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Material taken from the diaries of O. G. Herning of Knik & Wasilla

Iditarod Strike - 1910

An Iditarod circular, issued in the winter of 1910-11, probably published by Daggett of Seward.. had advt. in it.. mentioned in diary Aug. 6, 1911

Iditarod Trail, 1st mentioned in the diary Feb. 17, 1911

April 1911, the Seward to Iditarod mail route to Nome to go before U. S. Congress

Iditarod Trail - working on it in the Peters Creek area, June 16, 1911

Iditarod Trail -- ?Boss, Goodwin, ARC man (see Goodwin in index)  
 -- Giddings, (see Giddings in index)

-- Sept. 27, 1911 - Survey camp for

Dec. 1911 - Giddings, Supt. of the Kuskokwim end of the trail for the Alaska Road Comm.

Mushers out from Iditarod to Knik during the fall of 1911 and winter 1911-1912:

Came through Knik, Nov. 21	16
	Nov. 23            26
	Nov. 25            29
	Nov. 26            50 (notes on rest of mo. not clear

December 2 - group of 10, first to come with dog team

5                    10

7                    7

9                    2 (included Iverson)

11, Dec. 17, Dec. 21 (this group included a woman)

Dec. 23, 1911 - 2 -- rept a ton off dust on the way

Dec 26 2, Dec. 27 10, Dec. 29 more

January 9, 1912, 2 (included 1 man from Nome)

January 10, 1912 - 4 dog teams (took them 33 days) with 2600 cwt of gold bulltion.. arr. in Knik, went on to Old Knik

Jan. 22 2; Jan. 28 2; Feb. 8 1; Feb. 12 3

About 150 for the season going out from Iditarod

By March of 1912 - "Going back in in d roves"

Nov. 9, 1912 - the first mushers came through Knik from Iditarod, 10

Trail -- the winter trail line was run 1912, Knik to Susitna Sta. (Giddings) -- See Sept. 28-29, 1912 - notes re Squentna part of trail

Trail -- Oct. 25, 1912 - rept of progress on trail.. also entries of Oct. 28, 29, Nov. 1, 2, 3

Nov. 25, 1913 - 60 men reported "coming out" - some already had

March 1914 - Col. Revelle looking at the Trail re mail contract

First mail -- 1st mail from Iditarod to Knik, Nov. 19, 1914, arr. in Knik, took 17 days on trail

Iditarod Trail mail route

Nov. 17, 1915 - the mail arrived in Knik from Sunrise, going in

Nov. 17, 1915 - the 1st mail out from Iditarod for the season  
arr. in Knik Nov. 17, 1915 (Albert Dohrman, carrier); went to  
Old Knik and then to Anchorage

Nov. 21, 1916 - 25 mushers came into Knik from Iditarod, also the  
gold team... went to Anchorage via Wasilla and the Junction, no  
boats.

Dec. 31, 1916 - Knik - "Iditarod gold team in, 3400 lbs. gold haul-  
ed by 46 dogs"

Nov. 25, 1917 - (Mr. Herning now at Wasilla ) 7 Iditarod outfits in

Nov. 29, 1917 - "Another big bunch of Iditarod mushers at the  
Roadhouse (Wasilla) on way to states. Gold team on road."

Dec. 31, 1918 - Wasilla - "Man and woman arrived from Flat Creek,  
reported gold team at Susitna Sta. with ton of gold from  
Iditarod Dist.

Jan. 2, 1918 - "Gold team arrived in Wasilla"

August 28, 1919 " Government cancelled Wasilla-Flat mail route"

Nov. 30, 1919 - "4 dog teams in (Wasilla) from Discovery, Iditarod  
Dist. One musher had 100 lbs gold dust."

Nov. 29, 1920- "Beaty Gold Team arrived"(in Wasilla)

Nov. 30, 1920 - "Gold team and 40 dogs left for Anchorage, had  
\$164,000 bullion from Iditarod Dist."

Dec. 3, 1920 - "Six mushers got on train at Nancy, came via new  
trail (from Susitna Sta.)

Nov. 25, 1921 - "Gold team in (Wasilla) from Iditarod with 1500#"

Nov. 29, 1922 - "40 people on train (at Wasilla sta) from Nancy.  
They came over Wasilla-Iditarod Old Trail, 1st bunch out of  
Kuskokwim Dist.

See p. 3 for some misc. notes not in  
time sequence

Jan 2, 1919 (Wasilla)  
"Gold team in with ton of  
Iditarod gold dust."

Goodwin --- who worked on trail

Feb. 1911 - in Knik from work on trail - went to Seward  
June 1911 - back in Knik, looking for pack horses for new trail

Madden - Dec. 1911 - "Doc" Madden in Knik from Iditarod, "came through in 10 days" -- apparently something of a record

Giddings, R. S., working for ARC (had been working in Kuskokwim Dist.) June 3, 1912 - he was in Knik for work on Iditarod Trail "from Knik to Happy River, had 3 men and 2 horses, left for overland June 5  
Sept. 27, 1912 - back in Knik from Susitna Sta.. had run line for winter trail, Knik to Susitna Sta.

Wada - (probably a Japanese) - in Knik Nov. 21, 1912 - went in to Iditarod. 3 other Japanese mushers went through Knik to " in Nov. 1912... Wada returned to Knik in 1913

Vinal - Judge and Mrs. Vinal in Knik March 19, 1913 - went on to Iditarod

Revelle, Col. - of Seward.. Was he a PO Inspector?  
March 1914 - in Knik looking over Iditarod Trail re mail contract  
Jan. 1915 - he was in Knik from Iditarod.. His dog team mentioned in Nov. 1915

McConahy, Jimmy - Nov. 22, 1916 - He brought season's 1st Iditarod mail to Wasilla. Harry Shough took it on to Matanuska Junct.

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Stewart - Oct. 1918 - He was carrying mail from Wasilla to Flat Creek and Iditarod; bought Norton dog team -- same for June 1919

1907 -- one of the trails from Knik to Susitna Sta. was called the Blakely Trail