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Chilkoot Pass
HARLEY-DAVIDSON
Skagway, Alaska





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SKAGUAY NEWS DEPOT.

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THE WHITE PASS & YUKON RAILWAY

ON AUG 17, 1896, GEORGE CARMACK AND TWO INDIAN COMPANIONS
SNOODUM, JIM AND DAWSON, CHARLIE, DISCOVERED GOLD IN THE KLONDIKE
VALLEY, AN EVENT WHICH TRIGGERED THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH OF 1897-98.
IT WAS EVIDENT FROM THE START THAT THE KLONDIKE COULD NOT BE

SERVED WITHOUT A PERMANENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM BY IRVING BRITISH
ENGINEER, SIR THOMAS TAMCHER, CLOSE BROOKS REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL H.

GRAVES, AND CANADIAN RAILWAY CONTRACTOR MICHAEL J. HENRY, MET AT
SKAGWAY IN 1898. WITHIN HOURS SIR MRS. HENRY HAD AGREED TO BUILD

A RAILROAD FROM SKAGWAY TO THE YUKON IF SIR THOMAS AND GRAVES WOULD
PROVIDE THE FUNDS.

CONSTRUCTION BEGAN MAY 22, 98, AT SKAGWAY. BY JULY 21, A
PASSENGER TRAIN WAS PLACED IN SERVICE AND IT COVERED A DISTANCE OF

FOUR MILES. THIS WAS THE FIRST TRAIN TO RUN IN ALASKA. BY FEBRUARY 18,
1899, THE TRACK CROSSED THE SUMMIT OF WHITE PASS AND BY JULY 6TH IT

REACHED LAKE BENNETT, B.C.
RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED JULY, 1900, AND THE FIRST

THROUGH TRAIN FROM SKAGWAY ARRIVED IN WHITEHORSE AFTER WHITE PASS
PRESIDENT, SAMUEL H. GRAVES, DROVE HOME THE 'GOLDEN SPIKE' AT

CARCROSS JULY 29, 1900.



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