is still asked to make her potato salad!

Tilly started to build her present home in 1961. In a four year period she completed her home. Tilly did all the work herself except the plumbing and electricity. A friend came over and hung the heavy front door. The basement is still being completed. She is pouring the concrete floor herself!

Tilly worked at Lathrop Highschool in the cafeteria full time, 1961-1967. She then began working half days until February 1975 when she retired! Tilly may have retired from the employment field, but hasn't retired from work. She's now working on her home, planning the planting of her garden and raising chickens this summer.

Tilly has left Fairbanks only three times in the past thirty-nine years: once in 1941 for 5 weeks, once to see a Seattle doctor for one day only, and again when her son Gary married in 1971 for 4 days. It is easy to see where Tilly's heart is!

Lyndon was born of George Funk and Mary Abigail Olsen on 9 November 1914 at Ferron, Utah. He married Nevenka Skocilic in Los Angeles, 3 March 1939.

Neva was born 15 April 1915 at Vrata, Yogoslavia of Paval Skocilic and Marija Jovanovic. After her mother's death, she came to America with her father.

In 1940 when the Funk's appeared on the Fairbanks scene, the population was three thousand, and two streets were paved: Fourth Ave. to Cushman St. Bridge and Second Ave. from Cushman to Noble Street. The two roads leading out of Fairbanks (Steese to Circle and Richardson to Valdez) were gravel.

At first they rented a log cabin on Illinois Street, a one, two, three house. So named for the construction of each room, one addition a year, front room, bedroom, kitchen.

Lyndon and Neva moved to a homestead in the spring of 1942, located at the end of the Steel Creek Road. This homestead is now at the corner of the Steel Creek Road and the Chena Hot Springs Road. They started with one large room, no partitioning.

Spring breakup in the country was equally spectacular and threatening. A memorable trip during breakup occurred one Easter morning. The Funk family was dressed in their special attire, topped with coveralls! Lyndon hitched the wagon to the tractor and then they traveled five miles over gullies and washed out places with water bubbling and running in all directions. Upon reaching the Steese Highway, they climbed into their parked car, leaving coveralls behind and proceeded to the LDS Church.

Lyndon hurt his back badly and needed a back fusion operation in 1950. They sold their homestead and moved to Ferron, Utah.

But Alaska was in their blood, in 1956 they returned. They purchased 160 acres across the street from their former homestead. They started a dairy farm on this land. Lyndon worked nights as an aircraft mechanic and Neva worked days as an accountant. One misfortune after another occurred, they lost a quonset hut full of grain by fire, their home burned to the ground, heifers died and Lyndon broke his arm! This ended their business. During

these black hours, Craig their eldest child was called to serve a mission for their church, the autumn of 1962. Craig served two years in the mission field. Lyndon had a successful arm operation. Life was looking better for them.

Three children were raised on the homestead, Craig (Born 29 November 1941 at Fairbanks, married Loahnna Thornhill 3 September 1965. Children: Dana, Lance, Cheryl and Brad.), Lynda (Born 17 April 1945 at Fairbanks, married Thomas Jackson 25 May 1967. Children: Tammy, Troy, Timothy and Terry.), and Paula (Born 14 May 1948 at Fairbanks, married Rodney Rigby 28 May 1969.).

Mark was born 19 August 1951 at Price, Utah, married Carol Ann Lane 7 October 1972. Child: Christian. Their last child Gwen was also born at Price, Utah on 1 March 1954, married Dennis Doty 19 May 1972. They have two children: Aaron and Calab. Of their five children, Mark is the only one that resides in Fairbanks.

Lyndon is currently building a home for them. Neva and Lyndon are proficient gardeners. Every year their garden is huge and successful. These past several years they have raised chickens and turkeys for slaughter in the fall.

Neva hopes to retire within the year. Together they are considering now their future.

Genealogy hints:

- 1.) When copying information from tombstones count the rows and the stones in each row. When identifying the stone you want, it is marked on your paper: row 5 headstone #3. Remember to write the name of the cemetery on the paper! You might find it necessary to draw a map so that the cemetery can be found again, much easier.
- 2.) When writing to relatives for data, try sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and an index card to be returned with the question on card and room for the answer to be placed on it.



ABSTRACTINGS

from the Fairbanks News-Miner

It should be remembered that during the Goldrush days Alaska was called the "Port of Unknown Men".

Many used an alias and of some nothing was known of their background nor did anyone ask.

DIED Mr. FISBY of heart disease. Worked for FISBY BROTHERS. Died Mascot Creek, Bettles, Alaska. 19 September 1903, Page 10 Column 2.

DIED Clyde O. COOKE Unmarried 30 years old of typhoid. Worked for the N. C. Company. Mother and sisters arrived from Redlands, California. Died Wednesday morning last. Buried Thursday by the Masonic Lodge. Doctor in attendance, Dr. GEHO. 30 July 1904 Page 4 Cloumn 3.

MARR. Alfred THOMPSON and Miss MILLER. Last month. 7 May 1904 Page 3 Column 1.

DIED BROGAN old Yukon pioneer, of pneumonia. 16 November 1907, Page 5. Column 3.

DIED The "La Flamme Woman". Suicide. Home is Montreal, Canada. Her consort LEROUX. Occupation: Fallen Woman. Died Monday. 12 December 1907, Page 3 Column 2.

DIED E. BOWLEY and W. ALLIOTT in a mining accident. Atlin Claim Spruce Creek. 2 June 1908 Page 2 Column 2.

DIED Elizabeth Galloway LEWIS. Date of birth 4 July 1874, Nanaimo, Canada of Scotch Presbyterian stock. Married 29 April 1903 to Luther L. LEWIS. Leaves a three year old daughter. Was a missionary helper to Dr. PRINGLE on the Bonanza, Klondike, Yukon. Died 1 June 1908 in St. Matthews Hospital, Fairbanks, Alaska. 2 June 1908, Page 2 Column 1.

MARR. Jay C. JOHNSON to Agnes Veronica MULROONEY 30 May 1908 in Fairbanks, Alaska by Reverand Father MONROE. 3 June 1908, Page 2, Column 5.

DIED Jay C. SNOWDEN about 38 years old. Body found on sandbar 3 miles below Chena. Resided 38 Hanna Street, St. Michael. Ship steward and waiter. 3 June 1908, Page 4, Column 2.

MARR. Wilber WARD to Elizabeth Rena CHARLTON 18 December 1908 by Reverand Eugene BETTICHNER. 4 June 1908, Page 2, Column 5.

DIED Franz GIEBEL found frozen on the trail near Yosts. Belonged to Odd Fellow's Lodge. 19 January 1908. Pagel, Column 2.

MARR. Reverand Sheldon JACKSON celebrated golden anniversary 18 May 1908. He was formerly Superintendent of Public School Instruction in Alaska. 2 June 1908, Page 3, Column 4.

DIED Joseph HENZELL alias LENT swept off a raft near Ogilvie. U.S. Army deserter from Ft. Seward. A musician. 6 June 1908, Page 4, Column 2.

MARR. Frank M. LARSON to Anna THORSEN 6 June 1908 by the Reverand John PARSONS in Fairbanks. Bridesmaid Miss OSS. Best man Mr. SOULE. 7 June 1908, Page 7, Column 5.

DIED John CLARE of Juneau. Suicide. 8 June 1908, Page 3, Column 2.

DIED BERGMAN a Swede. Murdered by ELFORS for \$200.00 in Dawson Creek. 9 June 1908, Page 1, Columns 3,4,5.

MARR. Norman KEON to Frances QUIGLEY. 3 January 1916, Page 1, Column 4.

MARR. Grand COURTNAY to Mrs. A. A. JEWELL, 1 January 1916. He came to Yukon and Alaska in 1898 or 1899. She operated a roadhouse in Chatanika for several years. 3 January 1916, Page 2, Column 4.

BORN Son 6 January 1916 to J. F. KELLY living at Miller House, Fairbanks. 6 January 1916, Page 4, Column 4.

DIED K. REED pioneer of Valdez, Alaska, 7 January 1916 at Valdez. Member of Valdez Eagle Lodge. 8 January 1916, Page 1, Column 5.

MARR. Carl BERGE to Edith BOYLE, 8 January 1916 in Fairbanks, Alaska. 8 January 1916, Page 4, Column 3.

DIED James STAPLES 9 January 1916 about 60 years old. Old timer came to Dawson in early days of Klondike. Died St. Joseph's Hospital, Fairbanks. 10 January 1916, Page 4, Column 2.

DIED E. SORENSON 20 January 1916. Frozen to death 9 miles from Bluff, Alaska. 20 January 1916, Page 1, Column 2.

DIED Frank ADAMS, 12 January 1916, General Hospital, Seattle. Age 41. Widow, living in Fairbanks with daughter, Geraldine. Went to Seattle as guard for Marshal's party. Member of Eagles Lodge and Moose Lodge. Buried Georgetown, Washington. 12 January 1916, Page 4, Column 3.

DIED Edward B. "Sourdough" SMITH, 9 January 1916, age 61, Suicide. Lived Iditarod, until mid December of 1915. Member of Odd Fellows and "Knights of Pythias". 13 January 1916, Page 2, Column 4.

DIED Ronald or Roland GRIFFIN, Negro, 15 January 1916, Fairbanks, Alaska. 15 January 1916, Page 1, Column 1.

BORN A son ot Charles HAYES, Fairbanks, Alaska. 15 January 1916, Page 1, Column 6.

DIED George KAGA, Japanese, 24 January 1916. Frozen in his cabin 30 miles below Tanana. 24 January 1916, Page 1, Column 2.

DIED Paul BORELLO, 20 **January** 1916 of Toloxana, Alaska. Buried Fairbanks. 26 January 1916, Page 4, Column 4.

QUERIES

Any information on the ancestry of the five (5) BARLOW brothers who went from Fairfield, Conn. to Fairfield, Vermont about 1791.

Florence Collins Box 996, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707.

Searching: John PATTERSON. born about 1830, Ohio. Wife Annie, born 1830, Ireland. Family living in

Mahoning County, Ohio 1850- 1880 (Federal Census). Husband not with family in 1860.

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Any information: Jacob S. STEPHENS born 1816 Newport, Tenn. Major 6th Cavalry Indiana Volunteers 1862. Also Jacob S. STEPHENS age 45 or over in 1820 Census of Orange County, Indiana

Betty A. Feakes 1552 Noble Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Searching: Husband Andrew KEYSER born Ohio 1817, death before 1860? Wife Catherine born 1818, Pennsylvania. Living 1840-1880 with children in Camden County, New Jersey (Federal Census).

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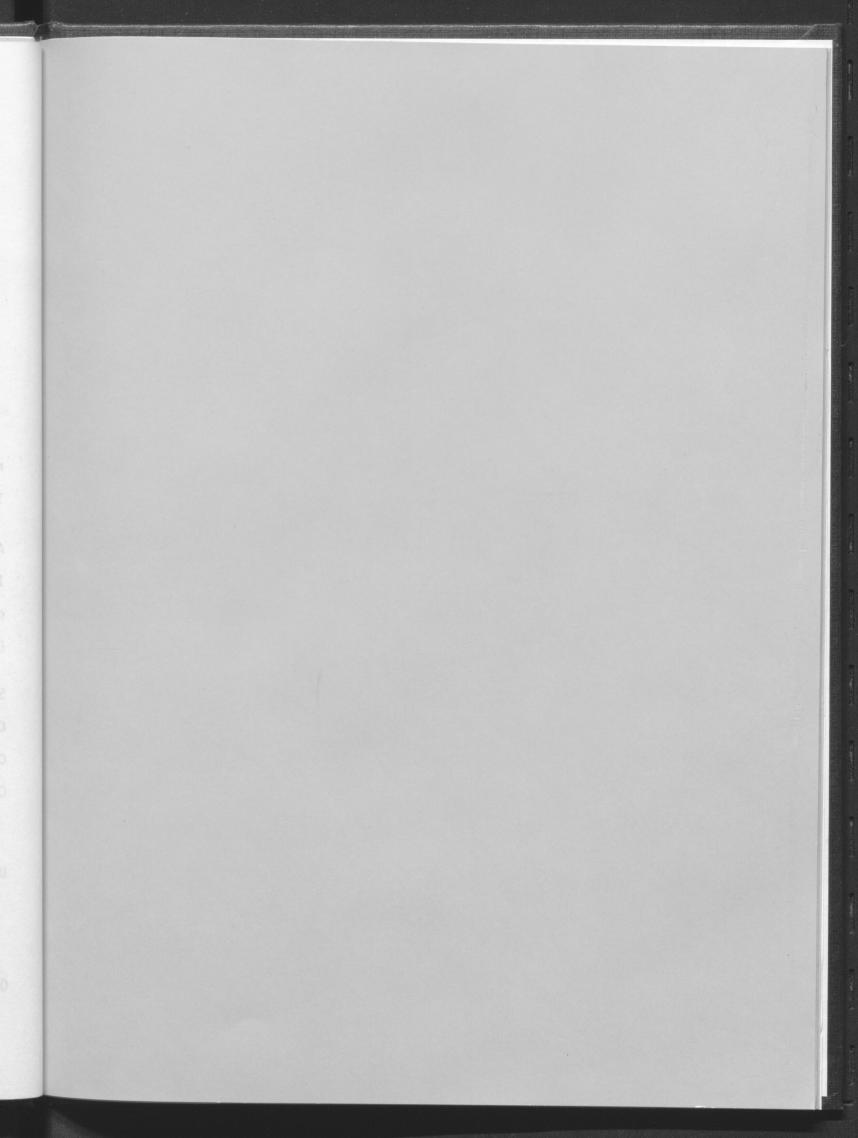
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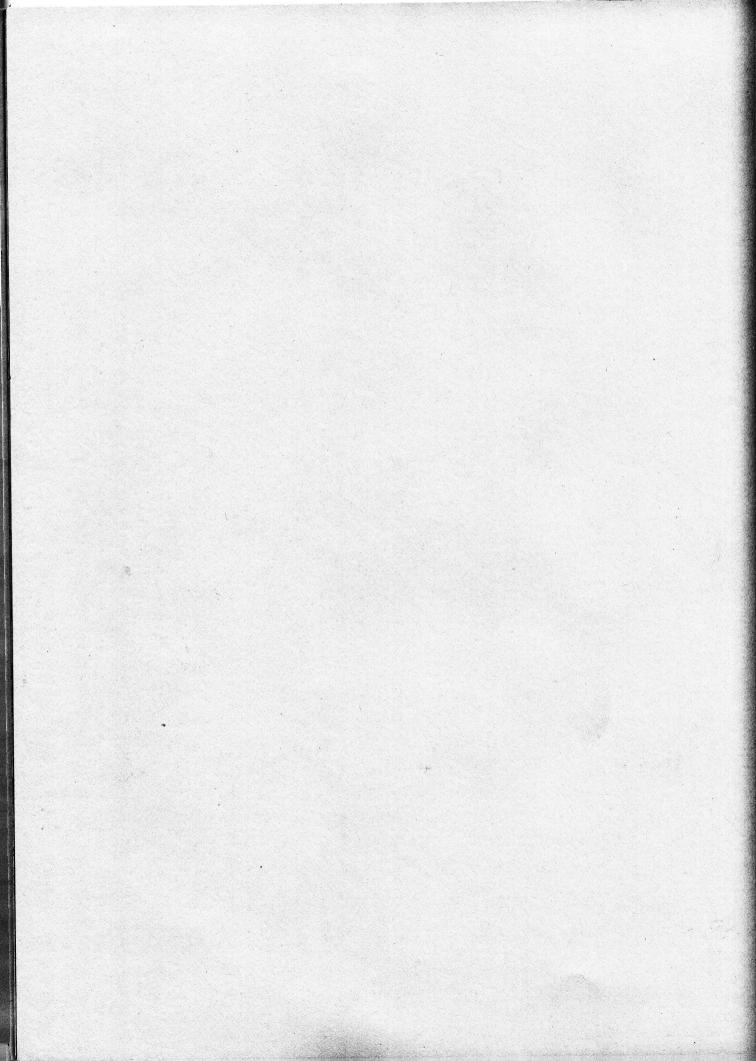
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RUMBLINGS

FROM

YOUR

EDITORS



We have had a rewarding resopnse to our quarterly. We are pleased, and as a society wish to thank all of you for your letters of congratulations and responses to exchanging. It is our hope that our quarterly will serve the genealogical world.

You will notice that we have continued to print abstractions from the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. We are randomly publishing the material in hopes that we will be able to help researchers currently. (no need to wait 10 years for a date in 1921, it is here today!)

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NUGGETS OF INFORMATION

from our guest Tom C. Scott, Secretary Eagle, Alaska Historical Society

The major aim of the Eagle Historical Society is to preserve and record the rich historical background of our town of Eagle and the surrounding area.

We are fortunate to still have many old

buildings here in Eagle which represent the various periods of settlement and commercial development of our town.

Our Society is maintaining a never ending search for financial assistance which would allow us to stabilize and preliminarily restore many of these old buildings.

Besides our preservation activities, we are also busy collecting photographs, aboriginal relics and material objects which are illustrative of life, conditions, events and the activities of the past. These objects are then put on display in our Society's museum here in Eagle.

All things considered, we keep fairly busy and provide what we feel is a very important public service to our community.

A note from the Nugget Editor: Should you be interested in joining the Eagle Historical Society you can do so by sending a dollar to Tom in Eagle, Alaska 99738. The Eagle Historical Society puts out a very nice Newsletter a copy of which was sent to us. Thank you Tom.



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FRANK AND OPAL STOWMAN

Franklin Pierce Stowman was born 9 April 1915 at Stowman, Blaine County, Montana. He married Opal Hurd 2 August 1948 at Fairbanks, Territory of Alaska. His parents, Ross Emerson Stowman (born 22 June 1884, Denver, Miami County, Indiana, died 24 May 1969, Portland Oregon) married 23 April 1913 at Chinook, Blaine County, Montana Mattie Charlotte White (born 2 September 1887 at Wessington, Beadle, South Dakota).

Frank as a young man upon graduating from highschool went two years to a Normal School. He then took a job as a school teacher in a one-room school house teaching all 8 grades in South Dakota.

After his teaching spell, he went back to school and trained as an electrician. Then the war came and he spent the early 40's in the service.

It was upon his return from the service that he met Opal. Opal says it was 24 May 1946 at the White City Ballroom in Ogdon, Utah listening and dancing to a Dorsey Band that she first met Frank.

Opal Elizabeth Hurd was born 19 September 1916 at Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho. Her parents, John James Hurd (born 23 April 1885, Snowville, Box Elder, Utah, died 9 January 1960, Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho) married 13 November at Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho Ida Chandler (born 31 October 1893 at Logan, Cache, Utah).

Until the time of their meeting in 1946, Opal had spent her adult days in sundry employment. During the Depression she worked as a waitress and clerk in a tiny Cafe-grocery for \$5.00 a week plus three meals a day. (Nine hours a day, seven days a week --- that averages 8¢ an hour. She paid \$1.00 a week for sleeping quarters.)

In August of 1941 she went to Los Angles, California for a vacation and a visit with relatives. She was there a day and her cousin invited her to come to work to see the airplane plant where she was employed. Opal went and that day was offered a job at 50¢ an hour. She accepted! Later she was promoted to a Junior Mechanic at 88¢ per hour. She worked with the BT13 (basic trainer for Army, Navy and Marines) and the B25. Eventually asthma became so bad for her she quit work and went back home to Pocatello, taking a job as a telephone operator. Her doctor advised her to move to Tuson, Arizona. So headed for Arizona on a Greyhound bus, she lost her seat to a soldier in Salt Lake City.

So since sitting at the Bus Depot in Salt Lake City isn't too appealing, Opal found work as a Junior Mechanic at Hill Field AF Base. (While there she pickled and stored Bombers, at 88¢ per hour.) She found housing in Ogden and traveled to Hill Field to work each day.

In 1947 Frank signed a contract with the U.S. Weather Bureau to work at Barrow, Alaska for one year. On the 4th of November 1947 Frank arrived at Barrow, Alaska via Alaska Airlines. When Frank found he would be transferred to the U.S. Weather Bureau Station in Fairbanks he wired Opal to come to Fairbanks so they could be married. Frank transferred to Fairbanks 3 July 1948 and Opal arrived 28 July 1948 via Pan Am.

For 24 years Frank worked as and electric inspector and Superindent at the University of Alaska in College, Alaska. He retired in 1973.

Frank and Opal have three children: Sheila Rae born 10 May 1950, James Franklin born 9 October 1951 and John Ross born 20 June 1959 all at Fairbanks, Alaska.

Frank is now working for Panther Electric and is on the North Slope at Happy Horse near Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

Opal says she never knows what they'll be doing next with Frank.

Frank calls it "pulling the pin"!

GENEALOGICAL DATA: STOWMAN-HURD

Frank's paternal grandparents: Franklin Pierce Stowman (born 12 March 1856, Denver, Miami, Indiana, married 2 April 1874, Mexico, Miami, Indiana) and Maude Lieurance.

Frank's maternal grandparents:
William James White (born 20 February 1847 in Canada to James and Sally White, married 1873, Memphis, Scotland, Missouri, died December 1918 at Wessington, Beadle, S.D.)
and Mary Ann Frederick (born 7 November 1855, Memphis, Scotland, Missouri to Jake and Mary Frederick, died 13 November 1929 Wessington, Beadle, S.D.)

Opal's paternal grandparents: John Hurd (born 12 March 1861, Middleton, Yorkshire, England to John Hurd and Martha Stockel, married 1884, died 15 October 1945) and Amelia Elizabeth Babbitt (born 13 April 1869, Brigham City, Box Elder, Utah to Richard Babbitt and Fidelia Chapman, died 1907, Malad City, Oneida, Idaho).

Opal's maternal grandparents: Thomas Chandler and Mary Catmull



ABSTRACTINGS

from the Fairbanks

News-Miner

The year of 1921

DIED Dr. Joesph H. HUNT 82 years old retired in Willannette, Oregon. Served in the 19th Illinois Infantry under General Thomas. Member of the Odd Fellows Lodge for 58 years. Mrs. Harry BUSBY, daughter, living in Fairbanks, Alaska 3 Jan. Page 1 Column 4

DIED Alex TEMIROFF Know throughout Alaska as "Black Alex". Died at Nenana, buried in Fairbanks. Occupation-Miner. Died 29 Dec. 1920 3 Jan. Page 4 Column 4

MARR. John D. SULLIVAN to Melba STRAUGHAN 3 Jan. 1921 at the radio station by Judge W. H. WHITLESAY. Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. George ZELK, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. MARTIN and Captain MOONEY. Page 3 Column 3

MARR. Tom ROSTAD to Florence WAMSLEY 31 December 1920 3 Jan. Page 4 Col. 4

DIED John C. STRAPAN Nationality Russian. Killed at Speel River. Body taken to Juneau, Alaska 7 Jan. Page 3 Column 3

MARR. Martin HARRIAN to Margaret KEEMAN 25 Oct 1920 Will livein La Nesa, California. Margaret was principal of Fairbanks schools and Martin was a very early settler in the Tananna Valley. 7 Jan. Front Page Column 2

DIED Perry BIGLOW 5 Jan. 1921. Lived at Kantishna, Alaska. Had a brother living in St. George, Utah. 17 Jan. Page 4 Column 4

DIED Chris ANTODIO Lived McGrath Occupation Miner. Disappeared while on the Seward-Idlerod Trail. 18 Jan. Page 3 Column 5

DIED Tom PHILLIPS Occupation Miner. Drowned in Lake Nancy. Body taken to Anchorage. 18 Jan. Page 3 Column 5

DIED Peter WAGNER 84 years old. Was president of Alaskan Fisheries. Survived by wife and children. Date of death 17 Jan 1921 18 Jan. Front Page Column 2

DIED Tom MAHAR 28 Jan 1921 Old time Alaskan Buried by Royal Order of Moose. 28 Jan Page 2 Column 3

MARR. George H. COOK to Mayme SUMI 5 Feb. 1921 at the Presbyterian church. 7 Feb. Page 4 Column 3

MARR. Clifford MOODY to Theresa WELM 29 Dec. 1920 in Angers, France. Will return to Fairbanks. Parents Mr. and Mrs. George C. MOODY. 19 Feb. Page 7 Column 4

DIED Herman KANGAS 19 June 1921. Coal miner at Williams Camp. Daughter living in Finland and wife living in Essaqua, Washington. Came to America from Finland in 1919. Lived in State of Washington and resided here several months before taking his own life. 19 June Page 4 Column 3

MARR. Charles R. MAINE to Mary PASSY 20 June 1921. Charles has a ranch and Roadhouse on Chena Hot Springs Trail. 23 June Page 4 Column 3

DIED Edwin A. HALL 22 June 1921 at Shaw Creek Camp. Worked for Road Commission. 23 June Page 4 Column 3

DIED Frank SAWDEY 22 June 1921. Sister in Pomerey, Iowa. 25 June Page 1 Column 6

DIED John ORD 22 May 1921. 60 Years old Born Devenshire, England. Prospector discoverer of Nickel Plate Mine most prominent mine in Hedley, Canada Brother living in Devenshire, England. 27 June Page 3 Column 3

DIED Kristian G. SOLSVICK 27 June 1921. Arriving from Norway was taken from ship to hospital where he died. 17 years old. 27 June Page 3 Column 2

DIED George A. BRACKETT 27 June 1921 at Minneapolis, Minn. Pioneer of Skagway. Built the toll road to summit of White Pass in '98. Sold road to White Pass and Yukon Railroad. 27 June Page 1 Column 7

MARR. Henry GEISE to Georgine NESS 5 July 1921. Geise is old timer from Dawson days and Miss Ness just arrived on Steamship Alaska from Oregon. 6 July Page 1 Column 5

MARR. J. Elbert NECHOLSON to Faith CONDIT 6 July 1921. Will live in Anacortes, Washington. Faith was a teacher in Juneau. Father, Dr. James H. CONDIT was former Presbyterian pastor of Fairbanks. 6 July Page 1 Column 1

MARR. Sam GODFREY to Gladys HUNT 8 July 1921. He is a prominent mining man of Toloovana, Alaska. Miss Hunt is from Los Angles, California 9 July Page 4 Column 3

DIED Andrew STROM 10 July 1921 in Rochester, Minn. Was prominent carpenter and cabinet maker in Fairbanks. Buried by Igloo #4 Pioneers of Alaska 11 July Front Page Column 3

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DIED George QUERIE 18 July 1921 Old time prospector on Upper Hunker.
18 July Page 3 Column 3

DIED Henry DUBOIS 18 July 1921 at Eagle, Alaska. Proprieter of the Occidental Hotel in Dawson Creek. 18 July Page 3 Column 2

DIED John RUDOLF Drowned last week in Taku Inlet. Native Alaskan 18 July Page 3 Column 5

DIED A. RUNDEL Nationality Finland. Found dead at his mine at the head of Dome Creek. Body brought to Fairbanks for burial. 18 July Page 4 Column 4 & 5

DIED Ida Mae KELLUM 9 July 1921. At Eska, Alaska. Son Leon KELLUM Relatives living in Maine. 20 July Page 4 Column 3

DIED F. C. JACKSON 10 August 1921 Fairbanks resident for many years. Carpenter and steveadore. Member of Eagles Lodge and Odd Fellows. Born Eastside London about 47 years ago. 11 Aug. Page 3 Column 5

DIED Captain Harry THEILSEN 24 July 1921 of Kobuk, Alaska. Veteran mariner. Commander of the Steamer Weir 1st Yukon River boat to reach the Klondike in 1898 and a pioneer of Alaska 11 August Page 1 Column 4

DIED W. M. DAVIS 23 August of Eagle, Alaska Mined on Chicken Creek for many years. 23 August Page 2 Column 2

DIED Mrs. Alice STANWOOD PARROT of Oakland, California 27 August 1921 died at the entrance of Puget Sound on board the U. S. A. Radio Supply Ship "Saturn" after a trip by dog sled and by boat from McGrath up the Kuskokwim River. Leaves a daughter Mrs. H. V. WENNER in McGrath and a grandaughter age 11. 27 Aug Page 1 Column 5

DIED Richard FITCH 26 August 1921. Born in California. Leaves a wife in Whithorse, Yukon, Canada and 2 sons one three years and one three months. Worked for the Alaskan Road Commission. Member of Meose Lodge and Masons. Buried by the Masons. 27 August Page 4 Column 2

DIED Erik ANDERSON 30 August 1921 Owner of Greenhouse on Garden Island. 30 August Page 4 Column 7

DIED J. L. ANDERS 8 September 1921 Shot while on duty as deputy marshal. Born Bay City, Mich. 8 November 1871. Came to Dawson in 1897 and lived continuously in northern camps. Later years were all spent at Chena Hot Springs. Member of Tanana Lodge F. and A.M., Odd Fellows and Rampart Pioneer Lodge. Mother living at Chena Hot Springs. 8 Sept 1921 Page 3 Column 5

DIED Michael COAKLEY 8 Sept. 1921 About 55 years old. Mined in Dawson in early Klondike years. Was a watchman for Alaska Engineering Commission since 1916. Brother lives in San Francisco. 8 Sept. Page 3 Column 5

DIED Joe CORAK 7 Sept 1921 Catholic. Lived Mile 329 Worked for Rokovich Contracting Company. 10 Sept Page 1 Column 6

DIED Henry PAUL Indian about 25 years old 8 Sept 1921. Deckhand. Native of Cosjacket Tribe. 10 Sept Page 4 Column 3

DIED John PETERSHEIM 10 Sept 1921 Pioneer Alaskan 10 Sept Page 4

DIED Billy McKINNON 13 Sept 1921 Old time Fairbanksan. Grubstaked Matt MECHAN discoverer of "3 Below" on Fairbanks Creek. Ships carpenter during the war. Contractor in Fairbanks for many years. 13 Sept. Page 1 Column 5

MARR. Phil KNOWITON to Helen PROTZMAN 11 Sept 1921 in Victoria, B. C. Both are old time Fairbanksans. 13 Sept Page 1 Column 4

DIED Henry COLEMAN 19 Sept 1921 60 years old in Prescot, Arizona. Founder of Sewerd, Alaska. Started operation on what is now the Alaskan Railroad. 20 Sept Page 1 Column 5

DIED Joe WILSON 27 Sept 1921 Page 1 Column 2

MARR. Joesph MILLER to Ferne JOHNSON 19 Feb. 1921 by Judge Charles E. BUNNELL. Best man Mather O. CARLSON. Bridesmaid Emily TOWNSEND. 21 Feb. Page 3 Column 4

MARR. Richard McLEAN to Catherine WALSH 22 Feb. 1921 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles SLATER on Garden Island, Fairbanks. 23 Feb. Page 3 Column 2

DIED W. T. "Willie" BURNS 45 years old. Survivers wife and three children. Father, mother and two sisters in Portland, Oregon. Brother in San Fransisco, California. Brother Mark killed in cave on Cleary Creek 4 years ago. Lived at Little Eldorodo. Twice elected to serve in Legislature. Now a miner. 25 Feb and 1 March Pages 2 & 3 Columns 3 and 3.

DIED Webster PENDLETON 59 years old. 5 March 1921. Survivers-two or three sisters in Richmond, Va. Brother in Austin, Texas. Father was a teacher at Virginia University. Father died three years ago, 7 March Page 3 Column 3

BORN Baby girl to Robert and Mrs. Schaber 1 April 1921 in Fairbanks, Alaska 2 April Page 4 Column 3

MARR. Edward J. CRONIN to Adeline FERRETTI 5 April 1921 Page 1 Column 2.

Nathaniel Grant COX 9 April 1921. Born Clinton, Illinois 18 April 1863. Married over 30 years to Martha J. COX. He was postmaster and merchant at Brooks and Livengood. Member of Igloo #4 buried 14 April Pioneer plot in local cemetery. 11 & 14 of April Pages 4 & 4 Columns 1 & 3

BORN Baby girl 14 April 1921 to Mr. and Mrs. J. BUSBY. 14 April Page 4 Column 3

MARR. Harry G. ABERCROMBIE to Miss O'CONNER. Early this winter in Nenana. 20 April Page 4 Column 2 & 3

DIED George GEE Nationality Chinese. 4 May 1921. Surviver of Custer massacre. After leaving the Army was a cook for US Navy for 20 years. Was a resident of America for 60 years. Buried by the American Legion at Sitka, Alaska. 4 May 1921 Page 4 Column 5

DIED James SLATTERWHITE 3 May 1921. Lived in Nenana, Alaska 4 May Page 1 Column 4

MARR. Patrick MAHONEY to Mrs. Clara Jane HOLMES 11 May 1921. Pioneer residents of Fairbanks, Alaska 12 May Page 4 Column 1

DIED Charely SWANSON 22 May 1921 Rancher on Whiskey Island. 23 May Page 1 Column 2

MARR. E. R. McFARIAND to Mrs. Louise VACHON 9 June 1921. Mrs. Vachon is widow of John VACHON of Tolorana, Alaska who died in Fairbanks 15 months ago. Mrs. VACHON has 4 children. McFARIAND is a Major U.S. Army retired. Recieved two citations in WW1 by General Pershing. Served in the Sioux Indian War of 1890-91 and the Spanish American War. Will reside in Anchorage, Alaska. 9 June Page 4 Column 2

DIED Mrs. Thomas MARKUSON 11 June 1921 20 Year resident of Fairbanks. 11 June Page 4 Column 4 DIED Con VAN ALSTINE 17 Sept 1921 Disappeared from Eagle. Search abandoned. 29 Sept. Page 2 Column 2

DIED Charlie "Sourdough" KEFFERSTEIN Nationality German Age over 60 Was stampeder to Yukon. Cook and prospector for more than 20 years. Member of Anchorage Pioneer Lodge. Died last week at Government Hospital Anchorage, Alaska 1 Oct. 1921 Page 4 Column 4

MARR. Fred HANSON to Amante TONSETH. 8 November 1921 Bridesmaid Frances HILLARY Best man Enar TONSETH. Married by Reverand SCHERER 8 Nov. Page 2 Column 3

DIED Robert BRAZIL 8 Nov. 1921 Wagon went over a cliff on Bananza Creek. 8 Nov 1921 Page 2 Column 3

MARR. Frank CONRAD to Dolly KNUDSON 9 Nov. 1921 by U. S. Commissioner Coke HILL. Witnesses Gladys NEWTON and Henry HANK. 10 Nov. Page 4 Column 4

DIED W. W. PENDERGRAFT 12 December 1921 Owner of Imperial Cigarette Store 13 Dec. Page 5 Column 2

END OF YEAR 1921

Little Nuggets of News

The stage arrives from the coast (Valdez) this morning bringing 800 pounds of 2nd class mail and 6 passengers: Henry COOK, Mrs. YOUNG, Julius OLIVER, Bert ANDERSON and Mrs. AUTIN. Sunday 3 April 1909 Page 4 Column 2

Yesterday was a big day in arrivals from the coast with no less than 50 mushers straggled into town during the day. Ed WALSH reports those arriving were passengers from the "Northwestern" when she arrived in Valdez two weeks ago. He reports there are scores from the steamer strung out all the way from here to Copper Center. 5 April 1909 Page 7 Column 5

Newsy letter from Chena Hot Springs--- We are all here and having a wonderful time (75 men and 9 ladies). So reports Harry EDWARDS homesteader on which the hot springs are found.

Men running for City Councilmen; Fred CARTER, Dan DRISCOL, J. H. GROVES, L. S. ROBE, Mel SABIN, Joe SMITH, J. J. THORNTON. 5 April 1909 Page 6 Column 1

Large herd of beeves being brought to Fairbanks on the hoof from Valdez reported by Jimmy PORTER as being in good shape. PORTER is a driver for Ed S. ORR stage line. 5 April 1909 Page 2 Column 5

Clarance M. GORMAN of New York spent the summer of 1907 here in Fairbanks had this to say- Alaska, dear Alaska, you are mighty hard to beat. We get a thorn with every rose, but aren't the roses sweet.

Johnny McLEOD the whiteman who can out Siwash the Siwash a part of his local fame was won by guiding the WICKERSHAM expedition up Mt. McKinley 5 years ago. 2 April 1909 Page 3 Columns 3, 4, 5

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Searching: Peter GEE born 1813, Deleware Twp, Westchester, New York, married Sarah Almira ?, Peter died 23 October 1885, Mahoning County, Ohio, his parents believed to be Nicholas GEE and Nancy FURMAN.
Christine Amidon, P.O. Box 10061, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Where did Brydon WILSON (born 1780) marry Sally CALDBREATH (GALBRAITH)? Where in Missouri did his son Johnson WILSON marry (in 1837) Jane BURNS? Thomas CALDBREATH died 1787, married Margaret ?

Mrs. J. D. Miller, S.R. Box 50445-C, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Charles G. PEASE son of Nathaniel, born Massachusetts, age 46 in 1855 Census, Clarksville Twp, Allegany County, New York, married 1831, Erie County, New York Cordina SMITH. Made links before and after. Ellen Nelson, 413 Glacier Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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