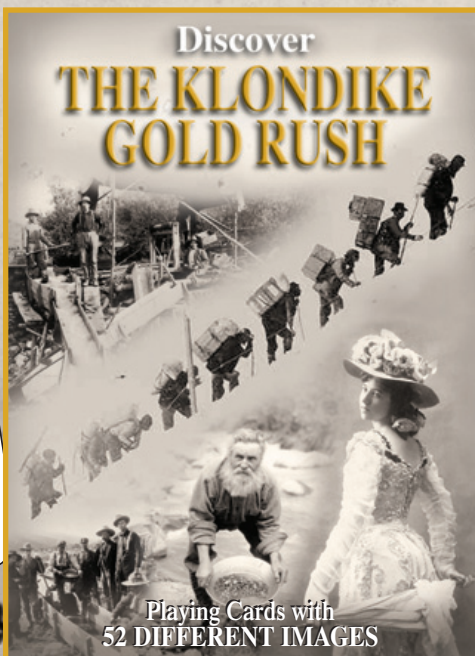


# DISCOVER THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH

## Photo Playing Cards



**SKOOKUM JIM MASON**



Skookum Jim Mason (1855-1916) sparked the Klondike Gold Rush when he discovered rich gold deposits in Bonanza Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River. A Tagish Indian born with the name Keish, Mason earned the nickname "Skookum," which means "strong" in the Chinook Jargon, by carrying heavy loads across the Chilkoot Pass in the 1880s.

Mason's brother-in-law, George Carmack, registered the initial claim in his own name because they thought that other miners might not accept that an Indian had made the discovery. Skookum Jim and his nephew, Dawson Charlie, staked a claim on either side of the original one, and the three men shared close to \$1,000,000 in

**KLONDIKE KATE**



famous for her alluring "Flame Dance." Rockwell grew rich as a result of her fame, and left the Yukon a few years later with a bankroll of \$150,000 on the arm of Alex Pantages, a waiter who had won her heart.

Kitty Rockwell used her money to help Pantages establish a chain of theatres up and down the west coast, but he broke her heart when he married another woman with no warning in 1905. Rockwell eventually married a Yukon miner, but she never recovered the fame she had enjoyed as "Klondike Kate."

The most famous of two well-known "Klondike Kates" Kathleen Eloise "Kitty" Rockwell (1873-1957) travelled to the Yukon in 1899. She was a dancer and vaudeville performer who quickly became

**DAWSON CITY**



Dawson City did not exist before the Klondike Gold Rush. When gold was discovered in creeks off of the Klondike River in August 1896, a townsite quickly sprung up at the junction of the Klondike and Yukon Rivers. It was a boom town in the truest sense of the word. By June, 1897, 4,000 would-be prospectors had arrived in one week in the summer of 1898 alone! A year later, however, the population had fallen to 8,000, and by 1902, when the city was incorporated, only 5,000 people lived there. Today, its permanent population is only about 60,000.

**HOW TO PAN FOR GOLD**



Panning was the main technique used by prospectors searching for gold during the Klondike Gold Rush. Using a metal pan resembling a large pie pan, a miner scoops up some "pay dirt"—sand, dirt and gravel from the creek bottom. After adding some water, the pan is then swished around and sand and silt to be washed over the edge. The heavier gold dust—and hopefully nuggets—are left in the bottom of the pan. The gold found in the bottom of a pan was called "color," and depending on how much there was, the prospector would decide whether it was worthwhile to stake a claim and begin more

**BONANZA CREEK**



When Skookum Jim Mason and George Carmack discovered gold in this creek in 1896, it was actually called Rabbit Creek, but the name was quickly changed to Bonanza as a reflection of the rush of prospectors who flooded in to stake claims there. Within two weeks after the initial discovery, its entire 20-mile length had been staked into 500-foot claims by prospectors. It wasn't the richest stream in the Klondike Gold Rush—that distinction goes to Eldorado Creek, which flows into it just above the original discovery claim. But as the site of the original discovery. Bonanza Creek flows northwest, reaching the Klondike River directly across from Dawson City, Yukon.

**"ONE TON" SUPPLY LIST**



To ensure that people didn't starve to death, the Northwest Mounted Police required prospectors carry a year's worth of food and supplies—about one ton—when they entered Canadian territory. Here is a typical stamper's grocery list:

150 lbs bacon	15 lbs salt
400 lbs flour	1 lb pepper
25 lbs rolled oats	75 lbs dried fruit
125 lbs beans	8 lbs baking powder
10 lbs tea	2 lbs soda
10 lbs coffee	1/2 lb evaporated vinegar
25 lbs sugar	2 ounces of compressed soup
25 lbs dried potatoes	1 can of mustard
2 lbs dried onions	

- LIST OF ALL 52 TITLES IS AVAILABLE
- WATERCOLOR ILLUSTRATION IS FEATURED ON THE BACK OF THE CARDS
- EYE CATCHING DISPLAY BOX POP-UP PHOTO
- SAMPLE DISPLAYER AVAILABLE

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