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ALASKA MINING
HALL OF FAME
A Foundation Honoring Those Who Pioneered The Way

Induction Ceremony

~ 1998 ~

Fairbanks, Alaska

Thursday, March 5th
Alaskaland Civic Center
6:30 Cocktails
Lower Lobby
View Alaska Mining Hall of Fame
Display of Photos and Biographies

7:30 Program
Theatre

Earl Beistline - Welcome

Steve Arthur - Poetry Recitation
Spell of the Yukon
Men Who Don't Fit In

William R. Wood
 Welcoming Comments and Introduction to Alaska Mining Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony

Earl Beistline
Introduction and Statement of Purpose

Charles C. Hawley
Recognition of the Charter Members
John Treadwell
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Introduction of Interior Inductees
Alfred Mayo
Arthur Harper
Jack McQuesten
Howard Franklin
John Minook
Felix Pedro

Jane Haigh
Introduction of Family Members of AMHF Inductees - Audience Members Share Stories and Memories of AMHF Inductees

John Sims
Importance of AMHF Inductees to the Growth and Culture of Interior Alaska

Alfred Mayo
Working as a circus acrobat in Maine, he became a fur trader and traveled to Alaska in 1873 with Jack McQuesten. After establishing trading posts near present day Tanana and in the Yukon Territory he made the first gold discovery on the Tanana River with Arthur Harper in 1878.

Arthur Harper
A native of Ireland, he partnered with Jack McQuesten and Alfred Mayo. The best prospector of the three, he was the first white explorer in many areas. He married a Koyukon woman and his son Walter was the first Native to climb Mt. McKinley. His granddaughter Jane Harper Petri, was the first Native graduate of the University of Alaska.

Jack McQuesten
Called the "Father of the Yukon", he along with his partners, grubstaked and banked many early prospectors including Pitka Pavaloff and Sergei Cheoysky, the discoverers of the Circle District. The first right limit tributary of the Stewart above the Yukon was named for him. An honest man, he was among the founding members of the Yukon Order of Pioneers.

Howard Franklin
A pioneer miner in Juneau and the Yukon, Franklin was instrumental in creating the plat for the City of Juneau. One of the earliest prospectors in the Yukon, he made the first major discovery of gold in the region on the Forty Mile in 1886. A tributary of the Forty Mile was named for him. A street is named for him in Juneau.

John Minook
Minook (also known as Ivan Pavaloff, Jr.) discovered and mined gold at Rampart, in the Koyukuk and near Tanana. In later years, he was a storekeeper and outfitter at Rampart. The brother of Pitka Pavaloff and Jack McQuesten's wife, he was the first to break the barrier for mines to be owned and operated by Natives.

Felix Pedro
Born Felice Pedroni to a poor family in Italy, he emigrated to the U.S. and gradually worked his way toward Alaska. He began prospecting near modern day Fairbanks in the late 1890s, with his first discovery in 1898, and his major discovery of gold in 1902. Honest and well-liked, he died at a fairly early age, his body weakened by tough years.