

# DORIS & JOHN STENBRATEN

**STORY:** Stampede (“John”) Stenbraten (1887 - 1971) first came to the Yukon in 1904, age 17. Other gold strikes pulled him away to the western USA and Mexico, but he always came back to the North. He prospected almost every part of the Yukon and Alaska. A mountain peak in the Mayo area now bears his name. At one point he walked over the ice from Nome to Russia.

In 1961 he married Whitehorse high school teacher Doris McMurphy. They lived alternately between Whitehorse and Atlin.

Doris (1910 - 1999) lived in Manitoba before taking a teaching job in 1947 in Fort St. John. In 1950 she came to Whitehorse as the high school English and Latin teacher. She taught until 1974, and hundreds of Whitehorse students remember her as a quiet, dedicated English teacher and counsellor.