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Mike Dalton continues to read entries from the book of the Pioneer Women of Alaska.

Jane Louise Lenard Langstrom was born in France in 1880 and arrived in Alaska in 1900. She first went to Dawson and later Fairbanks. She married Richard Langstrom and they lived in Livengood and then Fairbanks. She died in 1951.

Ebba Mayben was born in 1881 in Sweden and arrived in Skagway in 1899. She lived in Skagway, Rampart and arrived in Fairbanks in 1904.

Louise Jane Maddocks was born in Ohio and arrived in Alaska in 1898. She came over the Chilkoot Pass and traveled to Eagle, Alaska. She came to Fairbanks in 1905.

Mable Anne Moore was born in England and came to Alaska in 1896. She was married in 1895 to James Grant Moore. They lived on Douglas Island from 1896-1897 and moved to Puget Sound. They returned in 1898 and traveled through Dyea to Dawson. She had one son in Dawson in 1900. They moved to Fairbanks in 1904.

Emma Wells McKinnon was born in Missouri in 1868 and arrived in Alaska in 1907. She died in 1965 in Arizona, but was buried in Fairbanks. Her husband, Thomas McKinnon and her two sons Frank and Thomas Carr preceded her in death.

Mary Catherine McKinnon was born in Pennsylvania and arrived in Alaska in 1898. She lived in Haines, Dawson, Nome, and came to Fairbanks in 1903.

Ella C. Miller was born in Montana and came to Alaska in 1900.

Mary Miller Furand was born in Montana and arrived in Alaska in 1906. She was employed by the United States attorney's office. She was the daughter of Frank and Mary Miller. Mike reads an article about William J. Miller. Mike reads an article about Mary Miller, Sr. that was written by Paul Ip Lien. Mary was born in Austria and came to America in 1903 and Alaska in 1906. Her children were Henry, William, Robert, Max, Mary Bergland Furand, Albina, Josephine, Emma Warwick[?], and Holly who died 1933. Frank Miller died in 1940. She was queen regent in 1937.

Albina Miller was born in Montana and arrived in Alaska in 1906.

Susan McKinnon arrived in 1898 from Montana. She came to Dawson by the Chilkoot Pass and came to Fairbanks in 1905. She also lived in Iditarod. She was married to Daniel McKinnon. She lived in Washington and returned to Fairbanks in 1929. She died in 1934 at the age of 79. Mike reads from her obituary.

Susan M. MacQuarrie was born in New Brunswick and arrived in Alaska in 1908. She arrived in Chena and lived in Ester and later moved to Fairbanks. She died at the age of 82 in 1948. She was married to George A. MacQuarrie.

Lurissa Jane Maddocks was born in Ohio and arrived in Alaska in 1898. She lived in Eagle until 1905 and then moved to Fairbanks. She married Roy E. Maddocks in 1906 and had one son

David Roy Maddocks in 1909.

Carolina Markison was born in Sweden and came to Alaska in 1902. She died in 1921.

Mike reads from her obituary. She was married to Tom Markison.

Sarah "Sally" L. McCandless was born in Kentucky and came to Alaska in 1899. She first went briefly to Dawson by way of the White Pass with her two-year-old daughter, Erville McCandless and then traveled to the Fortymile country. She lived there until 1927. They bought a mine at Greenstone in the Ruby district. Mike reads from her obituary. She was 69 years old when she died. She was married to Albert A. McCandless. Elsa Ansin McGee was born in Latvia and arrived in Alaska in 1904. She lived in Manley Hot Springs, Ruby, Nenana and Fairbanks.

Elya Mitchell was born in Kansas and arrived in Alaska in 1908. She was married on November 28, 1914. She had two children, Dorothy Eileen and Robert John.

Bertha C. Moody was born in 1871 in California and arrived in Alaska in 1901. She married George Clifford Moody in 1892. Her children were Daphne Irene Harris, Clifford, George Bertram, and James Edson. She spent three years in Dawson. She traveled to Fairbanks in 1904. Her father George Riegler served in the Civil War and joined the Navy after the war and traveled up the Yukon River about 200-300 miles in 1866. Her husband died in 1935.

Maria Morgan was born in Germany and arrived in Dawson in 1902. She was married in Dawson in 1903. They lived in Cleary, Dome City, and Fairbanks. They lived Outside from 1929-1939. Her children were Donald Alan, Mildred Elizabeth, Kenneth Gordon, Eleanor Myrtle, and James Thomas. Donald Alan was the first University of Alaska graduate who received an all Alaska education.

Margaret Murie was born in Seattle and arrived in Juneau in 1904. She arrived in Fairbanks in 1911. She was the first female graduate of the University of Alaska. She was married to Olaus Murie.

Elsa McGee was born in 1876 in Latvia and arrived in Alaska in 1904 and walked to Whitehorse in eleven days. She bought a small boat and drifted down to Lake Labarge. She worked in Circle City for a short while and went on to Fairbanks. She died in Sitka. She served as a midwife in Ruby.

Emma Wells McKinnon was born in 1869 in Missouri and arrived in Alaska in 1907. She traveled to Fairbanks from Valdez with her son, Thomas Wells Carr. She was 94 years old in 1962. Mike reads an article written by Cliff Semick about Emma McKinnon. She was a widow with two sons when she first arrived in Fairbanks. She married Mr. McKinnon in 1920. She died in 1965 in Prescott, Arizona.

Mildred K. Nerland joined the Pioneer Women of Alaska in 1959. Mike reads an article from the News-miner from December 2, 1959 about a meeting of the Pioneer Women of Alaska. She was born in Washington and came to Alaska in 1903. She was married to Leslie Nerland in 1926 in Vancouver, B.C. She moved to Fairbanks in 1930 with her son, Jerry and her husband. They were associated with the family furniture business. Mike reads another article from the News-miner that she wrote in 1962 describing the function of the Pioneer Women of Alaska. Mildred Nerland was installed president of the Pioneer Women of Alaska in 1962.