

Will Buman born on June 9, 1892 - died on June 2-1952
He grew up on his father's & mother's farm, northeast of Tennant, Ia. They were successful farmers, ^{as a young man}. He learned to be a good, hard working farmer, under his father's training. He chose farming as his goal in life. By the time he was in his late twenties, he was a successful farmer. He had dreams of doing great things, talking about Alaska and the Yukon territory in Canada, how he would love to go on a big game hunting expedition into those countries. He loved to hunt on the farms during hunting seasons, and he loved to read "Outdoor Life" magazine. So that is where he learned about big game hunting expeditions. He learned about Charles Baxter, hunting guide-outfitter in the Yukon and Alaska territories. This man furnished equipment such as guides, pack horses, cook, horse wranglers to take ^{care} of the horses (20 horses) and tents to live in and all other equipment that was needed to live for three or four months out in the vast wilderness. He provided all foodstuffs needed, except the meat, and fish which would ^{be} acquired as the hunters shot animals such as the bear, moose, sheep, goats, caribou, and ^{they} did some fishing in the rivers & streams. Wild life was very plentiful and the fish was so good to eat. So Mr. Baxter provided the cook to do all the cooking on those trips. From ads in Outdoor Life, ^{where} he learned of Charles Baxter, who lived in Whitehorse, Yukon territory, and ^{Bill} wrote to him for information Canada
~~Canada~~. So Mr. Baxter sent Will Buman all the necessary information that he needed in equipping him ^{for} such a trip - an all summer hunting expedition to last 3 or 4 months without any news from the outside world and of course Baxter had his price set up (The cost of the trip)

When Will Buman was 28 years old, in the spring of 1920, he became serious and excited with the desire to take this hunting trip, and he was making his plans. He learned of three other men, one from Iowa - ^{Mr. Fleherty} and two men from Lander, Wyoming, Mr. Graham - and Mr. Caraway. So they made arrangements with Charles Baxter, and hired him for their outfitter - They were to travel with pack horses from Whitehorse, Yukon and be gone for seventy nine days into the interior of the Yukon Territory and Alaska:

Will and these men had to travel to Seattle, Washington take a ferry ship via of the inside passage to Skagway, Alaska, then take the narrow gage railroad from Skagway to Whitehorse - one hundred and ten miles trip. At Whitehorse, where Baxter lived they met Baxter, and made preparations as soon as they arrived which would take them into the vast wilderness of glaciers, mountains, riding pack horses loaded with all their equipment they had to take along for the entire trip, fording rivers on pack horses and living in tents for 79 days. They were to hunt for grizzly bear, caribou, moose, sheep, goats. Their only means of travel were on pack horses. They would have no contact with the outside world until they returned to Whitehorse again. There were 7 horses

guides for the hunters - The 3 big game hunter men, and Mr. Baxter, about 17 men when they looked and stalked animals to kill. or a couple more in the outfit. paid \$100.00 for license page 43 in Whitehorse. The hunters had to purchase a license from the Yukon Territory and Alaska. The Alaska license cost \$50.00