

MATTHEW WATSON



STORY: This fund was established as a bequest from the will of Mary Elizabeth Watson in memory of pioneer and merchant Matthew Watson, her late husband's brother.

Matthew Watson's General Store in Carcross is the oldest store operating in the Yukon. Established during the Gold Rush, it is comprised of two parts: one moved from Conrad to Carcross in 1909, and the other moved from Bennett, BC in the spring of 1910. The second section was the former Vendome Hotel.

The original owner for John Stewart. Matthew Watson Jr. bought the left section in 1911. The buildings are said to have been joined between 1936 and 1948.

Bobby Watson and his wife Nellie owned the store from 1959, when Bobby's father Matthew retired. In 1982 Stan and Jean Tooley bought it.

