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BEERS & BANTER

100 YEARS

OF WOMEN CLIMBERS IN THE TETONS

with guests

Irene Beardsley, Beverly Boynton, Catherine
Cullinane, Sue Miller & Georgie Stanley
and moderated by Dr. Kimberly Geil

Thurs, Aug 24 • 7 pm

Doors open 6:30 pm

Video Timestamps

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L79L_tN_v3Q

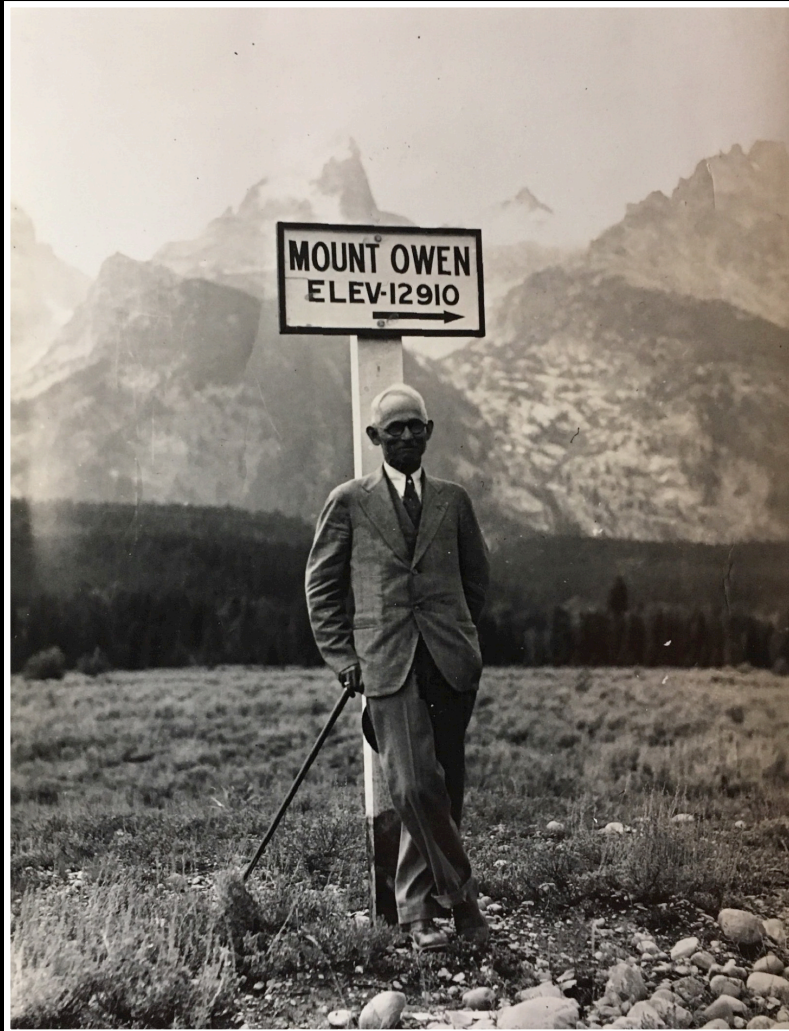
TOPIC	Timestamps	Length	Slide #s
All About Eleanor Davis	4:10-19:05	~15min	1-27
Timeline of Other Early Women Climbers	19:06-24:36	~5.5min	28-35
Introduction of Irene Beardsley	24:37-28:22	~4min	36-41
Introduction of Bev Boynton	28:23-31:28	~3min	42-48
Introduction of Catherine Cullinane	31:29-34:08	~3min	49-53
Introduction of Sue Miller	34:09-36:42	~3min	54-58
Introduction of Georgie Stanley	36:43-39:13	~3min	59-63
Intro & Bev Boynton's Comments	40:00-47:46	~8min	n/a
Irene Beardsley's Comments	48:00-51:40	~4min	n/a
Georgie Stanley's Comments	52:20-56:05	~4min	n/a
Catherine Cullinane's Comments*	56:10-58:35	~3min	n/a
Sue Miller's Comments	58:45-1:01:30	~3min	n/a
Q&A: 1st Ascent of Irene's Arete	1:01:35-1:03:55	~3min	n/a
Q&A: Advice to the next generation	1:04:00-1:04:45	~1min	n/a
Comment: Climbed GT in 1963 with Peter Lev	1:04:45-1:05:30	~1min	n/a
Q&A: Interactions with wildlife	1:05:30-1:06:35	~1min	n/a
Q&A: Rappelling and body rappelling	1:06:55-1:09:55	~3min	n/a
Q&A: Approaches to risk taking	1:09:55-1:17:00	~7min	n/a
Closing Remarks	1:17:00-1:17:45	~1min	n/a



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Billy Owen in front of Mt.
Owen Sign, date unknown,
from Al Read's collection

Copied from original records left on the
summit of the Grand Teton

Grand Teton National Park

Peak Grand Teton

Date	Name and Address	Remarks /
Aug. 11, '98	Wm. O. Owen, Cheyenne, Wyo.	Expedition sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Club.
	Rev. Franklin S. Spalding, Erie, Pa.	
	John Shive, Elk, Wyo.	
	Frank Petersen, Jackson, Wyo.	
Aug. 13, '98	Rev. Franklin S. Spalding, Erie, Pa.	Built summit cairn.
	John Shive, Elk, Wyo.	
	Frank Petersen, Jackson, Wyo.	
Aug. 25, '23	Quin A. Blackburn, Missoula, Mont.	
	David F. DeLap " "	
	Andy DePirro " "	

Summit records, Paul Horton collection



Eleanor Davis,
circa 1927

Albert Ellingwood,
date unknown





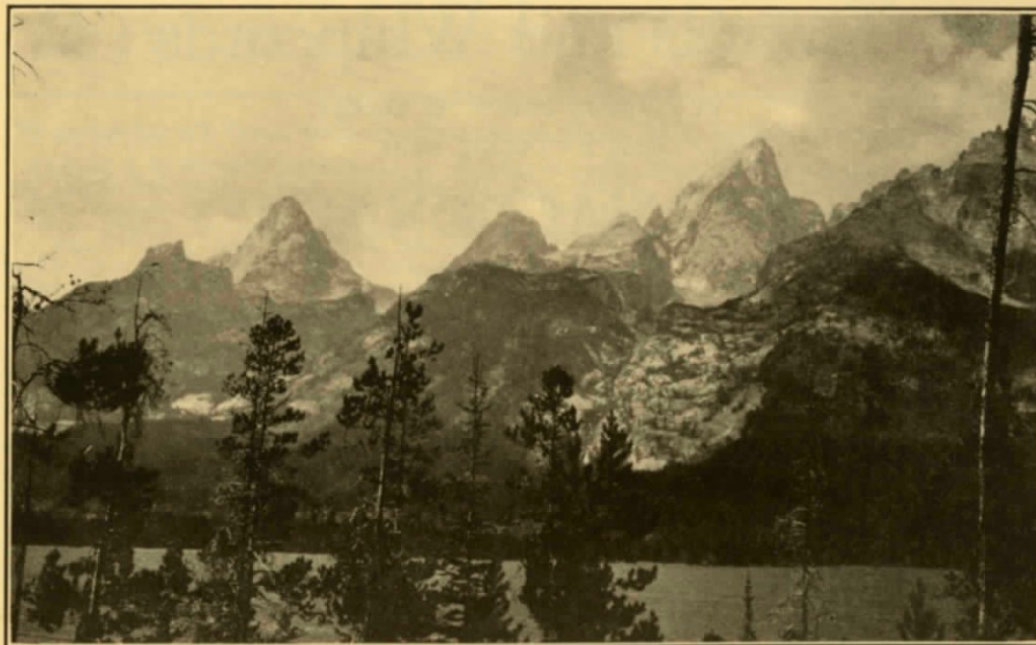
Ellingwood, Hoag, and Davis on top of Pyramid Peak, 1919 – AAC Library



The Great Salt Lake, from VisitSaltLake.com



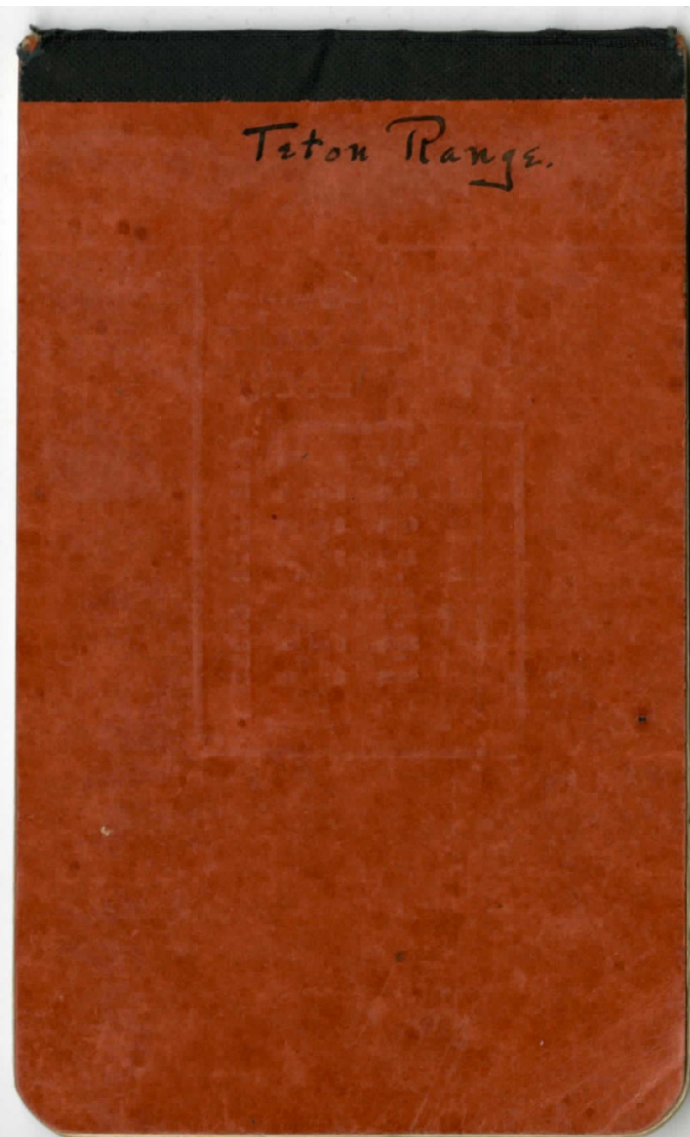
Old Faithful, circa 1916, Library of Congress



It was evident that a higher camp must be made, and if we were not to lose elevation on the climb, it must be in Bradley Canon. There are no trails other than those made by elk, and the woods are enchanting. It would be a delight to lose oneself in them and we very nearly did. Having reached the canon some distance above Bradley Lake, it was our task to work upstream to the highest campsite in the timber. It was a long pull with our heavy packs and we were glad to deposit them at last. We spoke a bit enviously of that day, surely not far distant, when a good trail will make this wonderfully beautiful canon more accessible to campers.

“We spoke a bit enviously of that day, surely not far distant, when a good trail will make this wonderfully beautiful canon more accessible to campers.” -

Eleanor Davis,
Trails & Timberline



*"a very inspiring location,
near the steep, rushing
stream with a wealth of
waterfalls, walled in by
towering cliffs on both
sides and with the
splendid Middle Teton
filling up the head of the
canyon – a camp could
hardly be more
magnificent." –
Ellingwood's diary,
AAC Library*



The Enclosure, Grand Teton



The Grand Teton from the Lower Saddle

Aug. 25, '23	{	Quin A. Blackburn, Missoula, Mont.	
	{	David F. DeLap	" "
	{	Andy DePirro	" "
Aug. 27, '23	{	Eleanor Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo.	
	{	A. R. Ellingwood, Lake Forest, Ill.	
July 25, '24	{	Paul K. Petzoldt, Twin Falls, Idaho	
	{	Ralph Herron, Newton, Iowa	

Summit records, Paul Horton collection

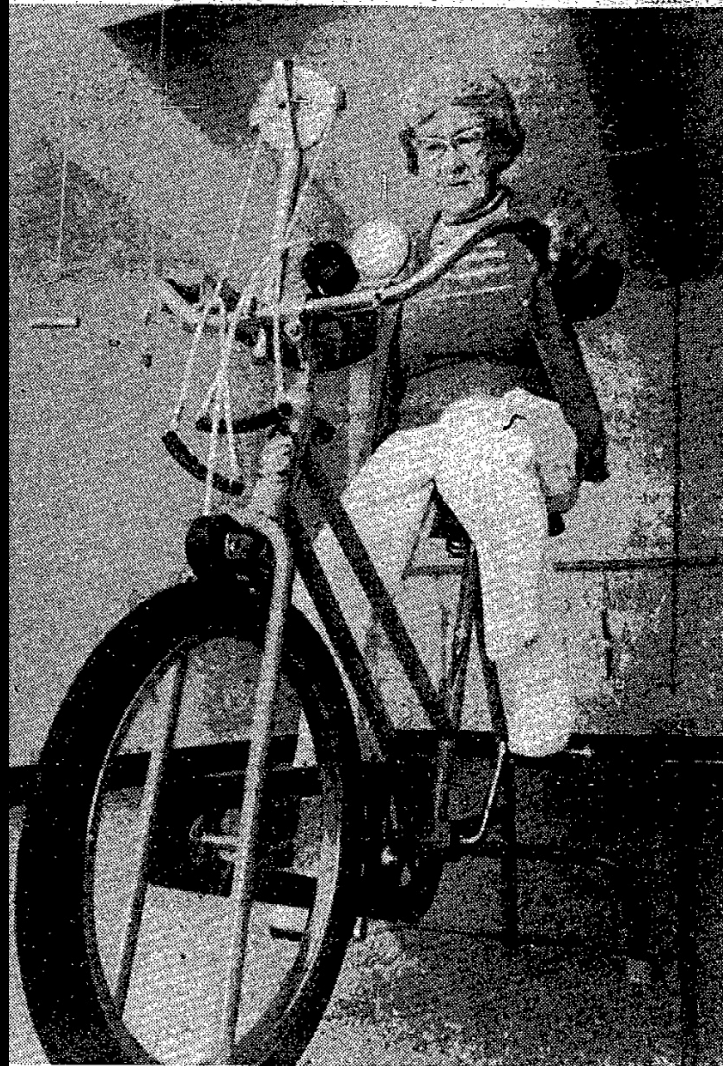
boundary of nothingness. A chimney leads to
the T_R (E) at an angle of 75° , close enough to the
vertical to be interesting. It is a rather long stretch
to the first good holds, so I gave El. a shoulder,
& fr. the head of the chimney, c. 25' up, she
anchored me up - no difficulty after the first
stretch. Continued in same direction up an easy

A section of Ellingwood's diary – AAC Library



Old American Alpine Club Logo, from American Alpine Club website

*“She can chalk
up mileage to
put youngsters
to shame.”*

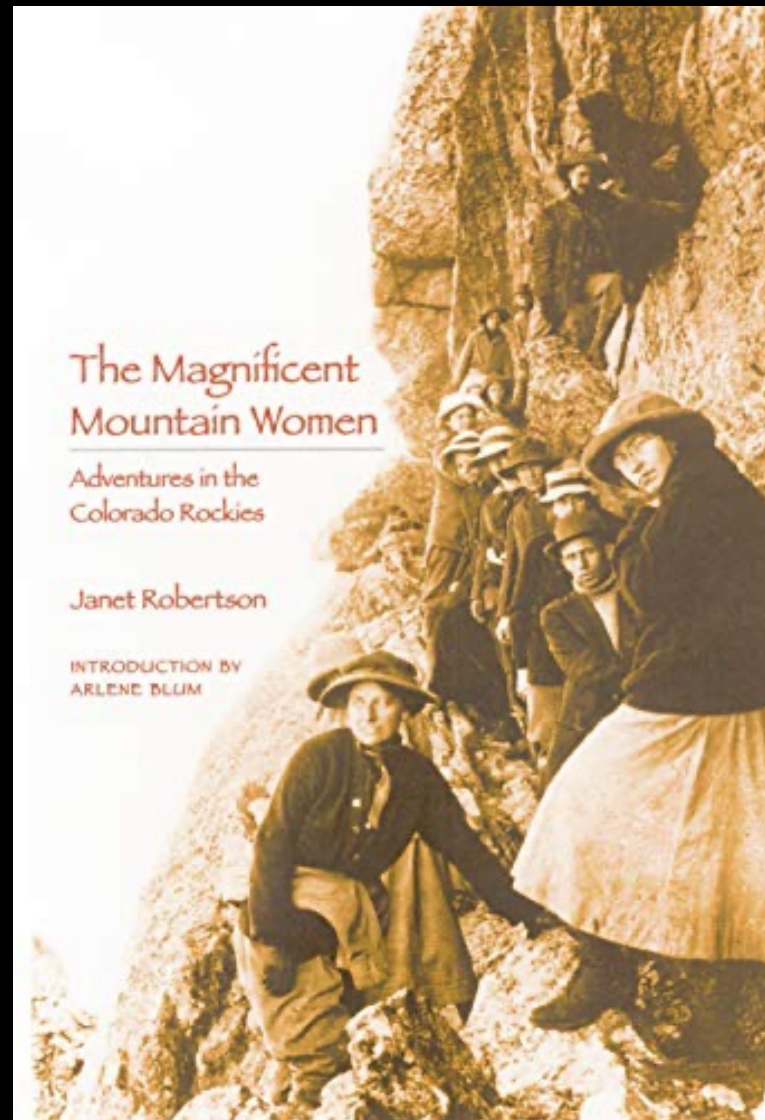


Eleanor Ehrman works out on the exercycle
She can chalk up mileage to put youngsters to shame

GT Photos By Dave Rains

Photo from the
Colorado Springs
Gazette Telegraph,
1978

*The Magnificent
Mountain Women,*
by Janet Robertson

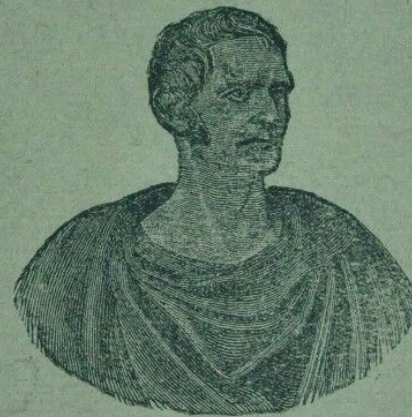


that everyone was so nice and friendly at the ranches that they wouldn't have any trouble finding places to spend the night. So, late in the afternoon of the first day out, they knocked on the door of what seemed to be a likely ranch. A woman came to the door, and Eleanor asked if they could spend the night. The woman stared at Eleanor and her companion, who were both wearing knickerbockers, and announced that she wouldn't think of taking in women who were dressed like men. Disappointed, Eleanor then asked her where the next ranch house was. "It won't do you any good," the woman answered, "because I'm on a party line and I'm going to phone everyone on it about some women dressed in trousers." Eleanor and the girl slept in a haystack and went home the next day.

From *The Magnificent Mountain Women*, by Janet Robertson



Boston Normal School of
Gymnastics.

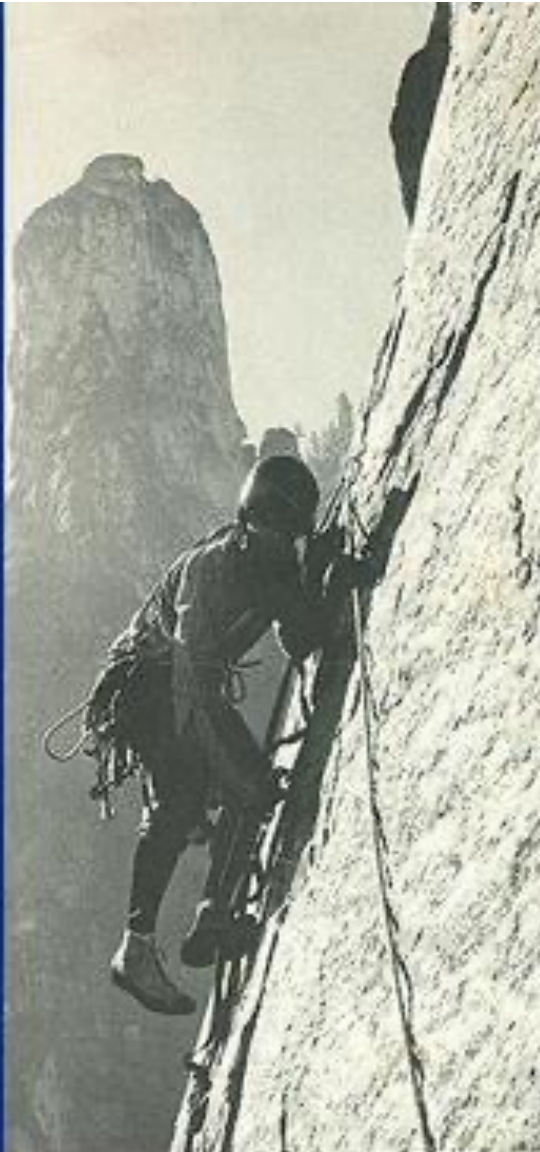


1891-1892.

First Catalog of the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics

**Fifty
Classic
Climbs
of North
America**

**Steve Roper
Allen Steck**



"Eleanor Davis was undoubtedly the most experienced American female climber..."



Crestone
Needle

1916 Davis, Ellingwood, and others leaving Crestone
with burros - AAC Library



ColoSpgs Gazette Telegraph Tu

ELEANOR DAVIS EHRMAN, 107, of Colorado Springs died April 4, 1993, at a local care center. She was a physical education teacher at Colorado College from 1914 to 1930.

No services are scheduled. Evergreen Funeral Home, Fountain and Union boulevards, is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Ehrman was born Sept. 27, 1885, in Greenfield, Mass., to George T. and Ellen (Keith) Davis.

She had lived in Colorado Springs since 1911 and was a member of All Souls Unitarian Church, Colorado Mountain Club, American Alpine Club, Fourteeners and was the first woman to climb Grand Teton mountain in Wyoming.

She was a graduate of Wellesly College.

Mrs. Ehrman was married in 1930 in Colorado Springs to George Edgar Ehrman, who is deceased.

She is survived by a stepson, Kent of Ocean-side, Calif.; a nephew, Charles Wilkin Johnstone of Houston; a niece, Ellen Sprague of Lindsay, Calif.; and a great-nephew, Jay Sprague of Colorado Springs.



Eleanor Davis
(sitting) and
Eleanor
Bartlett on
the summit
of Sentinel
Rocks in
Colorado –
AAC Library



Geraldine Lucas – the
second recorded
woman, and oldest
woman, to climb the
Grand Teton

1926 – Eleanor Davis – first woman to climb Mount Moran

1932 – Irene Ayres - first woman to climb Disappointment Peak, Storm Point, and Symmetry Spire

1934 – Irene Ayres - first ascents or first female ascents of Owen, Rockchuck, Rock of Ages, Bivouac and Traverse Peaks

Margaret Smith and Dave
Green in the Wind Rivers,
1941 – AAC Library



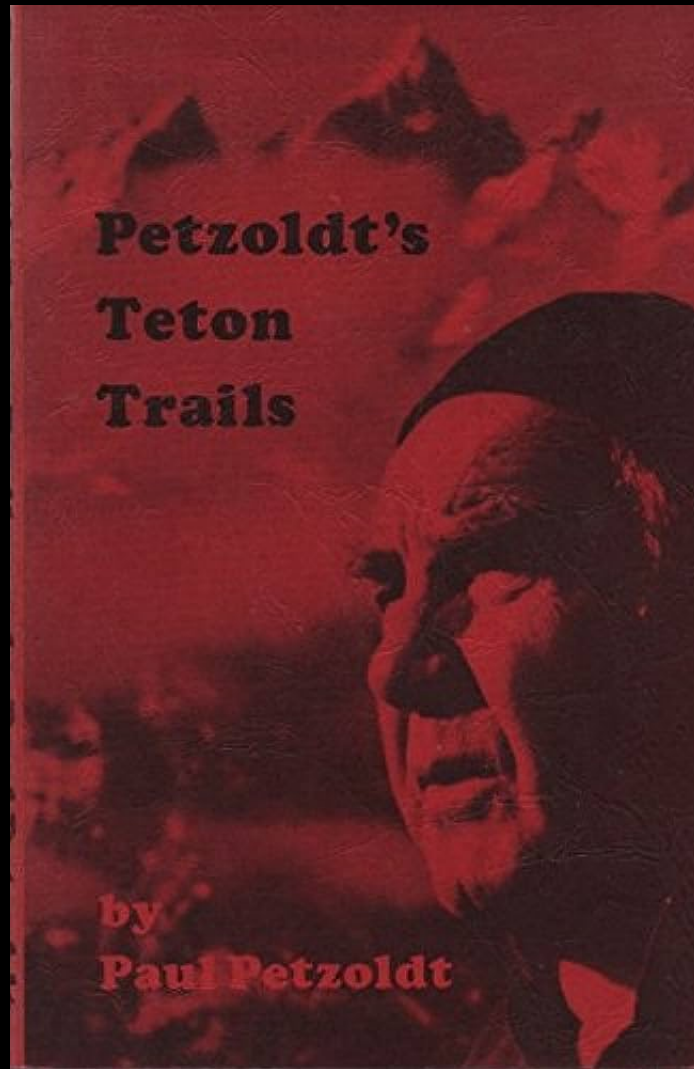


Margaret Smith
rappelling, date
unknown – Jackson
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1940 – Elizabeth “Betsy” Cowles – first ascents of the North Ridges of the Grand Teton and Mount Moran, and first female ascents of Buck Mountain and Veiled Peak

Jackson's All Women Town Council, elected in 1920 –
Jackson Hole Historical Society





“I think we’ve all
been brainwashed
to assume that
women are not as
strong as men.” -
Paul Petzoldt

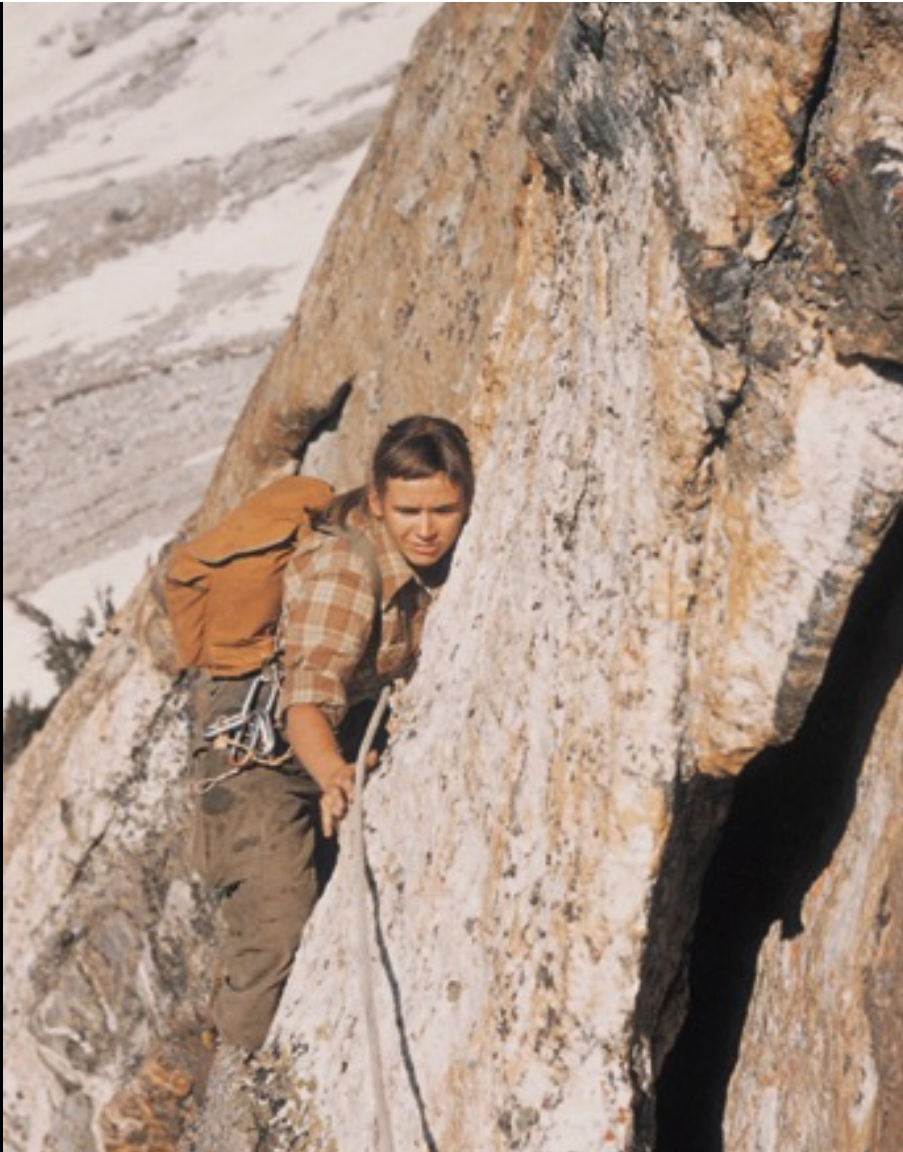




IRENE BEARDSLEY







Irene on the first
ascent of what
would become
Irene's Arete, in
1957 - Irene
Beardsley collection

On the Summit of
Annapurna, 1978
– AAC Library



T-shirts for the 1978 Women's Annapurna Expedition – AAC Library



1978
Women's
Expedition to
Annapurna –
AAC Library



BEVERLY BOYNTON





1979 – North Ridge of the Grand Teton, Bivouac at the Grandstand





Kumbhakarna/Jannu – HimalayanWonders.com

Leading the crux pitch on Thor Peak, East Face Corner Variation





Aiding the
crux pitch,
South
Buttress
Right,
Moran –
Bev
Boynton
collection

Arctic canoeing in the
Northern Yukon –
Bev Boynton
collection



CATHERINE CULLINANE

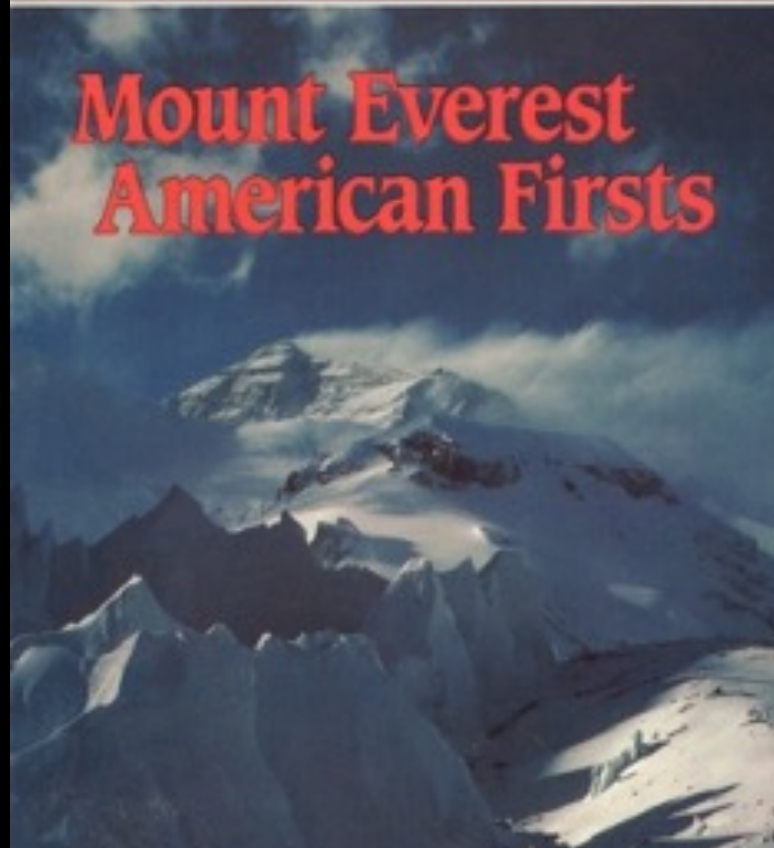




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Mount Everest American Firsts

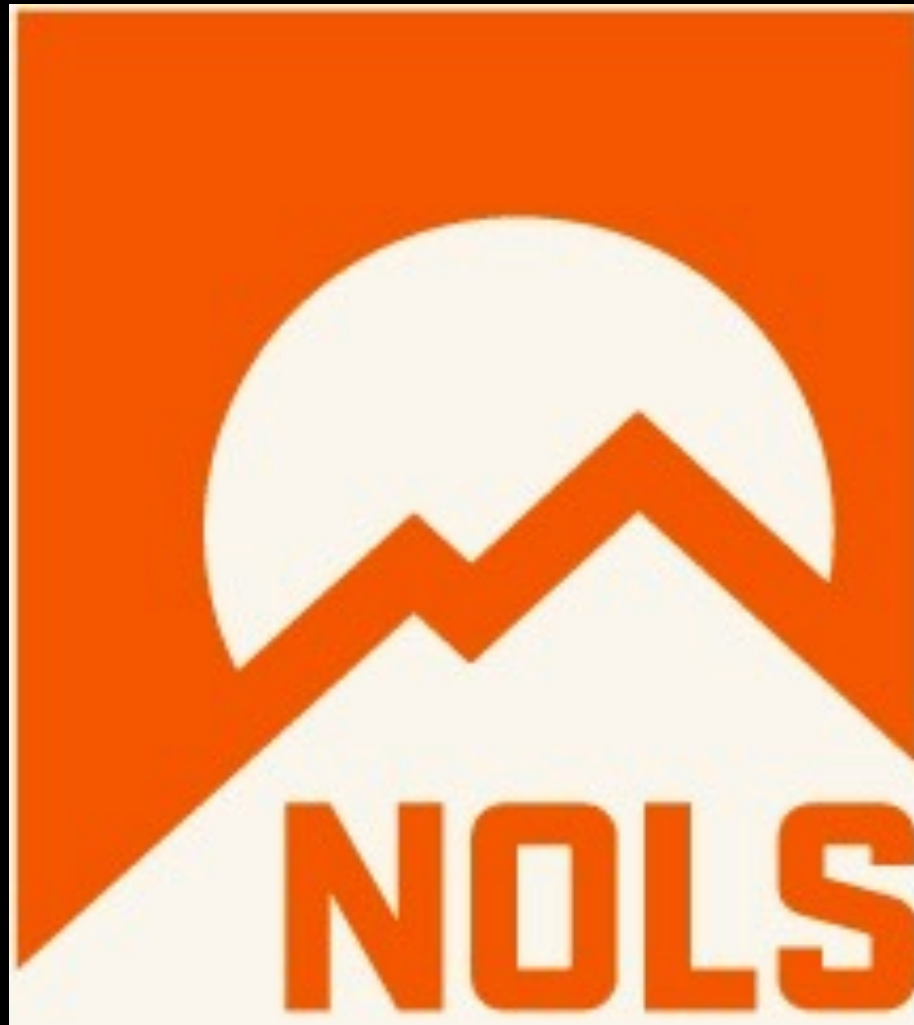






SUE
MILLER











GEORGIE
STANLEY



Georgie Stanley and Sue Miller on the rocks together









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