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

Bessie Anna Boyd Hering was born in Kansas and arrived in Alaska in 1900. She married John Phillips Hering in 1900. She had two children Calvin Boyd and William Lowden (died in 1974). Calvin Boyd's children are Dorothy Beistline and Mildred Fetisworth. Kitty Hensley died in 1931. Mike reads her obituary. She came to Fairbanks in 1904 from Dawson.

Bertha Hamilton was born in Iowa and came to Alaska in 1901. She arrived in Dawson by way of Skagway and arrived in Fairbanks in 1904.

Clara Jane Holmes Mahoney was born in 1862 and arrived in Nome in 1900. She sailed on the Victoria. She staked a claim in Nome. Patrick J. Mahoney died in 1923.

Anna Viola Homer was born in California and arrived in Juneau, Alaska in 1898. She walked over the Chilkoot Pass to Dawson. She lived in Nome, Fairbanks, Flat Creek, Iditarod, and Ruby. She had a homestead north of Ruby where she had a roadhouse. Ethel Hayes was born in Washington and arrived in Alaska in 1898. She was three years old when she walked over the [Chilkoot?] trail.

Mrs. John Howey was born in Scotland and arrived in Fairbanks in 1906. Mike reads from her undated obituary. She was sixty-nine years old when she died.

Grace M. Rose Hard was born in 1882 in California. She arrived in Juneau, Alaska in 1898. She worked as a secretary to Judge J.F. Maloney in Juneau. She married Cecil M. Shaver in 1901 and they moved to Bakersfield. Her husband died in 1918. In 1934 she moved back to Alaska with her sister Jessie M. Howard. She married Erik Hard in Fairbanks in 1936. They lived in Ophir.

Emma May Johnson was born in Colorado and arrived in Alaska in 1898.

Fannie Dell Johnston was born in Michigan in 1857. She married Charles Johnson in 1879. She and her husband arrived in Skagway in 1898. They lived in the Yukon Territory before coming to Fairbanks in 1904.

Hannah A. Johnson was born in Sweden and came to Alaska in 1900.

Martha A. Judd was born in Iowa and came to Alaska in 1899. She worked in Skagway until 1909. In 1914 she moved to Fairbanks.

Fannie G. Joyce was born in 1885 in Missouri and arrived in Seward in 1906. Her name was Fannie G. Johnson when she arrived in Alaska. Her first husband was Ralph Wells Johnson.

Frances Louisa Krauss was born in Canada and arrived in Nome in 1900.

Vonda V. Kelning was born in Sweden and arrived in Skagway in 1899. She arrived in America with her brother, Swan P. Magnuson in 1897. In 1902 she moved to Rampart until leaving for Fairbanks in 1907. In 1909 she married A.P. Kelning and was widowed in 1913.

Georgiana Keys was born in Minnesota in 1863 and arrived in Alaska in 1899. Cordelia M.

Karshner was born in Minnesota and arrived in Skagway in 1900. She walked to Whitehorse in

July of that year. She returned to Skagway in the fall and stayed there until 1902. In 1904 she came to Fairbanks. In 1910 she went to Hot Springs. She married J.F. Karshner. He homesteaded in the Interior in 1914. She died in 1933 at the age of 72. She had two daughters.

F. Lois Karstens was born in Minnesota and came to Alaska in 1905. She was living at the Pioneer Home in 1974. Her husband was Harry Karstens who climbed Mt. McKinley in 1912. Charlotte Kubin was born in Washington and came to Alaska in 1902. She was still living in 1974.

Bertha King was born in Wisconsin and arrived in 1900. She came over the Chilkoot Pass in 1898. She went to Nome in 1900. She arrived in Fairbanks in 1904. She prospected, mined and raised a family in Alaska.

Ella Loflen's obituary was read by Mike. She was interned in Portland, Oregon.

Tophia Keith was born in Germany and came to Alaska in 1898.

Mrs. Charles Strandberg was married in Pennsylvania. She arrived in Dawson in 1900 and came to Fairbanks in 1904. From 1909-1918 she lived in Flat. She and her husband then lived in the states until 1935 when they returned to Alaska. They had three sons, Charles, Jr., Art, and Herb and two daughters who had passed away.

Sarah Frances Latimer was born in California and arrived in Alaska in 1897. She arrived in Skagway and then moved to Dawson until 1904 when she moved to Seattle. She returned to Fairbanks in 1915.

Marsha Latimer Lavery was born in Washington in 1882 and arrived in Skagway in 1897 on the steamer Williamette and moved to Dawson in 1900. She came to Fairbanks in 1905. She died in 1949 at the age of 67. Mike reads her death notice. She was married to Robert Lavery in 1904. Her husband died in 1931. Her children were R.K., William Latimer, James Valentine and Helen Lucille.