

LANSING POST HISTORIC SITE

Bibliography and Chronology



Lansing Creek, n.d. *Yukon Archives, Mervyn-Wood family fonds, 98/87, #432*

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Tanning moosehide at Lansing Creek, n.d. YA, *Their Own Yukon fonds*, 2000/37, #185

Unless otherwise noted, most of the following records can be found at Yukon Archives.

Abbreviations

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| DIA | Dept. of Indian Affairs |
| n.d. | no date available |
| NND | Nacho Nyak Dün |
| NWMP | North-West Mounted Police |
| LAC | Library and Archives Canada (formerly National Archives of Canada) |
| SR | Sound Recording |
| YA | Yukon Archives |
| YG | Yukon Government |
| YRG | Yukon Record Group |

CORPORATE RECORDS

J. H. Mervyn General Merchants fonds.

Acc. no. 86/45; location COR 23 – COR 24. Dates: 1938, 1946

Fonds consists of two ledgers kept by merchant J. H. Mervyn [at his Mayo store]. The ledgers contain an alphabetical record of accounts kept for the J. H. Mervyn General Store: Ledger 1 is Accounts "A to L"; Ledger 2 is Accounts "M to Z".

FILMS & VIDEORECORDINGS

Jared and Edwin Wilkinson films #06-18 [videorecording].

1 film reel : col. ; 16 mm , silent, 1 min. 17 sec.

This film, taken by Jared and Eddie Wilkinson, near the Wilkinsons' home at Lansing, depicts ice on a river, dogs, and a family friend walking on a river with buildings on shore in background.

Archives has the original 16 mm film.

Film Number: 16-198 (Also on video V-307 as Film #18)

YA # V-307-18.

Whitehorse Public Library has: VHS.

Film #18: This film, taken by Jared and Eddie Wilkinson, near the Wilkinsons' home at Lansing, depicts ice on a river, dogs, and a family friend in a river.

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Yukon. Dept. of Tourism and Culture

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Yukon, Dept. of Tourism and Culture, Cultural Resources Unit.

Yukon Geographical Place Names Database.

Place name of Lansing adopted on 7 Oct 1946. Confirmed 14 Feb. 2007.

Yukon Archives, Yukon Government Records.

Central Registry Files – YRG I

| Series | Location | file # | Description | Date |
|--------|----------|-------------------|--|-----------|
| 1 | GOV 1619 | 1490-J, pt. 8 | Superintendent of Indian Affairs, General | 1926-1948 |
| 7 | GOV 2060 | 33937-3, pt. 4 | RCMP crime reports - Restricted. For access to unrestricted portion, see GOV 2843. | 1945 |
| 7 | GOV 2060 | 33937, pt. 8 | RCMP crime reports - Restricted. For access to unrestricted portion, see GOV 2842 | 1929-1930 |

Letter from John Hawksley, Indian Superintendent, to J. D. McLean, Asst. Deputy and Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, August 30, 1929. [Yukon Archives: Yukon Government records, YRG 1, Series 1, GOV 1619, vol. 9, f. 1490-J]

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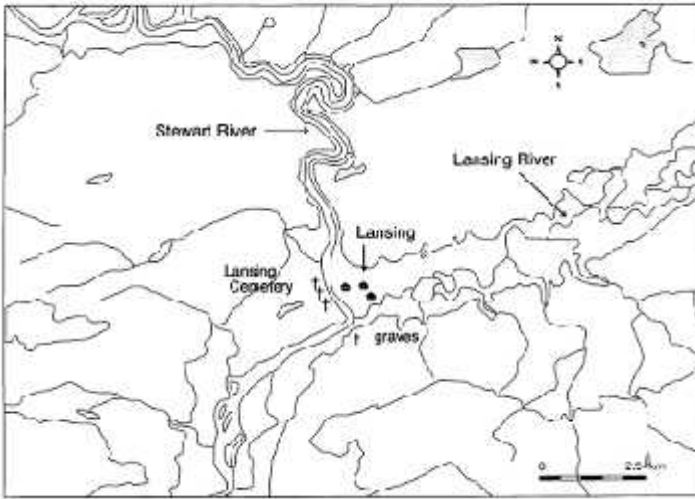
The series consists of journals and diaries kept by the Wilkinson family. There are journals from Lura Wilkinson, J.C. Wilkinson, Jared Wilkinson and Ethel Porterfield. The journals include detailed records about the weather, where each family member was on a given day, the animals that were caught, and personal observations. The journals cover the period when the Wilkinsons were in the Yukon (Fort Selkirk, Pelly Farm, Pelly Crossing, and Lansing), British Columbia, and Seattle, Washington. No original order. Arranged by creator and then by date.

4. Jared Wilkinson journals. – 1937-1978.

MSS 252, File 6 [Daily journal] 1976-1978.

MAPS

Lansing Post and Area



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Hammer, T. J.

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Mervyn, N.

Hand-drawn map of Old Houses in Lansing Post as recorded by Dinky (Norman) Mervyn, June 1999. Reproduced in Jody Cox, *History of Lansing Post, Yukon*, 1999.

Yukon Archives maps

| YA # | Title/Description |
|--------|---|
| H-709 | Upper Stewart River Region. Geological and Topographical Reconnaissance map of the Upper Stewart River Region, Y.T. 1905. Surveyor: J. Keele, Draftsman: C. Senecal |
| H-1208 | Upper Stewart River Region. This item is a map showing a proposed road and traverse survey referred in the agreement between H.D. Dickson and G.P. Mackenzie near Keno City. Surveyor: J. Keele |

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Huijbers, Father Henk OMI. Recorded in Mayo, July 24, 1992, by Louise Profeit-LeBlanc. [Historic Sites, YG]

Mervyn, Norman (Dinky). Recorded by Louise Profeit-LeBlanc, 22 June 1999, in Prince George, BC. [Historic Sites, YG]

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Tanguay, Father Jean Paul OMI. Recorded November 8, 1989 in Whitehorse by Helene Dobrowolsky. YA: SR 109-1

PHOTOGRAPHS

* = YG Historic Sites has ordered digital copy of photo from Yukon Archives.



Jared and Eddie Wilkinson's home at Lansing, ca. 1976. YA, Wilkinson family fonds, #16663

Catalogued Photos

David Hager collection, acc. no. 80/22

| YA # | Description |
|------|--|
| 8870 | Frank Germaine, his wife (Jenny) holding a baby, and Helen Olin (third from left) at Fraser Falls, n.d. |
| 8871 | Ella Profeit standing by a horse with barn-like structure in background at Fraser Falls. n.d. |
| 8927 | Two Pelly Crossing residents, Alex Van Bibber and Peter Alice (? likely Ellis), with a dog loaded with supply packs. |

William Hare fonds, acc. no. 82/418

| YA # | Description |
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| 6651 | Bob Levac's post at Fraser Falls, [[1923] Bill Hare at far left, Bob Levac is second from right. |
| 6837 | Chief Tom of the Mayo Indian Band, 1929-30. |
| 6851 | "Indian Stephen," n.d. [is this Steven Louis?]. |
| 6953 | Chief Tom and Mrs. Tom, [ca. 1930s]. |
| 6870 | Mrs. Tom, wife of Chief Tom of Mayo Indian Band. |

Wilkinson family fonds.

[ca. 1860]-1982, predominant 1915-1976

The fonds includes photographs, textual records and films primarily generated by the Wilkinson family, however, there are some records from the Porterfield and Thompson families. The textual records include correspondence between members of the Wilkinson family and their friends; journals kept by the Wilkinsons; and poetry, primarily by J.C. Wilkinson. There is also a photocopied map that indicates Jared's trapline along the Pelly River. The photographs, largely taken by Jared and Eddie Wilkinson, depict the Wilkinson's life at Fort Selkirk, Plateau Mountain, Pelly Crossing, and Lansing from 1915 to 1980. They include views of communities, rivers, lakes, trapping, fishing, farming, hunting, wilderness areas, and people throughout the Yukon. The films, taken by Jared and Edwin Wilkinson, document the hunting, fishing, and trapping activities of the Wilkinson family during their years spent at Pelly Crossing, 1954-1958; the Wilkinsons' years at Edgewood, B.C.; and at Pelly Crossing, Lansing, and Whitehorse, 1958-1977.

Series VI: Wilkinson Family Pelly River, British Columbia and Lansing Photographs

15. Jared and Eddie Wilkinson Pelly River and Lansing photographs – 1976-77.

The sub-series consists of photographs of Jared and Eddie's cabin on the Pelly River and at Lansing, showing them trapping, hunting, guiding and performing routine duties around the house.

| YA # | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 16663 | [Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, ca. 1976.] (Negative sheet 33) |
| 16666 | [Helicopter in a field near Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, ca. 1976.] (Negative sheet 33) |
| 16673 | [Stripped logs in a section of a forest near Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, ca. 1976.] (Negative sheet 32) |
| 16726 | [Eddie posing with a man and two boys in front of one of the abandoned cabins at his and Jared's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 34) |
| 16728 | [A group of unidentified men and women posing in front of a cabin at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 34) |
| 16729 | [An unidentified man and two boys and Jared or Eddie trying to manoeuvre a boat on the river in front of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 35) |
| 16732-16735 | [Jared having a meal with an unidentified group of people in front of his and Eddie's cabin at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 35) |
| 16738 | [Eddie showing a berry bush next to one of the buildings at his and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 36) |
| 16739 | [Jared standing next to his and Eddie's garden at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 36) |
| 16740 | [Jared standing in a berry patch next to his and Eddie's cabin at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 36) |
| 16741-16742 | [A single engine floatplane, with Jared and two passengers, on the Pelly [?Stewart] River near Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 36) |
| 16743 | [Unidentified couple standing in front of the food cache at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 36) {Joy Brown and Greg Skuce. HD} |
| 16744 | [Unidentified couple standing on the beach near Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 36) {Joy Brown and Greg Skuce during canoe trip on Stewart River. HD} |
| 16745 | [Unidentified couple in a canoe on the river near Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 36) {Joy Brown and Greg Skuce during canoe trip on Stewart River. HD} |

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| 16755 | [Eddie posing with a group of unidentified men in front of his and Eddie's cabin at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 33) |
| 16756 | [Aerial view of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 33) |
| 16757 | [Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] (Negative sheet 33) |
| 16760 | [The main cabin at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1976.] |
| 16761 | [Eddie posing with three unidentified men in front of the main cabin at his and Jared's home at Lansing, 1976.] |
| 16762 | [Jared and Eddie waiting for a boat in front of their house at Lansing, 1976.] |
| 16763 | [Three unidentified men and a woman posing in front of the main cabin at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 36) |
| 16764 | [Dogs at their kennels at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 36) |
| 16765 | [Sandbar on a river, 1977.] (Negative sheet 36) |
| 16766 | [Meat drying on a rack at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 36) |
| 16767 | [Vegetables picked from Jared and Eddie's garden at their home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 36) |
| 16768 | [Dog chewing on a moose hoof, 1977.] (Negative sheet 37) |
| 16769 | [Aerial views of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 37) |
| 16775-16776 | [Single engine floatplane taking off on the river in front of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 37) |
| 16777-16780 | [Jared helping two unidentified men and a woman put a boat in the water in front of his and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 37) |
| 16781-16782 | [Jared storing a boat for the winter in front of his and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 37) |

18. Jared and Eddie Wilkinson Lansing photograph album. – 1977

The sub-series consists of photographs of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, showing them trapping, hunting, guiding and performing routine duties around the house.

| YA # | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 16851 * | [Jared in a boat in front of his and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 39) |
| 16852 * | [Aerial view of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 39) |
| 16853-16854 | [Jared and Eddie's boat in front of their home at Lansing in the winter, 1977.] (Negative sheet 41) |
| 16855 | [Jared giving Eddie a haircut at their home at Lansing, 1977.] |
| 16856 | [Eddie standing in his and Jared's garden at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 40) |
| 16857 | [Jared and Eddie's dogs at their home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 40) |
| 16866 | [Moose head in a wheelbarrow at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 40) |
| 16867 | [Collapsed log and tent structure, 1977.] (negative sheet 40) |
| 16869 | [Jared posing with a fish in front of his and Eddie's vegetable garden at their home in Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 40) |
| 16872 | [A woodpile next to one of Jared and Eddie's boats at their home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 39) |
| 16874 | [Three unidentified men standing next to some dinghies at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 40) |

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| 16875 * | [Unidentified couple at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 40) [Sharon Edmunds and Bruce Batchelor during canoe trip on Stewart River. – HD] |
| 16876 * | [Aerial view of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 40) |
| 16877 * | [Aerial view of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 39) |
| 16878 | [Aerial view of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] |
| 16884 | The last picture Eddie took of his dog team up Lansing some place. [Eddie's dog team in the bush near Lansing in the spring, 1977.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 16885 * | [Jared or Eddie arriving with a dog team at their home in Lansing, 1977.] |
| 16886 | [Unidentified man posing with moose antlers, with Eddie and another man looking on, at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] |
| 16887 | [Jared and Pete Beattie posing in front of a partially completed log cabin, 1977.] |
| 16888 | [Pete and Mary Beattie and their daughter at their home, 1977.] |
| 16889 | [Dogs at their kennels in the winter at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] |

19. Jared and Eddie Wilkinson Lansing photographs. – 1977

The sub-series consists of photographs of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, showing them trapping, hunting, guiding and performing routine duties around the house. Also included are photographs of the Beatties, Jared and Eddie's neighbours, views of where Eddie was killed and of the RCMP airlifting out the bear carcass.

| YA # | Description |
|-------------|--|
| 16890 | [Eddie displaying moose antlers in front of the main cabin at his and Jared's home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16892-16895 | [Eddie pulling a boat up and storing it for the winter in front of his and Jared's home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] (Negative sheet 41) |
| 16896-16899 | [Jared or Eddie feeding their dogs at their home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] (Negative sheet 41) |
| 16900 | [Jared and Eddie sitting with a group of people in their cabin; caption verso: Stuart, Lucile, ? ? John, Meg, Cate. ca. 1977.] |
| 16901 | [Jared and Eddie sitting with a group of people in their cabin; caption verso: Lucile, ? ? John, Meg, Chuck, Cate. ca. 1977.] |
| 16902 | [Jared walking towards the cabin at Lansing in the winter, carrying two buckets, 1977.] (Negative sheet 41) |
| 16903-16904 | [Sunrise in the winter at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 41) |
| 16905 | [Jared holding a dead marten at his and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 41) |
| 16906 | [Jared and Eddie's dogs at their kennels at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 41) |
| 16929-16930 | [Jared feeding bear meat to his dogs from a bear carcass, Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 42) |
| 16931 | [The main cabin at Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing as seen from the river, 1977.] (Negative sheet 42) |
| 16932 | [Pete and Mary Beattie and their daughter docking their boat, 1977.] (Negative sheet 42) |
| 16933 | [A food cache, 1977.] |
| 16934 | [Eddie posing with two fish in front of the main cabin at his and Jared's home at Lansing, 1977.] |

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| 16935-16936 | [Jared and Eddie's garden at their home at Lansing, 1977.] |
| 16937 | [Jared and Eddie's dogs at their kennels at Lansing, 1977.] |
| 16938 * | [Aerial view of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] |
| 16940-16941 | [Views of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing from a hill across the river, 1977.] (Negative sheet 42) |
| 16942 | [Eddie and two unidentified people picking vegetables at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 42) |
| 16943-16944 | [Three unidentified men in two dinghies in front of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 42) |
| 16947-16948 | [Jared and Pete Beattie building a log cabin, 1977.] (Negative sheet 42) |
| 16949 | [Small helicopter flying near Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing (?), 1977.] (Negative sheet 43) |
| 16950 | [Jared and Eddie's dogs at their kennels at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 43) |
| 16952-16953 | [The place near Lansing where Eddie was killed, showing the remains of clothing and animal tracks, 1977.] (Negative sheet 43) |
| 16954-16957 | [Helicopter removing the carcass of the bear that killed Eddie so that it can be examined, 1977.] (Negative sheet 43) |
| 16960 | [Jared and Eddie's dogs at their kennels at Lansing, 1977.] (Negative sheet 43) |

20. Jared Wilkinson Lansing photograph album. – [ca. 1977]

The sub-series consists of photographs of Jared and Eddie's home at Lansing, soon after Eddie died, showing Jared trapping and performing routine duties around the house. Also portrayed are a number of people who visited him, in particular his woman friend, Arma, who seems to have stayed for a period.

| YA # | Description |
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| 16967 | [Arma standing next to a helicopter near Jared's home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16968 | [Arma and two unidentified men standing next to a helicopter near Jared's home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16969-16970 | [Helicopter taking off and flying near Jared's home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16971 | [Jared's home at Lansing viewed from across the river in the winter, ca. 1977.] |
| 16972 | [Arma shovelling snow in front of the main cabin at Jared's home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16973 | [Arma posing with a marten next to Jared's dogs at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16974-16976 | [Jared and Arma posing with a group of unidentified people in front of the main cabin at Jared's home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16979 | [Jared with a dog team at his home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16987 | [Arma posing with a marten in front Jared's main cabin at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16988-16989 | [Arma posing with two martens in front Jared's main cabin at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16990 | [Jared's home at Lansing seen from the river in the winter, ca. 1977.] |
| 16991 | [Arma hauling water in front of Jared's home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16992 | [Arma with a wheelbarrow full of snow in front of Jared's main cabin at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16993 | [A puppy asleep under on of Jared's boats, Lansing, ca. 1977.] |
| 16994 | [Arma posing at Jared's home at Lansing, ca. 1977.] |

21. Jared Wilkinson Lansing and Canoe, B.C. photographs. – 1977-1978.

The sub-series consists of photographs of Jared at his home in Lansing, after Eddie had died, showing him trapping and performing routine duties around the house. Also included are views of Andy and Ethel Porterfield in Canoe, B.C. from a trip that Jared and Arma took there; photographs of a trip that Jared and Arma took to Atlin, B.C.; and a fire near Jared’s home at Lansing.

| YA # | Description |
|-------------|--|
| 16995 | [Arma and Jared sitting at a table at Jared’s home at Lansing(?), 1977.] |
| 16996 | [Arma sitting at a table at Jared’s home at Lansing(?), 1977.] |
| 16997 | [Arma and her son decorating a Christmas tree at Jared’s home at Lansing(?),1977.] |
| 16998 | [Arma and her son decorating a Christmas tree at Jared’s home at Lansing(?), 1977.] |
| 16999 | [Arma and her son sitting at a table at Jared’s home at Lansing(?), 1977.] |
| 17000 | [Arma sitting at a table at Jared’s home at Lansing?, 1977.] |
| 17001 | [Arma sawing a stick at a table at Jared’s home at Lansing(?), 1977.] |
| 17017-17018 | [Forest fire near Jared’s home at Lansing, July 1978.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 17019 | [Forest fire near Jared’s home at Lansing, July 1978.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17020 | 1978. Last of July. Forsefire [sic] coming towards Lansing. [Forest fire near Jared’s home at Lansing, July 1978.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17021 | July 28, 1978. Fire starts on bench hills up Lansing river. [Forest fire near Jared’s home at Lansing, July 1978.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 17022-17025 | [Forest fire near Jared’s home at Lansing, July 1978.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 17026 | Aug. 5 1978. Same fire. [Forest fire near Jared’s home at Lansing, August 1978.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 17027 | Aug. 5 1978. Same fire. [Forest fire near Jared’s home at Lansing, July 1978.] |
| 17028-17029 | [Forest fire near Jared’s home at Lansing, July 1978.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17031 | [Boats in front of Jared’s home at Lansing, 1978.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17032 | [Boats loaded with dogs and possessions in front of Jared’s home at Lansing, 1978.] |

22. Jared Wilkinson Lansing photograph album. – [ca. 1978-1979].

The sub-series consists of photographs of Jared at his home in Lansing, showing him performing routine duties around the house. Also included are photographs of visitors, such as Brad White, and Arma and an unidentified woman with a baby. The album was a birthday present to Jared from Ethel in 1979. The annotation on the inside of the album was as follows: To Jared Wilkinson on November 13 1979. From Ethel Porterfield.

| YA # | Description |
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| 17033 | [Brad White sitting on a kennel at Jared’s home at Lansing, 1978.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 17034 | [Brad White eating in front of a tent, 1978.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 17035 | [Floatplane landing near Jared’s home at Lansing, 1978.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17036 | [Brad White using a scythe to cut grass at Jared’s home at Lansing, 1978.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 17037 | [Jared’s home at Lansing as seen from the food cache, 1978.] (Negative sheet 44) |

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| 17038 | [Dogs at their kennels at Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17039 | [Fish and meat sitting on a table outside at Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17040-17042 | [The vegetable garden at Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17043 | [Jared's boat pulled up out of the water at his home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17044 | [Jared standing in the garden at his home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17045 | [Wild flowers at Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17046-17047 | [Views of one of the dilapidated buildings at Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17048 | [The vegetable garden at Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17049 | [One of the dilapidated buildings at Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17050 | [Jared's home at Lansing as seen from the river in front of the house, 1978.] |
| 17051 | [The river in front of Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17052-17053 | [Aerial views of Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 17054 | [Jared digging the garden at his home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17055 | [Arma standing next to laundry drying on the line at Jared's home. at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17056 | [Arma standing in the garden at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17057 | [Jared kneeling in the garden at his home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17058 | [Jared's home at Lansing as viewed from the hills across the river, 1978.] |
| 17059 | [Jared's dogs at their kennels at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17060 | [Boats docked in front of Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17061 | [Bear tracks in the snow near Jared's home at Lansing(?), 1978.] |
| 17062 | [Sunrise at Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17063-17064 | [A floatplane in an ice filled river in front of Jared's home at Lansing, 1978.] |
| 17065-17066 | [The vegetable garden at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17071 | [Air North Charter floatplane unloading Arma in front of Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17073 | [Arma and an unidentified woman with a child on the food cache at Jared's home at Lansing, June 1979.] |
| 17074 | [Arma and an unidentified woman with a child standing next to dogs at their kennels at Jared's home at Lansing, June 1979.] |
| 17076 | [Fireweed growing at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17077 | [A storm near Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17078 | [Fireweed growing at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |

23. Jared Wilkinson Fort Selkirk and Lansing photographs. – 1979

The sub-series consists of photographs of Jared at Fort Selkirk and at his home in Lansing, and in the surrounding areas. Also included are photographs of the Beatties at their home 18 miles below Lansing, Arma and an unidentified woman with a baby, and a group of men at Jared's home.

| YA # | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 17082-17087 | [Ice floes on the river in front of Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |

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|-------------|---|
| 17088-17091 | [Views of Jared's home at Lansing in the spring, 1979.] |
| 17092-17093 | [The river in front of Jared's home at Lansing in the spring, 1979.] |
| 17094-17095 | [Views of Jared's home at Lansing in the spring, 1979.] |
| 17096 | Arma in the pea patch same day. [Arma in the pea patch at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17097 | [Vegetable garden at Lansing, July 1979.] |
| 17098 | Aug 1979. Potatoes at Lansing. (Negative sheet 46) |
| 17099 | Last July. Peas at Lansing. 1979. [Pea patch at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] (Negative sheet 46) |
| 17100 | [Vegetable garden at Lansing, 1979.] (Negative sheet 44) |
| 17101 | Garden last of June, 1979. [Vegetable garden at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17102 | [Arma standing in the garden at Lansing, with a butterfly on her hand, 1979.] |
| 17103 | July 1979. Pea patch. [Pea patch at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] (Negative sheet 46) |
| 17104 | [Arma picking peas in the pea patch at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17105 | [Arma and an unidentified woman with a baby at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17106 | [Pea patch at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] (Negative sheet 46) |
| 17107 | Sept. 7, 1979. Jared and his little moose at Lansing. [Jared standing in a boat loaded with moose meat in front of his home at Lansing, September 7, 1979.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17108 | [Jared's dogs at their kennels at his home in Lansing, 1979.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17109 | [Arma sitting in a boat loaded with moose meat in front of Jared's home at Lansing, September 7, 1979.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17110 | Sept. 1979. Arma come up river from picking cranberries. See Lansing in the far background. Station range in the background. [Arma sitting in a boat looking through binoculars, near Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17111 | Aug. the last, 1979. Arma came in on this Beaver. [Floatplane on the river in front of Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17112 | [Partially skinned bear in the yard at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17113 | [Two unidentified men and a dog in a canoe in front of Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] (Negative sheet 46) |
| 17116 | Aug 1979. In the pea patch. [Jared in the pea patch at his home at Lansing, August 1979.] |
| 17123 | Sept. 9 1979 at Lansing. [Arma in the cauliflower patch at Jared's home at Lansing, September 1979.] (Negative sheet 45) |
| 17124 | Aug 1979 at Lansing. [Fireweed growing at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17129-17130 | [Unidentified group of men helping Jared in his garden at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17131-17132 | [Unidentified group of men sitting taking notes at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |
| 17134 | [Jared and Arma at standing in a field at Jared's home at Lansing, 1979.] |

Uncatalogued Photos

Maggie Jim fonds

77/48A, PHO 73

| YA # | Description |
|-----------|--|
| 77/48A #8 | Large group with a priest in front of building with sign "George" (and a prairie pole??). Possibly Neskatahin people near Dalton Post. (Unknown identifier: building same as in 86/107 #168 identified as Lansing.) |

Mervyn family fonds

[ca. 1920-1943]. 99/87, PHO 244.

The fonds consists of photographs taken by the Mervyn family when they lived in Lansing ca. 1920 to 1943. The images include Lansing Post, Fraser Falls, the flood in Lansing and First Nations people and residents of Lansing including the Kimbels, Lonny Johnny, and Alex Van Bibber. Mervyn family members featured in the photographs include Jim, Julia, and their children Norman ("Dinky"), Florence, Maggie, Carl, Kaiser, and Julia with her second husband Frenchie St. Louis. The fonds also include a photograph of Norman Mervyn ca. 1999.

| YA # | Location | Description |
|-----------|----------|--|
| 99/87 #1* | PHO 244 | Flood at Lansing. Dinky in forefront. |
| 99/87 #2* | PHO 244 | Norman Nedry's cabin. Lansing Post. |
| 99/87 #3 | PHO 244 | Mervyn boys. Lansing. |
| 99/87 #4 | PHO 244 | Mrs. Julie Mervyn and children at Lansing. |
| 99/87 #5 | PHO 244 | Jim Mervyn at Lansing Post. |
| 99/87 #6 | PHO 244 | Florence Mervyn at Lansing (only bicycle in town). |
| 99/87 #7 | PHO 244 | Jim Mervyn's freighter at Lansing. [Maggie Mervyn, Florence Mervyn]. |
| 99/87 #8 | PHO 244 | Three Kimbel brothers. Joe MacIntosh, Jim Mervyn (with suspenders and hat). |
| 99/87 #9 | PHO 244 | Lonny Johnny and James Bond (hunter). |
| 99/87 #10 | PHO 244 | Lonny Johnny. |
| 99/87 #11 | PHO 244 | Maggie Mervyn, Florence Mervyn, Keizer Mervyn. |
| 99/87 #12 | PHO 244 | W. Wilson. Upper Lansing Creek. |
| 99/87 #13 | PHO 244 | Cecile, Madin, Jim Mervyn and child, Etsisaw. |
| 99/87 #14 | PHO 244 | Fraser Falls Picnic. |
| 99/87 #15 | PHO 244 | Dinky at Lansing. |
| 99/87 #16 | PHO 244 | Mum and Frenchie [Julia Mervyn and Frenchie St. Louis, her second husband] - Whitehorse. |
| 99/87 #17 | PHO 244 | Alex Van Bibber and Dinky (Norman Mervyn). |
| 99/87 #18 | PHO 244 | L-R Albert Pelland, Norman (Dinky) Mervyn, Alex Van Bibber, ?, Carl Mervyn, Peter Ellis. |
| 99/87 #19 | PHO 244 | [Norman Mervyn, ca. 1999. Black and white copy made from original colour print]. |

Mervyn-Wood family fonds. 98/87, PHO 538-539

[1915?-196-?]

The fonds consists of photographs and slides taken by various members of the Mervyn and Wood families. The geographic areas represented in the photographs primarily include Whitehorse, Mayo, and Lansing, Yukon where most members of the Mervyn and Wood families lived.

| YA # | Location | Description |
|------------|----------|--|
| 98/87 #231 | PHO 538 | Back of photo says "Lansing Creek". Fraser Falls (summer camp) [Four puppies in foreground; 2 cabins in background]. |
| 98/87 #232 | PHO 538 | Building canoe [at] Lansing Creek. |
| 98/87 #234 | PHO 538 | Kill on the old Lansing Creek trapping line. |
| 98/87 #268 | PHO 538 | Old man Wilson Stewart River [Upper] Lansing Creek. |
| 98/87 #377 | PHO 538 | Lansing Creek. |
| 98/87 #430 | PHO 539 | Lansing Creek. |
| 98/87 #431 | PHO 539 | Lansing Creek. |
| 98/87 #432 | PHO 539 | Lansing Creek. |

John R. O'Neill collection.

acc. 88/120, PHO 366

| YA # | Location | Description |
|------------|----------|--|
| 88/120 #1 | PHO 366 | Barry O'Neill, John O'Neill, Atsitso [Et'tsi ts'o] and behind him his wife Taja, Miles Flynn, Terry O'Neill. |
| 88/120 #2 | PHO 366 | Bob ?, Father Henk Huijbers, Taja and Atsitso [Et'tsi ts'o] |
| 88/120 #20 | PHO 366 | [Father Hank Huijbers, Taja (Madlin) and Et'tsi ts'o] [ca. 1948] |

Selous, F. C.1907 *Recent Hunting Trips in British North America*. New York: C. Scribner's Sons.<https://archive.org/details/recenthuntingtri00selouoft>

opp. p. 304 – photo of group of five men with caption, "Lansing Creek Indians, North Fork, Stewart River. Photograph by D. O. Cameron."

Father Jean Paul Tanguay fonds

Acc. 88/150, PHO 372

| YA # | Location | Description |
|------------|----------|---|
| 88/120 #42 | PHO 366 | Irene Mervyn, [unidentified boy], Darlene (the baby) and Davis Johnson at the back of the first St. Jude's [R.C. Church in Carmacks]. [ca. 1950s] |

Father Jean-Paul Tanguay fonds

86/107, PHO 321 / PHO O/S 026

| YA # | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 86/107 #168 | Lansing, Yukon 320 miles from the mouth of the Stewart River on the Yukon, 60 miles above Dawson City Fr. Allard OMI at Lansing Creek [Large gathering of First Nations people (20 men, 16 women and 16 young children) and Father Elphege Allard (in centre) in front of large log building. Sign on building reads: George Lansing [Original print in large format 30.5 cm x 63 cm is located at PHO O/S 26.] [Unknown identifier: building same as in 77/48A #8 identified as Lansing Yukon.] - ca. 1912 |

Their Own Yukon Project collection

2000/37, PHO 574

| YA # | Description |
|--------------|--|
| 2000/37 #23 | {Hunter with killed moose.] This 16-year-old man has just killed a moose near Lansing Creek (upper Stewart R.) in 1935. The moose must be skinned and cut up immediately to keep the meat from spoiling. Back at the trading post, the moose is shared with other families. (credit: Maggie Wood) |
| 2000/37 #66 | [James Mervyn building a toboggan at Lansing Creek.] One of the settlements which grew up around a trading post, now abandoned, was Lansing Creek. The post was first established around 1898 at the head of the Stewart River. In 1913, James Mervyn (pictured here) recognized good prospects for trade in the area and bought the post. People traded here from the Peel River (to the north) and from as far east as Fort Norman where the Hudson's Bay had a monopoly and charged high prices. All supplies were brought in by boat in summer and on sleds pulled by dogs in winter. The toboggans being built here are the Hudson's Bay type. (credit: Maggie Wood) |
| 2000/37 #67 | [James Mervyn's children at Lansing Creek] Several families moved from Fort Norman to Lansing Creek about 1912. A daughter of one such family became James Mervyn's wife and together they raised 11 children, nine of them photographed here in the 1930s. The eldest daughter of this family, Mrs. Maggie Wood, remembers that there were about a dozen permanent cabins in the settlement and that other families made trips to the trading post when they needed supplies. For many people it was a summer headquarters. They came after the river broke up and left before freeze-up in the fall. [Source: Maggie Wood - 193-.] |
| 2000/37 #68 | A dog team of this size could generally haul a cord of wood. The Mervyns had to rebuild their house after their first home became endangered by the eroding bank of Lansing Creek. In 1938, Indian families began to move back to the Mackenzie and the trading post lost business. The Mervyn family decided to move to Mayo to carry on a hotel and store business. Source: Maggie Wood |
| 2000/37 #158 | This woman, originally from Fort Norman in the Northwest Territories, lived at Lansing Creek trading post. (Source: Mrs. Maggie Wood) |
| 2000/37 #159 | One of women's jobs was to tan moosehide, which they would then make into clothing. First skins were fleshed and hair was cut off. Then they were soaked in an emulsion of brains and water. Then they were tanned (softened with a scraper), then smoked. The process was repeated several times. Methods of tanning differed in different parts of the territory. Here, at Lansing Creek, women hung the skin on a horizontal pole while they tanned it. Source: Mrs. Maggie Wood |
| 2000/37 #165 | These three women were photographed in Mayo in 1925. The woman in the centre is the daughter of Rev. Julius Kendi, the Indian missionay in Mayo and later Old Crow. The other two girls are from Lansing Creek. Source: David Hager - 1925. |

Alex Van Bibber fonds.

92/28, PHO 434

Information from Dick North who collected the photographs for the Yukon Historical & Museums Assoc. 1992 Alaska Highway Family Album Project. Info in square brackets is taken from back of original photographs.

While Lansing is mentioned in one photo, collection is mainly notable for photos of a few of the people associated with Lansing Post.

| YA # | Description |
|-----------|---|
| 92/28 #1 | Epic expedition marks pipeline survey – Lt. Bill Hammond, 4 th from L, hired five men to guide him across the back bone of the continent on a 560-mile, 42 day trip through uncharted wilderness in temps. That dipped to 65 below zero (F). The list reads like an all-star team of Yukon trappers and guides — experts in their field. L-R: Albert Pelland, Norman Mervyn, Alex Van Bibber, Hammond, Kaiser Mervyn and Lonny Johnny. Feb. 18, 1943. |
| 92/28 #3 | Land Reconnaissance for Oil Pipeline Route Over Mackenzie Mountains: Dog teams on the Stewart River below Frazer falls. Ironically, one of the U.S. Army expedition guides, Kaiser Mervyn, was to lose his life in the falls years later. |
| 92/28 #4 | Land Reconnaissance for Oil Pipeline Route Over Mackenzie Mountains: Roughly ten days of the 42-day journey across the Mackenzie Mountains were spent resting or searching for food to feed both men and dogs. Alex Van Bibber, left, and Norman Mervyn display a porcupine taken for food. |
| 92/28 #5 | Land Reconnaissance for Oil Pipeline Route Over Mackenzie Mountains: Norman Mervyn, centre, and Lt. Hammond, right, at 60 below zero F) during the survey for a pipeline route across the Mackenzie Mountains. |
| 92/28 #7 | Land Reconnaissance for Oil Pipeline Route Over Mackenzie Mountains: Lonny Johnny born on the Mackenzie River, but raised at Lansing, on the headwaters of the Upper Stewart at left. Kaiser Mervyn, raised at Lansing where his father ran a trading post, second from left. Alex Van Bibber, raised on the Upper Macmillan and Pelly rivers, third from left, and Lt. Bill Hammond of the United States Army Engineers. Photo taken at Lansing Creek during expedition to Fort Norman and Norman Wells from Mayo in 1943. |
| 92/28 #8 | Land Reconnaissance for Oil Pipeline Route Over Mackenzie Mountains: One hundred miles out of Mayo, men of the Norman Wells expedition take a lunch break. Temperature was 50 below zero (F). |
| 92/28 #9 | Climbing out of Yukon side of the Mackenzie Mts. Temp. 45 below zero (F). L-R: Lonny Johnny, Lt. Hammond, three dog teams, Albert Pelland, Norman Mervyn, and his brother Kaiser. (Alex Van Bibber). "5 of us were hardy trappers". "Went from Lansing over to Rogue". |
| 92/28 #10 | Land Reconnaissance for Oil Pipeline Route Over Mackenzie Mountains: Norman Wells expedition takes a break on the Gravel River. Left to Right: Norman Mervyn, Lonny Johnny, Albert Pelland, and Kaiser Mervyn. |
| 92/28 #12 | Land Reconnaissance for Oil Pipeline Route Over Mackenzie Mountains: Five-men and three-dog teams were the ideal complement for an expedition of the sort herein travelling 560 miles across the Mackenzie Mountains from Mayo, Yukon to Norman Wells, N.W.T. The two extra men would break trail for the others. Twitcha River?" |

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| 92/28 #13 | Land Reconnaissance for Oil Pipeline Route Over Mackenzie Mountains: Lonny Johnny and Kaiser Mervyn pose with the pipeline survey's eighteen dogs. Not one was lost during the 42-day climb over the Rocky Mountains. "We had 50+60 below zero weather 10 days out of the 42 days it took us." |
| 92/28 #14 | Land Reconnaissance for Oil Pipeline Route Over Mackenzie Mountains: Four of the six men of the Norman Wells expedition pose in front of the plane that flew them back to Mayo after the land reconnaissance for an oil pipeline route was concluded on February 18, 1943. No air support was given the group. Left to Right: Albert Pelland, Kaiser Mervyn, Alex Van Bibber, and Lonny Johnson. |

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There are some references to the trading post established at the head of the Stewart River where it is joined by the Lansing. In 1898, a Mr. Frank Braine brought a number of Indian people from Fort Good Hope across the Mackenzie mountains and established them on the Stewart River at the mouth of the Lansing River. He built a trading post at this point and supplied it from Dawson City (Keele, 1957, p. 287). A report from Corporal Thompson, (N. W. M. P.) describing a patrol he made from Mayo to Lansing, indicates that there were a number of Indian families along the upper Stewart at that time:

“On my patrol I visited all the Indian camps along the Creek, besides what are living at Lansing. They are all in good health except one . . .” (Thompson, 1911, p. 228; my underlining).

He also indicated that there was considerable competition between traders for furs and that Poole Field, the trader at Ross River was enticing people away from Lansing Post by offering better prices at his post.

App. 1, p. 8: Indian residents of Mayo originally came from nearby river camps as well as from Fort Selkirk, Lansing, Fort Norman and even Fort McPherson. A 1901 North-West Mounted Police patrol pinpointed the headquarters of the Stewart Indians at McQuesten but added that they spread out to fish (Simons, 1910, p. 242).

Cruikshank, Julie and Jim Robb

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K-L Services

2004 *Exploring Keno Hill: Stories of a Silver Deposit*. © Yukon Development Corporation

https://yukonenergy.ca/media/site_documents/53_keno_brochure_en.pdf

p. 9 - Other people from Fort Good Hope stayed at Lansing. It also was a place to trade fur. Lonny Johnny said his grandfather trapped “all over,” at the Wind, Bonnet Plume, Snake, Little Arctic and Arctic Red rivers since there were a lot of moose to be found. First Nation people were hardy, often travelling and hunting for days in freezing weather.
[Also includes small map.]

Mayo Historical Society

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Lansing – Lansing was located at the confluence of the Stewart and Lansing Rivers. Lansing was named for Lansing River which received its name from Samuel Lansing, who prospected the Lansing River in 1883. Lansing Post was established in 1902 by Frank Braine and Percival Nash who brought along a group of Hare Indians from Fort Good Hope to settle at Lansing. The Lansing country was rich in furs. Braine and Nash built a trading post and supplied it from Dawson City. In 1908, Jim and Helen Ferrell took over the Lansing Post, operated it until 1915, and then sold it to Jim Mervyn. Mervyn closed the post in 1937 and moved to Mayo. Lansing was completely abandoned by 1940. Today some evidence of Lansing Post can be seen at the old site. The river has washed away some of the river bank near the cemetery and at some point, graves may begin to wash into the river. (See : *The Na-Cho Nyäk Dün, Buildings and Artifacts*, J.E. Ferrell and J.H. Mervyn.)

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II. Lansing Post Historic Site: Chronological Notes

- compiled by Helene Dobrowolsky, 11 November 2016



Aerial view of Wilkinson homestead at Lansing, ca. 1976. YA, Wilkinson family fonds #16756

- 1883 Samuel Lansing was one of the early prospectors in the Yukon Territory and mined the bars of the Stewart River in 1883. He prospected the Lansing River in 1883 when it received his name. He prospected widely and was one of the first following the Fortymile strike in 1886. (Coutts: 1980, 154)
- 1898-99 Several prospectors crossed the divide from the Mackenzie side and descended the Stewart River to the Yukon. According to geologist Joseph Keele, this was first non-indigenous travel of the river above Fraser Falls.
- 1898 In 1898, Mr. Frank Braine brought a party of Indians from Fort Good Hope, across the Mackenzie mountains, and established them on the Stewart river at the mouth of Lansing river. He erected a trading post at this point, bringing up his supplies from Dawson every summer. Keele went on to mention that many indigenous people were dying from the “dreadful influenza” (Joseph Keele, 1910: 12).
- 1900 NWMP patrol report confirmed that people from Mackenzie River basin had been travelling over the mountains to the Upper Stewart River area long before construction of Lansing Post. October 1900 patrol report mentioned that First Nations people of Upper Stewart area would be heading upriver once the river froze to meet hunters from Mackenzie River area.
- 1902 Percival Nash and Frank Braine established trading post at confluence of Stewart River and Lansing Creek. They had travelled to the area from Mackenzie River with a group of Slavey people from the Fort Good Hope area who guided them over the Mackenzie Mountains.

Over next few decades, this was a fur trade post and centre for Northern Tutchone, Peel, Macmillan River and Tulita (formerly known as Fort Norman) people.

- 1905 June, Government surveyor, Charles Camsell, stayed at Lansing Post while travelling up Stewart River en route to Peel River area. Trapper Frank Williams was acting as caretaker while Braine and Nash were away. Percival Nash and an unnamed First Nations boy guided Camsell's party to headwaters of Peel River. (Cox, 1999: 4)

Geologist Joseph Keele also visited post during exploration of the Upper Stewart River area. He produced what were likely the first maps of the area. (YA: H-709, H-1208)

He described the Lansing River as follows: Lansing river, about 200 feet wide at its mouth, has a very swift current throughout its entire course, and is not navigable. It heads in some high mountains to the east, and flows almost parallel to that portion of the Stewart above Beaver river."

Also described Lansing Mountains: "The Lansing mountains, one of the most striking individual groups in the region, are situated south of the Lansing river and about fifteen miles east of the Stewart. These mountains rise abruptly from a wide basin, their summits are a group of rugged peaks, the highest of which rises to 7,400 feet above sea level or about 5,500 feet above the Stewart River." (Keele in Bostock, 1981: 162)

Speaking of travel route to the Mackenzie River: "The Indians when journeying from the Stewart to the Mackenzie generally follow the Lansing valley and a valley which skirts the eastern end of the Tasin mountains; cross the Stewart to this lake [Ella-tsi-tuo], and thence to Fort Good Hope crossing the Arctic Red river en route." (Keele, 163)

p. 166 – Keele mentions the garden cultivated by Braine at Lansing, "very fine vegetables are produced, including every variety grown in the neighbourhood of Dawson." Also mentions berries in area: raspberry, blueberry, cranberry and red and black currants which "grow in great profusion and to a large size."

- 1908 Lansing Post was sold to Jim and Helen Ferrell.
First missionary travelled to Lansing. Roman Catholic priest, Father Godfrey Eichelsbacher, omi, stayed with the people at Lansing for three weeks. (Cox, 1999: 24)
- 1910s Roman Catholic priests visited Lansing, first from Dawson City then later from Mayo.
- 1910 Father Godfrey Eichelsbacher made a return visit to Lansing.
- 1911 Ferrells turned post over to Jim Mervyn, an Ontario trader.
- 1912 July, Father Joseph Allard, omi, joined Jim Mervyn who was returning to Lansing after bringing four First Nations people to the hospital at Dawson. Allard returned to Dawson in August.
- 1914 Yukon Indian Agent, John Hawksley, noted that "Slave Indians" [Slavey] from NWT were centred at "Lancing Creek" and Ross River.
- 1915? "A member of the Lancing Creek band met with a fatal accident while out hunting moose. He stepped on an overhanging snowdrift and fell down a precipice, being instantly killed."
(Canada, Dept. of Indian Affairs, Annual Report, 1914-15)

- 1918 Influenza epidemic caused many deaths among First Nations people in area. [Cox, 1999: p. 5]
- Ca. 1918, According to Father Huijbers, Father E. LeRay, OMI, went up the Stewart River in a pole boat and portaged around the falls to reach Lansing in about 1918. At that time there were over 100 native people there, and they had built a log meeting house where Father LeRay stayed and held ceremonies, mass and instruction. He spent two months there before going to Mayo for four weeks, then to Wernecke.
- 1923 A census records 110 people at Lansing Post, 104 listed as Catholic, four as Anglican.
- 1924 David Moses recalled a large potlatch at Lansing Post: a time of feasting, singing, dancing, stick gambling, and gifting.
- 1929 Death of Alison Mazie, who died in a snow slide on Canyon Creek in March 1929.
- Indian Agent, John Hawksley, recorded that there were only 41 people in the Lansing band, all of whom were Catholic. He wrote: "It will be noted that there is a marked decrease in the numbers of the Moosehide and Lansing Creek Bands. This is accounted for by migration. The Indians at Lansing Creek were mostly from Fort Good Hope N.W.T. Since the 1923 Census was taken many of them have gone back to their original homes." [YRG 1, series 1, vol. 9, f. 1490-J, GOV 1619]
- 1931-32 Saga of the RCMP chase of Albert Johnson, the infamous "Mad Trapper of Rat River". Previously he had reached Fort McPherson after rafting down the Peel River from **Lansing** and Mayo, "where Jim Mervyn had known him to be quiet and kindly." (Aaro Aho, 2006: 300)
- mid 1930s Father A. Monet, omi, visited Lansing about this time.
- 1936 June, flood at Lansing Post. Stewart R. rose 12 feet in 45 minutes, eroding the banks. Jim Mervyn had previously moved his stock to higher ground. (*Mayo Miner*, June 27, 1936)
 Last Sunday evening the N.A. L. [Northern Airways Ltd.] Aviators flew to Lansing Creek with Mrs. Mervyn and 5 children. They spotted 7 moose on the flite which took 55 mins.
 Winging back 11 p.m. The fliers reported that Jim Mervyn's post had been flooded but that the pioneer trader had lost nothing. The water came over the counters in the store but Jim had previously moved his stock high and dry.
 "Asked how they liked their first air ride by Pilot Murphy, the Mervyn kiddies replied: "It was too short."
- mentions WP Fairchild flew Kaiser Mervyn and his sister Mrs. A. Paella to Lansing Creek. Mrs. Mervyn and all of her family came back to Mayo on the plane. (*Mayo Miner*, 10 July 1936)
- Mayo Miner*, 16 Oct. 1936 – item re "Game Supply in Grave Danger of Extinction." Goes on to talk of wolf situation, so plentiful affecting moose pop. Planes with "machine guns" suggested to rout wolf pop.
- 1937 "Jim Mervyn, veteran Lansing Creek trader and trapper, reached Mayo last Saturday and spent several days in town this week on business. Jim was accompanied on the long, 125-mile mush by his son Dinkey. They made the overland journey in jig time with their fleet string of dogs but report the going heavy." (*Mayo Miner*, 22 January 1937)

"Cecile David, native woman of Lansing Creek, who had been confined to the hospital last week, has been discharged." [*Mayo Miner*, 2 July 1937]

- 1938 *Mayo Miner*, July 8, 1938. Jim Mervyn purchased the Mayo business from the Binet Brothers including the general store. He likely closed the store at Lansing around this time. (Cox, 1999: 6)
"J. H. Mervyn buys out pioneer firm & hotel of Binet Bros
"As announced on page 3 of this issue, James H. Mervyn, pioneer trading post operator of Lansing Creek and Sourdough Mayoite, has bought out the long established firm of Binet Bros, including the General Store and Hotel.
"Mr. Mervyn and staff took over from the former owner, Eugene Binet, on July 1. . . .
"Under the new transaction, Jim Mervyn becomes a General Manager and is now on hand to greet all old customers and welcome new ones. G.S. Aylwin takes over the duties of Assistant Manager and Bookkeeper while Albert Pelland joins the staff as clerk in the store. Gus Ketola retains his duties as official greeter and clerk in the hotel"
P. 3 of same paper includes advertisement from J.E. Binet announcing sale of the businesses.

- 1941 A First Nations census for the Mayo District shows that eight people were living in the Lansing Post area at the time: Lonny Johnny, Delphinia Allison, and Christine, Helen, Paul, Frank, Joe and Katherine Germaine.

- 1943 US Army Lt. Bill Hammond, 4th from L, hired five men to guide him across the Mackenzie Mountains on a 560-mile, 42-day trip from Mayo to Fort Norman, doing a reconnaissance of a possible pipeline route for the wartime Canol Project. They travelled with two dog teams and the trip took about two weeks. Temperatures dipped to 65 below zero (F). "The list reads like an all-star team of Yukon trappers and guides — experts in their field. L-R: Albert Pelland, Norman Mervyn, Alex Van Bibber, Hammond, Kaiser Mervyn and Lonny Johnny. Feb. 18, 1943."
[Information from: YA, Alex Van Bibber fonds, 92/28; James Bond, 1948: 204-205]

- 1945 Drowning of William John "Kaiser" Mervyn and Hugo Nyman on July 4, 1945. They fell out of a boat 30 miles upriver from Mayo. Lonny Johnny and Ella Moses, David Moses (brother of Mrs. William Mervyn, and son of Ella Moses) were also in the boat. He also wrote that Mervyn was born at Lansing River on May 4, 1919 and left behind his wife Alice and a baby. [Yukon Archives: YRG 1, Series 7, GOV 2843, vol. 33, f. 33937-3, pt. 4]

Roman Catholic Bishop Coudert referred to an orphan from Lansing Creek, May Louis, being sent to residential school in Carcross. (Coates, 1993: 157)

ca. early 1940s

According to Father Huijbers, Father Plaine also visited Lansing during the five years prior to Huijbers' arrival in 1947.

- 1947 Big game hunter James Bond visited Lansing while being guided on a hunting trip by Louis Brown and Norman Mervyn. Described the site as a rather desolate place with only two buildings "in good shape". These were used by Norman Mervyn and Lonnie Johnny as part of their trapline. Observed that, "The finest vegetation I have seen anywhere in the Yukon grows at Lansing."

Late 1940s – Fur prices fall to low levels, discouraging trappers from going on the line.

- 1976 Jared and Eddie Wilkinson moved to Lansing, then an abandoned settlement, from the Pelly Crossing area.
- 1977 Eddie Wilkinson was killed by a bear at Lansing. His remains were buried in the cemetery across the Stewart River from Lansing.
- 1978 July, forest fire starts on bench hills up Lansing River and threatens the site. (See Wilkinson family fonds, #s 17017-17029)

Late 1970s

Bruce Mitford and Beth Hunt move to Lansing where they ran a trapline and raised a family.

- 1980 Jared Wilkinson died in a car accident in Whitehorse.
- 1992 August, Archaeologist Ruth Gotthardt led a team to carry out preliminary site investigations and documentation of Lansing Post and Nogold. Noted that there had been considerable erosion of the riverbank over the years cutting away many original buildings and some gravesites across the river. Mentioned that only four original buildings remained at Lansing.
- 1993 Nacho Nyak Dün First Nation sign land claims final agreement.
Schedule A- Chapter 13 of the Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Final Agreement states that the Lansing Heritage Site shall be established as a Designated Heritage Site and that the Government of Yukon and the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun shall jointly prepare a management plan for the site.
- 2002 August, archaeological investigations were carried out at Lansing Post Historic Site to help determine the boundaries of the site and other potential heritage management issues in the immediate area as set out in the Nacho N'yak Dun First Nation Final Agreement.
[Canada. *New Parks North*, Newsletter 12, March 2003.]
During a two-day survey of site, archaeologists T. J. Hammer and Chris Thomas—assisted by Steve Buyck and Stewart Moses of NND and resident Bruce Mitford identified nine graves as eroding from the bank of the Stewart River across from Lansing with a further 22 graves identified. A cross marked gravesite of Mr. Eddie Wilkinson.
- 2016 Commencement of management planning process for Lansing Post heritage site, a process expected to extend over two years.