

ROBERT SERVICE BUST – Sept 1996

ROBERT W. SERVICE

1874 - 1958

KNOWN AS “THE BARD OF THE NORTH”, POET ROBERT SERVICE IMMORTALIZED IN NOVELS AND VERSE, THE TRIUMPHS AND DEFEATS OF THE SOURDOUGHS DURING THE GREAT KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH.

ARRIVING IN THE YUKON IN 1904, AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE IN WHITEHORSE, AND LATER DAWSON, HE QUICKLY ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION FOR CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH BY PENNING SUCH EPIC RHYMES AS “THE SHOOTING OF DAN McGREW”, “THE CREMATION OF SAM McGEE”, AND THE ENTRALLING “SPELL OF THE YUKON”.

AFTER THE SUCCESS OF HIS BOOK “SONGS OF A SOURDOUGH”, HE LEFT THE YUKON IN 1912 TO CONTINUE WRITING AND WANDER THE WORLD – FINALLY SETTLING IN FRANCE WHERE HE DIED IN 1958.

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NOTE: Robert Service statue is located behind the Tourist information office on 2nd Avenue . - Rolf



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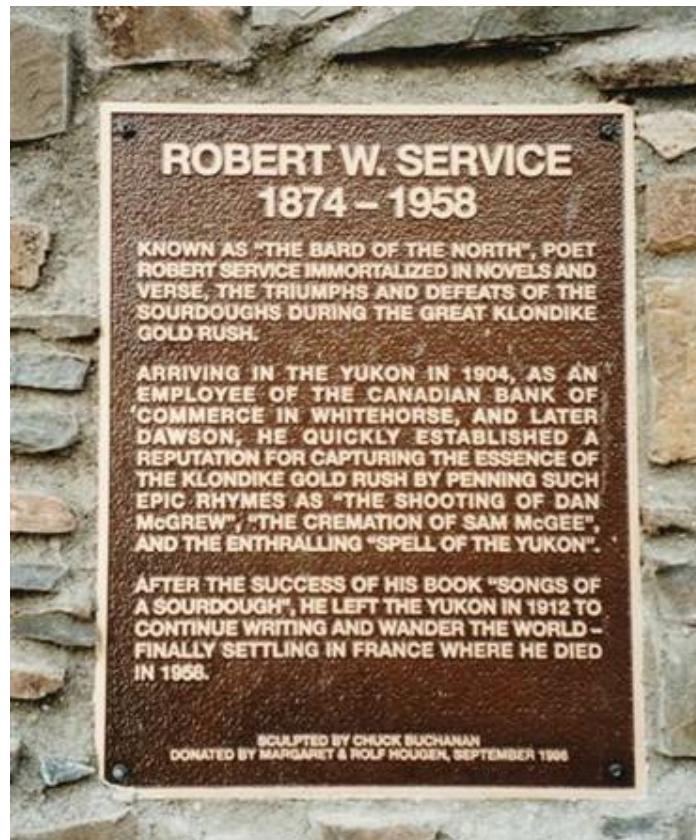


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