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Pioneer Women of Alaska

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Mike continues to read from the record book of the Pioneers of Alaska.

Lillian Louis Black came to Skagway in 1899 and in 1903 she went to Dawson. She died in 1965. An obituary is included in the record book. She was the widow of George Black who ran freight on the rivers in the Interior. Mrs. Arthur Peterson was her daughter. Her maiden name was Lawmeister.

Mrs. Kahte Berglin was born in Germany and arrived in Alaska in 1902. She traveled up the Fortymile River to Jack Wade Creek. She and her husband lived on Jack Wade Creek for three years and finally settled in Fairbanks.

Mary Kline Bunnell arrived in Alaska in 1901. She lived in Kodiak, Kenai, Valdez and Fairbanks. She was the wife of Charles Bunnell.

Mary Miller Berglin (now Foran) was born in 1904 and arrived in Fairbanks in 1906. She attended the University of Montana, Missoula and then Corvallis in Oregon. She worked for the Alaska Railroad and the U.S. attorney general. She was married to C.E. Berglin and had three children, Clifford, Robert and Ruth. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Fairbanks. She lists all of her brothers and sisters.

Florence Brown arrived in Dawson in 1899. The only entry is her death notice. She died in December 1949. She lived in Fairbanks until 1943.

Ida Bartlett was born in 1863 and died in September 1948. She was the mother of E.L. "Bob" Bartlett. She arrived in Fairbanks before 1906. Her husband was Edward Bartlett who mined in the Circle district.

Margaret A. Bell was born in 1879 in Paris, France. She came to Dawson in 1898. Minnie Brewis arrived in Dawson in 1898. Mike reads from a newspaper article from October 1961 by Paul Ip. Lien. Her father moved to Skagway, Alaska in 1897 and brought one hundred head of cattle. Her father drove them to Whitehorse over the Chilkoot Pass and shipped them to Dawson. Minnie arrived in 1898 to Dawson. In 1903 her father drove cattle to Fairbanks over the Valdez trail. He operated a butcher shop in Fairbanks. Minnie married Marcus Tyler in Dawson and had two sons, Raul and Vern. They arrived in Fairbanks in 1904. She recalls an incident in 1905. She was traveling from Cleary to Fairbanks. Near Cleary summit they were surprised by the "blue-parka man" who had been robbing gold miners. He left them alone even though someone on the wagon was carrying gold. Her husband died and she moved to Iditarod in 1910. She returned to Fairbanks in 1920. In 1911 she married Jonas Brewis in Flat and had three children: Gladys Sams, Barbara Lindberg, and Henry Brewis.

Blanche Cascaden arrived in Alaska in 1900. In February 1947 there was an article about Blanche being elected queen regent of the winter carnival. She drove the first car over the Livengood trail. Another article from the NewsMiner reported that Blanche Cascaden married in

1904 and moved to Eagle. Two years later she moved to Fairbanks. Mike again reads all names of the queen regents.