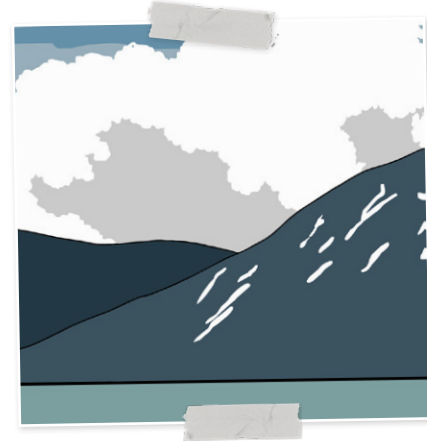


DOCUMENT C

THE GOLD RUSH MOVE TO MOOSEHIDE

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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Princess Pat Isaac is the daughter of Chief Isaac. Chief Isaac was a well-known Chief of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (Hän) during the Klondike Gold Rush of 1896, when thousands of people migrated to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in homeland. This made the Hän people a small minority compared to the tens of thousands of newcomers.

Chief Isaac resisted the demise of the traditional ways and opposed the destruction of the natural resources, especially the overhunting of caribou herds and the logging of the forests. To get away from the surge of newcomers who were flocking to the area in search of gold, Chief Isaac relocated his people to Moosehide.

WORD BANK

Nugget: a fragment of naturally occurring gold, often found in streams.

AS TOLD BY PRINCESS PAT ISAAC:

"My father was chief at the time of the gold rush. He never see any white people in his life before then. But, he knew they were human beings, and he was friendly with them and welcomed them. And he told his people to be good to them too. So they are, and they good friends.

But my dad didn't want my people to get mixed up with them. Because he thought it would ruin their lives and spoil them, and they'd get drinking and things like that. And so he figured he'll move them down to Moosehide about three miles away from Dawson. He was afraid of alcohol because he saw that they were drinking and things like that, so he thought it wasn't good enough for his people. They live quite simple lives.

Moosehide was a little reserve, I would call it. They moved down there and started to build cabins to live in. The government give them land there so they figured it would be far enough away from Dawson.

White people come to the country and they found **nuggets** all around the place. Very strange, very strange to my father that all those people come for gold. Too much money. The way my dad used to say, they throw the money around, they threw the gold around. There's too much of it."

Source: Isaac, J. (2009). Chief Isaac's People of the River, "Family Stories." chiefisaac.com/family_stories.html

