



YUKON FIRST NATIONS WOMEN

“She does everything, that Indian woman, you know –”



October is Women's History Month

- (1) Mrs. Agnes Nieman, holding Paul Nieman, Jr. The child on the left is Eileen Nieman and on the right is Elsie Nieman. 1946. (Credit: Jessie Joe. Yukon Archives, *Their Own Yukon* collection, 2000/37 #83)
 - (2) Tsao'ka' djana (on the left) and Gu'dia, two Northern Tutchone women from the White River and Fort Selkirk areas, respectively. Approx. 1898. (Credit: Yukon Archives, *Their Own Yukon* collection, 2000/37 #154)
 - (3) Mary Jackson with her four-day-old granddaughter, Darlene Kerr, Teslin, 1951. (Courtesy of Canadian Museum of Civilization, photographer Catharine McClellan, 1951, negative no. J813)
 - (4) Sadie Jackie Baker, probably at Livingston Creek, year unknown. (Courtesy of Bill Webber. Yukon Archives, William Webber fonds, 2002/134)
 - (5) Mrs. Dyea John (Mary Harmond) packed supplies over the Chilkoot Pass for many years. (Credit: Mrs. Sophie Hall. Yukon Archives, *Their Own Yukon* collection, 2000/37 #152)
 - (6) Mrs. Kitty Smith, Whitehorse, 1988. (Credit: Jim Robb, *Life Lived Like a Story*)
 - (7) From left to right: Old Grandma Maggie, (girl unknown), Leta Jonathan, Stanley Johnson, Lucie Charlie, Mary Isaac, Annie Silverfox, Madaline McGinty, Mary Alfred Blanchard (little girl), Albert Alfred, and Jessie Alfred holding Freddie Alfred, Jr., Pelly Crossing, 1950. (Credit: Johnny Alfred. Yukon Archives, *Their Own Yukon* collection, 2000/37 #175)
 - (8) Daisy Sheldon with her child, Jim Sheldon, Teslin, 1952. (Courtesy of Canadian Museum of Civilization, photographer Catharine McClellan, 1952, image no. S71-920)
 - (9) Laura Alfred, Lena Alfred and her son, Jimmy Ellis, Fort Selkirk. (Credit: Johnny Alfred. Yukon Archives, *Their Own Yukon* collection, 2000/37 #173)
 - (10) Mrs. Patsy (Edith) Henderson with Frances Neumann in Carcross, 1968. (Credit: Jim Robb. Yukon Archives, *Their Own Yukon* collection, 2000/37 #164)
- (top left corner) Kate Carmack. (Credit: Yukon Archives, James Albert Johnson fonds, 82/341 #21)
- (top right corner) Mother and child, photographed near Lake Laberge. (Credit: Mrs. Patsy Henderson)



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SHAAW TLÁA (KATE CARMACK)

They live one winter, Kate Carmack and him, her husband.

He's got wife.

He's all right!

She does everything, that Indian woman, you know –

hunts, just like nothing,

sets snares for rabbits.

That's what they eat.

I know her: that's my auntie, Kate Carmack,

my old man's mother's sister.

One lady, Dawson people, gave them fish.

She cut it up, Kate Carmack –

that's how they lived all winter...

Mrs. Kitty Smith

(from Reading Voices by Julie Cruikshank)

